

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Meeting Date: Tuesday March 16, 2021
Virtually on Teams

PRESENT - Stephen Clarke, Principal Norm Roberts, Ro Stagg, Chaplain Wayne Lachapelle, Al Nason, John Guisti, Stacey Enge, Mark Ilcyszyn, Vice Principal, Marc Clare, Julie Hellam,
SPECIAL GUESTS: Leadership Class Reps - Zachary Couldrey, Ainsley Kaszecki
REGRETS: Shari Typer, Vice Principal, Anna Butrym, Susan Korol

Meeting Began at 6:31 pm

- 1) Opening Prayer - Chaplain Wayne
- 2) Approval of last meetings minutes. 1st - Marc Claire 2nd - Ro Stagg
- 3) Approval of Agenda - Ro Stagg
- 4) Presentation for Business Leadership - April 7th
 - Zachary Couldry and Ainsley Kaszecki
 - Wally Shaw - Poet - RBC Top Immigrants to Canada Award
 - Alvin Law - Motivational Speaker and Radio Personality -
 - Thalidomide Child - Will speak to overcoming Challenges
 - Asking for Donation for Leadership Conference
 - Two Conferences
 - Selling Spirit Wear
 - Civies Week
 - Other Fund Raisers in Quad Four

Mr. Roberts praised how awesome the students have been with their presentation skills. They take concerns and criticism very well!

5) Principal's Report - All the responses from the survey, placed in proper framing/context, they are to be seen in a positive light. What and who has come before (Other councils, Mr. Cordiero, other parents) are to be seen positively.

Norm praised Mr. Cordiero for all his incredible work that happened within the school in the two years he was principal.

Student Fees - Working with other Principals for a consistent message across the board.

Enrollment up 20-30 students for Sept. 2021

The loss of March Break actually inspired a Spirit Week!
Jersey Days! St. Patrick's Day and Civics Day!

Kudos to staff - their dedication - lots of change - masks and visors! We have an AMAZING STAFF!

6) Stephen: Not comparing what was to what could be...it's all about the communication plan for the school. What are the channels of the communication? How do we represent ourselves? What helps us to achieve our mandate? What is our mandate anyway?

7) Stephen shared the results of the survey.

Always room to grow.

Working with principal/people spending money.

Meet more often. Our voice as a council will be heard if we meet (possibly) monthly.

Communication gaps that we can close!

Stacey Enge - Agrees with monthly meetings to be more involved.

How do people get involved with Council?

8) Stephen Shared Power Point (see PDF Attached)

Further Comments:

Ro Stagg - Parental Involvement is different from grade school to high school.

-Our faces are not known or seen. Maybe we are not representing the whole parent community very well.

-Approaching Grade 8 Parents?

-Attendance of those on the council is really important.

-Increasing membership of Council members.

-Our goals need to be clear

Norm - Excited about this process

Chapel to be made the centre of the school

Mental Health of all our community (students and staff) in the fall a priority

How can parent community be a part of it all - the good stuff

(communication and knowing what's going on) and the not-so-good stuff
(vaping and bathroom use - bullying is a huge issue)?

Parent Voice

Grand Parent Voice

Al Nason: Important to have Parent Voice

John Guisti: Agreed with Al - so important to have their input

Notre Dame is a great school - whatever issues there are, they can
be worked out and fixed!

9) Marc Ilczyszyn - Presentation for Communications...

Internal audit of the school - Media Platforms - some were doing well and
some that needed to be enhanced

Processes now in place to streamline the input and then put out the
information in certain places or all places.

How does this Parent Committee have a more engaging presence on our
media platforms?

More than just posting minutes.

A gmail account has been created.

Stephen can filter the info and send it to Mark I

Foundation has been there and how do we expand on it?

10) Kahoot for Free! Next Friday the 26th - 7 -8 pm

Prizes: 3rd - pizza dinner 2nd -pizza dinner 1st Prize Swiss Chalet Dinner

11) Staff Report: John Guisti: Chess Club, Drama Club, Games/ Video
Games Club, Manufacturing Club: Women in Aerospace Technology On
Line Connections

12) Financial Update: \$10,236.92 in the bank

Other upcoming financial commitments: Trivia Night Prizes

Angel Campaign

STEAM Conference

Business Leadership Awards

Grad Awards

Irish Cares \$1000.00

Tech Students \$1000.00

13) Motion Brought Forward by Stephen Clarke

Business Leadership \$1000.00 and matching up to \$1000.00 on their Fundraising

All in Favour? All raised hands in agreement.

14) APRIL 6th Next Meeting!

15) Chaplain Wayne closed with prayer!

16) Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm