

ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



DATE: Tuesday, November 24, 2020

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Paula Ronson, Susan Smit, Kelly Denomme, Martina Rett, Glenda Leusink, Denise Porter, Mark Wardell, Christine Dixon, Samantha Murray, Patti-Jo Stoll, Susie de la Serna

Absent: Gracie Hynes, Page, Suzie Delaserna, Erica Wolfe, Challa Padmaj, Lucky Sharma, Annabel Quinn, Kassy, Melissa Lehman, Melissa Henderson, Sheryl Dineen, Amanda Phillips, Annabel Quinn,

Welcome – Co-Chairs -Samantha Murray and Kelly Denomme

Prayer – Principal Leusink - Our Father

Approval of the minutes from September 2020

First by - Kelly Denomme, Second by - Susan Smit, All in favour

Student Presidents' Report – Co-Presidents, Student Council (No students present this meeting. Glenda providing the update)

- Students are posting regularly on Instagram
- Athletic council is using Instagram to share healthy recipes and fitness tips
- Making efforts to run online activities the same as usual but virtually e.g. pumpkin carving contest in October, and soon a gingerbread house contest in December
- Looking to use different social platforms to catch a greater audience
- Running a theme of the week with a song and a prayer on announcements
- Did a “kindness card” activity and posted the cards on the window at the school
- Online coffee houses and a virtual assemblies are coming
- New Christmas tree will be going up next week with the start of advent along with the advent wreath.
- Spirit days and special celebrations are held twice: Wednesdays and Thursdays to involve students in both cohorts.
- Competitions between cohort A and B like the food drive competition in October will continue.

Principal's Report

- In quad 1 we had a lot of activities for grade nines in the google classroom.
- Grade 8 night was online as well. It included a virtual walk through of the school.

- Grad celebration was online. Grads can pick up their packages at the school now.
- Struggling a bit in quad 2 because the weather is not allowing the outdoor break halfway through the in-class time. In quad 1, the students went outside for a break each day.
- Quad 1 classes were small with 90 students going to St. Isidore and no adjustments made to class sizes. 43 additional students transferred to St. Isidore in Quad 2, so changes were made to classes.
- Spec Ed is in Cohort C and are working out of the cafeteria full time.
- The school continues to be a very quiet place with few people in the building at any given time.
- We have 839 students attending St. David, only half of them in the building at any given time. Overall, the atmosphere seems to be more serious this year.
- ASPEN is the new student information system. Some glitches continue to be worked out and have impacted release of report cards. Reports cards for quad 1 are in the works now. Should be ready to go out in the mail by the end of this week.

Chair Report

- Trustee question and answer period for the new council chairs was held online.
- There is a teacher at the school who updates the school website. Glenda communicates all the council information for the website to keep it up to date.

Finance update

- More uniform donations are continuing to come in. Items are isolated for a couple of days, then washed and sorted into the inventory. Looking at running a remote shopping option that Annabel will coordinate. This will allow people to send requests to buy items they need. If we have the items in stock the sale can be made.
- The money that was not spent last year is rolled over to this year's budget because the events were cancelled, or the items no longer needed
- **CSAC 2020 – 2021 budget is \$10,000.**

Funding Request Review

2 Requests were eliminated because they are curriculum based which we are not allowed to support.

Approved - Athletics - \$1,000 to purchase a score table. Total cost will be \$5,000 the rest of the funds will come from other sources. This will be used in the gym during extracurricular basketball and volleyball games

Approved - Breakfast Club - \$1,000 to purchase food items to supplement the items in the Nutrition for Learning Program. Funds also come from Nutrition for Learning Grants.

Approved - Link Leaders - \$251.31 Grade 9 postcards postage stamps. Welcome postcards are sent out each year to our incoming students. The postcards have already been purchased (3years worth last year)

Susie, Paula - Motion to allocate the funds provided the item is approved by the auditor Shane Durham. The item is for the future use in the fitness club. Glenda to confirm his approval before allocating the funds. Approved - Phys Ed - \$1,000. Bike to support students with mobility issues now and the bike will be used in the fitness centre when the fitness club starts up again.

Kelly, Paula - Motion to allocate the funds provided the item is approved by the auditor Shane Durham. The item is to promote the social interaction skills during extracurricular portions of the school day. Glenda to confirm his approval before allocating the funds. Approved - Spec Ed - \$900. two Hero 7 Black, GoPro cameras and head straps. All students with special needs will benefit from role play, self- assessment, team building skills and peer interaction experiences.

Approved - Fitness Club - \$600. (requested \$264). For kits to be used by students to participate in the fitness club from home. They have already started making the kits and would like to add more items such as fitness bands. Expecting 20 kits for 20 students to participate. We will allocate more money in the hopes they will get more students involved and continue the program.

Paula - motion to allocate up to \$500, for up to 4 clubs to anyone who comes forward before our next council mtg. **Approved** - Glenda, Kelly, and Sam will have full authority to allocate these funds.

We have more funds available so we will keep the google form open to accept more requests for funds. Any new requests will be communicated and discussed via email.

New Business

- Staff appreciation breakfast - Is it possible? Currently there are no buffets or shared items allowed. We currently have 6 teachers at St. Isidore, but they are still connected to our school, attending staff meetings etc. Options are to postpone to the June PD day or come up with another staff appreciation idea?
- Motion to postpone the breakfast to June 4th - Martina, Kelly, Approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 23, 2021

Future Meetings: May 11th, 2020