

Catholic School Council Meeting - May 11, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Clarke, Norm Roberts, Marc Claire, Ro Stagg, Jeannie Bugiardini, Cheryl Delugt, Zachary Couldrey (Student Rep), Victoria Valeri (Student Rep) Al Nason (Staff Rep), Wayne Lachapelle (Chaplain), Julie Hellam

Opening Prayer - Chaplain Wayne

Approval of Minutes - Ro Stagg, Marc Claire

Approval of Agenda - Cheryl and Mark

PRINCIPALS REPORT

a. Inclusiveness

Our school community is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community. That involves all students and parents. Every person who is a part of our community is equal and a person of dignity. It is unfortunate that the discussion at the board level regarding the Gay Pride Flag become so divisive and hurtful. We feel for all involved.

Our response<

The board – signage, literature, pd for teachers

School – SW, CYC, Chaplain, Student Services, Student Success, VP

–Gender neutral washrooms, legal issues around name changes, inform teachers,

Teachers, - make classroom a safe place, keep your eyes open and report concerns, changes in moods etc.

a.OSSLT – cancelled

We are still waiting for direction from the board. OSSLT is not to be done virtually. We are still waiting for the provincial announcement to determine what direction we can go in this.

a. Grad

Grad is still up in the air. A student committee is working with our teacher Grad committee to come up with ideas. We have recently included three parents as part of the committee. So far:

- Gown and sign delivery to homes early June
- Curb side pick up of Diploma and Transcript
- Red carpet and announcing of Name
- Virtual Celebration

a. Community Gardens

Looks like we are moving ahead.

Going to involve Parish and school council

Focus is experiential learning for our students and contributing to the bigger community by providing food to food kitchens and nursing homes.

We could also have a market in the fall.

Other classes will participate:

-Religion, LifeSkills, business, science ext.

a. Wellness room

-It has been painted.

-An interior designer is putting together a plan for the room to include the various needs.

-That is an area you may want to support – furniture and resources

a. May 26 Assembly

-Live Different – Circles Assembly

-Topic is Resiliency

-The involve student leaders from our school who work with their team to create a presentation for our students. There are presentations and a panel session. The goal is that this will be a springboard into student leadership for next year. It involves small group sessions. Our student leaders will go through training.

-Their focus is to build up young people rather than just deal with symptoms. Drug use, promiscuity, bullying are all symptoms – the focus is on building a sense of community and a safe place for student voice – in other words – Achievement, Believing and Belonging.

Questions arose about future plans with the Pride flag at the board. Transcripts available on the board website and the video of the vote meeting on the topic is available on the board web site as well.

Norm spoke to when Jesus came he didn't come as a local - He chose a star that shone for all...Jesus came to love all...Pentecost, even though they did not speak the same language - they all understand each other. Our faith calls us to be inclusive and love all and care for all.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Zachary shared a powerpoint.

THEME for quad four - IMAGINE Discover what's possible.

Kaleb Dahlgren - He is one of the thirteen Humboldt Bronco hockey players who survived when their bus was in a horrible accident, Kaleb inspires others with his talks and his personal struggle with the loss of his team mates and his diabetes. His new book is entitled "CROSSROADS."

Donations achieved for the conference! \$1883.00

Victoria spoke to the NOTRE DAME EXCELLENCE AWARD nominations May 21, 2021 you can find it on InsideND and Business Leadership Instagram.

Cheryl asked if students can nominate students?

Criteria is at the top of the form.

Zachary read the criteria for students.

Four recipients. 1 current student and 1 former student and 1 former staff member and 1 current staff member.

Student Engagement...Dare Week, Virtual Escape Room, Bingo, Night Kahoot for Families, Giveaway

All actives for grade 9-12 and their families.

Some during class time and some at night.

JUNE 1st conference is open to all.

Additional high schools and some grade schools will also be invited to participate.

Norm complimented the Leadership Gang over asking and wanting to build community! Very responsible! Norm said they are all awesome and he is proud of them.

Marc Clare - Shared that the quality of the speakers at their first conference was excellent and he wanted to make sure he shared that.

Stephen complimented the great logo.

Previous vote for \$1000.00 support was approved. Cheque will be cut for them.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

I sent a lot of time with students and parents and community members over the pride flag. There was a lot of hurt and anger and questioning that week. I wrote a Pastoral Letter to our staff that then went to print in insideND. I just want everyone to know that they are loved by God just the way they are.

Catholic Education Week - Video, prayers, and daily tweets.
Walk With Jesus

Mental Health Week - Letter to Institute of Catholic Education to separate the two.

May is a special time to focus on Mary - so working on a special morning for after the long weekend.

2nd Kahoot date - FRIDAY MAY 28 - will need to work out with leadership.
Future meeting to be planned.

Chaplain Wayne still doesn't know where he will be assigned for September. By our next meeting, it should be known by then.

Stephen thanked Chaplain Wayne for the Pastoral Letter written to staff and then shared with families about support of out 2SLGBTQ students.

STAFF REPORT: Al Nason

Staff very supportive of delivering gowns.

NEW ITEMS:

CSC's New COMMUNICATION PAGES

Stephen brought up the new communication page for Catholic School Council has been updated with involvement options, emails, and numbers.
Special thanks to the vp's

My School Day App - CSC will start to put things through that tool.

Thanks to Julie for keeping an eye on the parent involvement side.

Questions about gr. 11 prom?

What will yearbook look like?

My School Day App is being pushed.

Trying hard to make sure all the info we have is theirs too.

No new emails on the new email account.

Please look at the new **WEB PAGE!**

Elections are upon us. Parents are advised that the CSC will have opportunities for people to join and here are the positions that will be available to run for.

Administration normally advertises and sends out all the information about what CSC is and everyone's welcome to participate.

Current members are encouraged to run again and stay on because of their experience.

Question: Was there a vote if non-catholic people can be on the board.
Yes is the answer. The Board would like the head of CSC to be catholic, but yes, all are welcome!

HCCF

Marc Claire mentioned the July 20th golf event for our board's HCCF charity. Zachary asked if students were allowed to play and the answer was yes!

HCCF will be offering \$5000.00 in bursaries for students in grade 12 across all schools for grad this year!
\$500.00 per high school for a student who excels at the Catholic Graduate Expectations and a financial need are the two major prerequisites.

Financial Report requested by Stephen Clarke of Mr. Roberts.
Mr. Roberts said he would send it to Stephen.

NEW TO YOU - USED UNIFORM SALES

J. Bugiardini is offering to be a big part of the resale store!
Norm asked her to reach out to Anna.

Motion to Close Ro Stagg
Marc Claire.

Next meeting June 8, 2021 6:30 pm

Closing Prayer - Chaplain Wayne

