

Catholic School Council Meeting
Tuesday January 25th, 2022
6:10 pm - Virtual

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Stephen, Norman Roberts (Principal) Julie, Christine, Cait, Charmaine, Andria, Cheryl, Marc, JoAnn, Helen, Tiana (Student), Marisha, Gail, Gariel, Debbie

Welcome & Opening Prayer: Mr. Roberts

Approval of Minutes: (December 13th, 2021 meeting) - Moved by Christine. Second Marc

Approval of Agenda: Cheryl & Helen.

Student Council Update: Tiana

- Students are happy to be back to in person learning and have no issues with social distancing and masking protocols.
- Student council & business leadership students are planning a Career Day for Grade 10 students on March 1st, 2022

Cheryl - Offered herself and nurse colleagues to speak at Career Day. An email has been sent. Tiana to follow up with Ms. Little

- Students are planning a virtual Black History Month event with guest Speaker Neville Wright. Cost of speaker is \$500. Tiana has asked CSC to chip in for the speaker. Mr. Roberts confirms proper protocols have been followed and this speaker is approved.
- Stephen - Motion to support the Student Council's Black History Month initiative by funding 50% of the speaker fee for Neville Wright
 - Unanimous vote: **Yes.**

Principal's Report: Mr. Roberts

- Students have returned to in person learning
- Parents have concerns regarding breaks during class. In the warm months, students were able to go outside, now, breaks are inside and students are making noise in the hallways, being late back to class etc. Teachers have been advised to give students mental breaks **in class** where they can chat with friends, go on their phones etc.
- Students wearing shorts in the winter is still a health and safety issue. Parents have been asked to encourage kids to wear pants. Uniform provider McCarthy has been asked to look into a more comfortable pant option. A note has been given to all McCarthy employees instructing them to no longer say students only wear shorts and encourage pant option.
- New semester starting shortly - Teachers have been asked to go easy on the students as they transition out of quadmester, into semester
- Sports are on hold due to Covid protocols. Clubs are still running

- New semester schedule shared - Period 3 lunch divided into Lunch A, B,C by grade. No phys-ed or biology in Period 3.
- Rapid tests to be distributed Thursday, second period. 2 per students

Future Plans:

- May 12th, 2022 Arts Night
- May 14th, 2022 Possible craft show
- CYC conducting vaping addiction workshops

Questions:

- *Can we pivot back to quads if mandated by board?* No. We will not be going back to quads
- *Will students be doing exams?* Most likely, no. Exam-like assessments instead. Many university programs are pivoting away from exams.
- *What are isolation requirements for teachers that do not pass the self screening?*
 - Teachers that do not pass self screening, but do not have symptoms (for example, someone in their household has covid), are required to self isolate for 5 days. They will teach remotely and be broadcast in the classroom. A supply teacher will be provided for in-class supervision.
 - Teachers that do not pass self screening, and have symptoms are required to self isolate for 5 days. A supply teacher will supervise and teach in class.
- *Are the students being compliant with covid safety measures?* For the most part, yes.
- *If a student is home, self isolating, can they continue class virtually?* If a classroom has virtual students and is set up for virtual class, then yes. The student may sign on. If a class does not have any virtual students and is not set up for virtual class, it may take a day to get the class, teacher and student set up. But eventually, yes, they can join virtually. Teachers continue to use Google Classroom or D2L daily. While virtual school is being set up, students can refer to these platforms.
- *Is there a deadline to switch from virtual to in person and vice versa?* Students can switch from in person to virtual anytime. Switching from virtual to in person should be done at the beginning of the semester.
- *Is there an update on the cafeteria?* There is still no opening date confirmed due to shortage of employees. *Discussion surrounding creative uses of the cafeteria... local restaurants, pizza days, food trucks etc. Mr.Roberts to look into policies and regulations around food trucks.*

PRO Grant Update: Stephen

- \$500 PRO Grant has been approved
- Committee meetings continue
- Dates:
 - April 28th, 2022, Assumption
 - May 5th, 2022, Notre Dame
 - May 12th, 2022, Corpus Christi

Communications Report: Julie

- Continue to share Mabel's Labels and Cobbs fundraiser

- Continue to share local resources available

Event & Fundraising Report: Christine

- Little Cesars fundraiser earned \$50
- Next time, more marketing and advertising needed

Parish Report: Mr.Roberts

- Priest from St.Paul scheduled to do a blessing on the tiny home

OAPCE Report: Cait

- Nothing new

Community Report: Marc

- Excellent website for resources: hccf.ca/additional-community-resources
 - “Where to Get Help in Halton”
 - Halton Region’s “311”
 - Ontario 211
 - Halton Community Services Directory
 - Burlington
 - Milton
 - Oakville

Treasurer Report: Jeannie (not present)

- +\$50 from Little Cesars Fundraiser
- -\$250 black history month speaker

Chaplain Report: Not present

Next Meeting: Feb 15th, 2022 Virtual

New Business:

- Marc - Children’s Foundation 24 Hour Fast, March 30-31st, 2022 hccf.ca/24-hour-fast/
- How can CSC & Student Leadership get involved

Closing prayer: Mr. Roberts

8:04pm end time