

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School



Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Meeting Minute

DATE: Tuesday May 7 2024

Present: Melanie Ainsworth, Cheryl Beaupre, Lindsay Egan, Rebecca Ernewein, Tanya Hunter, Lanette Kym, Jelena Loncar-Vines, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Melissa Skanes, Eric Thuss, Trevor Tilley, Doreen Weise

Regrets: Melissa Kuntz, Haja Nabie, Dave Rozek, Kani Uhuotu, Melissa Wooster

In Person meeting began at 6:00

1. Welcome/introductions
2. Territorial Acknowledgement/Prayer
3. Pizza taste test
 - Council taste tested two options for consideration for pizza days for the 2024/25 school year. Council suggested a switch from the current provider, but requested that the amount of waste be reduced by order pizza in large boxes rather than individual serving boxes
4. Yearbook cover contest
 - Council reviewed excellent yearbook cover drawing submissions from students. Council suggested that the submissions be combined into a mosaic, which Melanie agreed to look into
5. Principal update
 - School Operations Updates:
 - EQAO dates: Grade 3 May 27-30; Grade 6 June 3, 4, 6, 7
 - Working with facilities on accessible play activities for FDK, primary and junior areas - not wall space on the intermediate yard (they currently are active with basketball, soccer, football and the ball diamond anyways - will look for something for intermediate (last year we purchased portable volleyball nets and flag football tags)
 - FI and English Stream - all clubs and teams are open to all; playground is open by grade; gaga open by grade (as opposed to classes); field trips by grade; drive in movie in June; next year we will have prayer buddies to mix. Open to other suggestions:

- Keep in mind we are learning in separate classes most of the day. What we are doing to support the mixing can only be done during the recess blocks and through assemblies, trips etc.
 - Working on the 10 Food exemption days for next year. Likely to be:
 - Spook-a-thon
 - Halloween
 - Christmas Break - Movie & Popcorn (day before)
 - Valentine's Day
 - Shrove Tuesday
 - March Break (day before)
 - EQAO days
 - Mission Day / Play Day
 - Year End Movie & Popcorn Day
 - Last day of school
 - School Engagement:
 - Catholic Education Week May 6-10
 - Opening of the climber for middle recess when we have additional supervision who come outside
 - Gaga ball open
 - Updating and replacing recess equipment
 - Int. Soccer; boys & girls jr 3 pitch; Folk Dance May 9 RIM at 7pm / School Presentation at 2pm
 - Cross Country - June 5 Coaches - Canto and Kipfer Bechtel Park
 - Boys and Girls Junior 3-Pitch Tournament - June 19 Coaches - 3-Pitch coaches are Kipfer and Powis for Boys, Tubbe for girls RIM Park
 - Intermediate Ultimate Frisbee - June 20 Coaches - Egan and Way RIM Park
 - Community ~ Parish ~ School Updates:
 - Communion May 5, 1:30pm
 - Confirmation May 25, 10:30am
6. Review of minutes of last meeting
- Minutes reviewed and approved to be posted on school website
7. STEAM night review
- Event went really well – lots of interest from students and families
 - 35 different student presentations, booths set up from external groups (Waterloo Public Library, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Waterloo – Science Department)
 - Presentations and booths set up in the main hallway, library, and gym (student presentations primarily in the gym)
 - Students given participation certificates and snacks the day after the event

Thoughts for next year;

- Engage with St. David's students (St. David's science club booth, or St. David's students as judges)
- Students do not need to be at the school early to set up – perhaps only 15 minutes before the start OR explore possibility of students setting up during the day
- External groups should be setting up before students arrive
- Event should be held earlier in the school year (winter)

8. School Council Financial Report (Dave)

- Shrove Tuesday costs paid out at \$329.43
- STEAM night costs paid out at \$126.11 (well below \$250 budget)
- Still \$1500 of planned expenses; \$700 tables, \$600 year end picnic, \$200 First Communion
- \$3,952.56 remaining after planned expenses
- Council votes to donate \$10 per student to Grade 8 to be put toward grad events (approx. 45 kids)
- Council votes to give \$1900 to Principal Hunter for accessible toys for recess equipment (bins need to be replenished with scoops/skipping ropes, balls, etc)
- Council votes to transfer \$1000 for playground upgrading/accessibility plans
- \$500 to be reserved for Meet the Teacher Night – Lanette and Cathy to investigate options to see if there is availability

9. September Council date/Meet the Teacher Night

- September council date set for September 10 at 6pm
- Meet the Teacher Night date set for September 17
- School will be open from 5-6pm, and school community gathering from 6-7pm
- Picnic style again, food trucks or BBQ options being explored

10. Year-End Picnic

- St. David's students to make SEB two giant jenga sets
- Need a few volunteers – contact Lanette
- Is there anyone who can face paint? Do character sketches? Cathy sends email to art teachers at St. David's, and Doreen to check on other potential student volunteers
- Lakeshore south community has asked to set up a table at our event – Lanette to follow up on this and invite the neighborhood associations to attend

11. Playground

- No sub committee has come forward/been identified to date – we continue to need a group of volunteers to take this on
- Friday Flash to ask for parents to consider this for Sept planning

- Adjournment at 7:35

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 10 2024

Minutes by Cathy McDonald-Reis, Secretary