



**St. Jean De Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School
Catholic School Council**

Meeting Date: Monday October 25, 2021

Meeting #2

APPROVED

Chair: Diana Battilana

Attendance: Paul Di Ianni, Carm Bozzo, Diana Battilana, Christine DeGregorio, Angela Catania, Flora Aloisio, Angelica Leeman, Sharon Boase, Jennifer Curtis, B. Zali Kan Kesh

Regrets: Alice Vidinha

ITEM 1 PRAYER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm via Teams and Sharon Boase led the committee in a prayer. The chair welcomed the members and introductions were made. The agenda was reviewed and any new business was added to the agenda.

ITEM 2 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Bahar Zali Kan Kesh)

The School Council is in the midst of organizing a food drive for Good Shepherd and is talking about how to make this school year more fun for all and to engage students. They are going to do a Halloween scavenger hunt and will send out more information about dressing up for Halloween and adhering to dress code standards. Parent Council informed Bahar to let the group know how the school council can assist the Student Council on some upcoming initiatives.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021:

MOTION:

THAT THE BREBEUF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, BE APPROVED (AS AMENDED)

MOVED BY: Diana Battilana

SECONDED BY: Christine DeGregorio

(CARRIED) ALL

ITEM 4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Parent Portal (P. Di Ianni)
 - Portal is not mandatory for all teachers to use and that all teachers will use their method of communication - email, LMS, etc. Parents are welcome to connect with teachers/school to get information about their child's progress.

- Honour Roll (P. Di Ianni)

- Announced via Social Media but the school will be sending out an email to all parents with the names of all Honour Roll students. The names will also be on the school website.

ITEM 5 SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

CHAIR: D. Battilana (acclaimed)

RECORDING SECRETARY: C. Bozzo (acclaimed)

TREASURER: F. Alisio (acclaimed)

COMMUNITY LIAISON: C. DeGregoria (acclaimed)

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE: S. Boase (school chaplain)

ITEM 6 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

The following school council meeting dates and times presented to the council:

- Monday December 6, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
- Monday January 31, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
- Monday March 7, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
- Monday May 9, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
- Monday June 6, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

- Discussion was had on if the Council could meet in person now that mandates have been changed. The board policy continues to be that only essential visitors in the school and therefore the Council meeting will remain virtual and will be revisited in the New Year.

ITEM 7 CHAIR UPDATE:

- The Catholic School Council Orientation for chairs and co-chairs session will be held virtually on Tuesday October 26, at 6:00 pm
- D. Battilana is registered to attend
- Ontario School Trustee Association have created a document titled, "TOGETHER IN FAITH, Care for Our Common Home" (a collection of school board practises)
- A copy was given to the chair by the principal and is available to the council
- There is a Pro-Grant available of \$1000 and applications are due November 29, 2021
- Event must be held by June 1, 2022
- Chair has allowed the principal to share her contact information with other chairs of our family of schools to collaborate together to organize system wide guest speakers.
- E-mail chair (battilanadiana@gmail.com) if there are any items of discussion you would like added to the meeting agenda

ITEM 8 TREASURER'S REPORT (F. ALOSIO/P. DI IANNI)

- F. Alosio told the Council that to date we have \$1049.93 in our account and will be connecting with Mrs. DePaolo on how to work together to get the reports.

ITEM 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

N/A

ITEM 10 SCHOOL COUNCIL INITIATIVES FOR 2021/2022

The following ideas were brought to the council to consider:

- School Council presence on school website/in school - Mr. Di Ianni will make sure this is updated with new Council members and upcoming meeting dates

The Council discussed different initiatives to take on for this year including

- Parent Engagement - creating a Facebook page for parents - D. Battilana and C. Bozzo to set up
- Parent Survey on how to best engage them
- J. Curtis to bring Tips for Catholic School Councils to next meeting
- Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being - What can we do here to support our children?
- FUN for Students!!!! How can we as a Council coordinate something fun for students that is COVID friendly?
- Council discussed some fun options but unfortunately with COVID restrictions still in place not able to coordinate - ie. dances by grade.
- Engage students in some fun activity within the classroom

ITEM 11 COVID/ HEALTH + SAFETY UPDATE:

Fortunately, no COVID cases within the last 2 weeks.

The board is hopeful that students will be able to be present for sport playoff games - not just parents watching.

ITEM 12 PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (P. DI IANNI):

- Literacy Testing
- Unique year that there are 2 opportunities for students to write this - Fall 2021 & SPRING 2022
- Some grade 10s that were flagged to write this will write in the Fall but mostly Grade 11 students will write and Grade 12 students that will not be graduating this academic year. They will write in the library and cafeteria.
- Board circulated approx. 120 laptops for this use
- This is a graduation requirement

November 3 - Take Your Kid to Work Day

- School to share links, there will be virtual opportunities

December 1st - Parent Info Night - virtual

- Includes Q&A/Videos
- Uniform truck shop pop ups to continue to happen

ITEM 13 NEW BUSINESS

- Cash Online- Some items posted on the cash online do not indicate what the outstanding balance is for. The principal is going to look into this and report back to the council.
- Student Council Members- J. Curtis will be sharing the list of names of the student council members to the chair
- Dress Guidelines-

- Students wearing kilts must wear opaque tights under them
- Halloween Dress Guidelines -
All Halloween costumes should adhere to dress code policies - i.e. appropriate wear

ITEM 14 NEXT MEETING DATE:

- December 6th - 6:30pm

ITEM 15 ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION THAT THE ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING BE
ADJOURNED

Moved By: Christine DeGregorio
Seconded By: Carm Bozzo
(CARRIED) ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM