

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday February 6 2024

Present: Eric Thuss, David Rozek, Melanie Ainsworth, Melissa Wooster, Tanya Hunter, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Lanette Kym, Melissa Skanes, Rebecca Ernewein, Trevor Tilley, Lindsay Egan

Regrets: Melissa Kuntz, Kani Uhuotu, Linda Hayes, Cheryl Beaupre, Jelena Loncar-Vines, Haja Nabie, Doreen Weise

- Welcome/introductions (All)

- Territorial acknowledgement and prayer (Tanya)

- Review of minutes of last meeting (Eric)

- Minutes updated to correct attendee's name, approved for posting

- Principal update (Tanya)

School Operations Updates:

- One mark for Language in report card (previously was split into four separate marks)
 - o Letter coming home in report cards (next week)
- School parking lot moving better, drop offs going better
 - o School is waiting to hear back from City of Waterloo on an update about crossing guards and other safety options
- Assessments starting next week, including school climate survey (school board survey)
 - o CCAT Grade 4 assessment is March 20-27, which measures giftedness
 - o CAT4 Grade 7 assessment coming up
 - o EQAO Grade 3 happening at end of May. EQAO Grade 6 is scheduled for early June. Students write in the afternoon only, on the days during testing
 - o A math coach is visiting from the board for EQAO, which just started. They are doing 'mock' tests with kids to get used to the computer program. Tanya is tracking student performance to see how it improves from now until the actual testing

Community ~ Parish ~ School Updates:

- School has not yet received an update on who will replace Dina as parish liaison
- Confessions at School- Feb. 22
- Pancake Tuesday - February 13th combined with Valentine's Day
- Ash Wednesday February 14th – Liturgy to be held at 9am in the gym

- Mount Mary – Gr 8 students going February 7 to 9. It is scheduled earlier this year to help facilitate friendships before the end of the year
- Reconciliation - March 21st

Clubs / Extracurricular

- Board game club for Grade 4 and 5 on Mondays at lunch has started
 - School choir is singing the national anthem at the Kitchener Rangers game February 23. 70 singers have signed up and the group is at capacity. The game starts at 7pm, students need to be there by 6:30pm. Tickets \$23 for kids, \$26 adults for parents and siblings wanting to attend with choir member
- Financial report (Dave)
- No activity during January - current balance remains \$5931.35. Council approved moving fundraising money to the 'General' account
- Bingo Night report (Lanette)
- Thursday Feb 1 – 6:30 to 8:00pm
 - 130 people attended not including volunteers. Ten students helped, and did a great job
 - 160 chips/drinking boxes were bought with about 30 left over
 - Collected approximately \$150, and spent about \$97 on snacks - fundraising was not a goal
 - 35 prizes cost \$199.75. Budget for the event was set at \$250.00
 - Food bank donations received. Will be collected by Melanie and dropped off
 - CSAC volunteers Lanette and Cathy did a great job organizing and running the event
- Pancake Tuesday (Eric)
- Cheryl organizing, can use a couple of additional volunteers – will send an email to volunteers this week
 - Have sufficient cooking griddles and warming stations, will have three cooking stations similar to last year
- STEAM Night – Apr 8 (Eric)
- Scheduled for April 8, 6:30 to 8:00pm
 - Concept involves student science/art displays in gym, activity stations around school
 - Waterloo public library coming with tech toys
 - Reached out to various university groups (UW Engineering, UW Earth Sciences, WLU contacts) and waiting on responses
 - Forms will be given to school kids to indicate participation a few weeks before the event – projects will be completed at home and brought in for the event

- Melissa Skanes idea of collecting pizza boxes to use as dominoes. Melissa Wooster and Candace Rozek to collect boxes starting week after March break. Will let Twin Cities know we are keeping boxes
 - Eric looking for volunteers, will send a recruitment email - ideas welcome as we continue to plan
 - \$250 preliminary budget approved
- Year-end Picnic (All)
- Scheduled for Wednesday June 19, 5:00 – 7:00pm. Backup (rain date) Thursday June 20
 - \$600 preliminary budget, can review and revise next council meeting
- Playground – idea/options/next steps (Eric)
- Subcommittee to be considered - email notice to be included in Friday Flash about volunteering for playground subcommittee (school wide)
 - Goal for upgrading and increasing accessibility for playground
- Other (All)
- 75 respondents interested in the yearbook from the school-wide survey
 - Melanie to work on yearbook, consult Tanya as needed

Adjournment 7:15pm

Minutes by David Rozak

Next Meeting: April 2, 2024 6:00pm