



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

Meeting Date: Monday January 10, 2022

Meeting #3

DRAFT

Principal Paul Di Ianni

Chair: Diana Battilana

Attendance: Paul Di Ianni, Carm Bozzo, Diana Battilana, Christine DeGregorio, Angela Catania, Jennifer Curtis, Alice Vidinha

Regrets: Flora Aloisio, Angelica Leeman, Sharon Boase, B. Zali Kan Kesh

ITEM 1 PRAYER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm via Teams and Mr. Di Ianni led the committee in a prayer. The chair welcomed the members. The agenda was reviewed and any new business was added to the agenda.

ITEM 2 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Student council representative did not attend the meeting. J. Curtis informed the council that their first meeting since the holidays is scheduled for Tuesday January 11, 2022

No report at this time, however Mr. Di Ianni shared that the Council worked hard before the holidays to create some student spirit within the school, including inspirational quotes and sayings on hallway murals.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2021

MOTION:

THAT THE BREBEUF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2021 BE APPROVED (AS AMENDED)

MOVED BY: D.Battilana
SECONDED BY: C. Bozzo
(CARRIED)

ITEM 4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Tips for Catholic School Council

The committee received a document regarding tips on how Council can continue to engage parents. The committee will look this over before the next meeting.

ITEM 5 CHAIR UPDATE:

- A) Meeting Time Parameters:
- Feedback from previous meeting was that the meetings ran too long
 - It was agreed that a hard “stop” for 8:00 pm would be followed and any unfinished agenda items would be carried over to the next meeting
- B) D. Battilana attended the, “Catholic School Council Gathering and Commissioning Ceremony”, held virtually on October 26, 2021. The following was shared:
- Theme this year is Rebuild, Renew and Restore Together
 - It was announced that superintendents: C. Ciapanni and I. Fortino were retiring
 - Catholic School Council Breakfast - is tentatively scheduled for **Friday February 4, 2022** at Michelangelo’s Banquet Centre
 - It was mentioned that there is a \$500 Parent Engagement monies that the school automatically receives?
- C) D. Battilana attended a School Council Chair virtual meeting on Nov. 23, 2021 the following was discussed:
- It was decided that the chairs would not pool the Pro Grant money together this year as they did last year
 - Some suggestions for PD that came up that were free were: Pathways, Police Services, Environmental Services
- D) 29th Virtual Parent Conference, “Weaving the Catholic Partnership”
- Event is scheduled will take place virtually on **Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:30pm.**
 - A virtual presentation by Paul Davis on “Empowering Parents in the Digital Age.”
 - Topics include: Snapchat/Tic Tok/Instagram/Facebook/Smartphones & Digital Trails, Cyberbullying/Texting/Image Sharing and Online Security
 - More information can be found on the School Website Calendar and clicking on the link
- E) Pro Grant Application:
- The application was completed, submitted and subsequently approved for \$1000 to be used by **June 10, 2022.**

The Chair reminded the group to email if they would like any items added to the meeting agenda battilanadiana@gmail.com

ITEM 6 TREASURER'S REPORT (F. ALOSIO/P. DI IANNI)

No update for this meeting.

ITEM 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS: PRO GRANT COMMITTEE (D. BATTILANA)

- The committee met on November 24, 2021 to discuss possible topics and guest speakers
- It was agreed that a guest speaker regarding mental health and anxiety would be beneficial for parents and teens
- Discussed Teacher Appreciation Day, Supporting Graduation Financially, Wall Displays in Hallways
- Guest Speaker Dean Huyck has been booked for **Thursday January 27, 2022** (virtually) link to attend will be shared closer to the meeting date. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Cost: \$350
- Topic: *“Demystifying of the origins of anxiety and other mental health issues (brain stuff) with an emphasis on environmental factors that feed into those brain tendencies along with practical steps that can be taken to counteract them. Overall, the audience will learn how to equip themselves for the most enjoyable and*

productive school experience. Perhaps emphasizing the practical applications and fortifying students to be the best version of themselves as learners.”

- Chair shared website information with group-<https://dhuyck.wixsite.com/deanhuyck>
- Parents and students are the target audience
- Promote? Flyer, Save the Date - these can go on all social media accounts of the school
- Dean said we could write the promotional blurb and we can use his marketing people to review it for us
- Platform: School Website and Facebook page
- Next Meeting to be determined
- Action Item: D. Battilana to contact Dean to reschedule possibly to February 17, 2022 as the January date is in the middle of exams

ITEM 8 PARENT ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES (C. BOZZO):

- Facebook Page for SJB Parents and guardians has been created
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/428432508796007>
- Currently there are 28 members
- Although the school can not promote the page as it is not monitored by administration, the committee will ensure that positive and up to date information will be shared.

ITEM 9 COVID/ HEALTH + SAFETY UPDATE (P. DI IANNI):

- Things changing so rapidly
- 3 ply masks for students are being sent to each school - they are not mandatory for students to wear. At the date of this meeting, SJB does NOT have the masks.
- N95 masks for educators are being sent out by the board
- SJB vulnerable students who can not wear masks will be given face shields.
- Administration not sure how student athletics will return if school is back before the lockdown date of January 26th.

ITEM 10 PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (P. DI IANNI):

CASH ONLINE-

The principal shared that the secretarial staff requested that parents either call and/or students can ask the secretarial staff at the office for clarification,

SCHEDULES -

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, it is unknown whether the students will be able to go to a 4 class schedule in February as previously announced. The board is looking at another quadmester type model and also looking into what other boards have done which is 1 week with 2 courses then another week with the other 2 courses. No decision has been made yet.

As well, Mr. Di Ianni wanted some parent input on the possibility of a schedule change once schools go back to a “normal” schedule. Given that a new high school has opened up during the pandemic in close proximity, it can cause some problems when too many students from different schools are dismissed at the same time. The school is contemplating implementing a schedule that would have the lunch breaks cut from 76 min to 45 min and therefore school dismissal earlier. A positive thing from this schedule change is it gives some students more

opportunity to join after school activities and have more time to get to their part time job, do homework/study, etc. The committee agreed with this new schedule opportunity but wanted the best interest for the educators/administration to be taken into consideration as well.

ITEM 11 NEW BUSINESS:

- REVISED CSC MEETING DATES-
The meeting previously scheduled for January 31, 2022 is canceled. Dates will be added monthly given the uncertainty of the times. Next meeting is February 28th. The meetings posted on the website for Monday May 9, and Monday June 6, are tentative at this time.
- BUSSING -
Some parents upset that there are some buses consistently late in the mornings and after school
- COVID RAPID TESTS - every student received rapid tests if they were at school the last couple of days before the break. If a student was absent and did not receive the kit when school resumes on January 17th they are eligible to get theirs. There will not be more sent home.
- DISSEMINATION OF SCHOOL COUNCIL INFORMATION - School Council information and promotion will be shared on SJB Instagram accounts and other social media channels and parent emails.
- DATES OF CSC MEETING ON SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR
Mr. Di Ianni will see that these are added.
The School Council Meeting Minutes will be posted on the school website once they are approved.
- REMOVE STUDENT COUNCIL NAMES FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL SECTION OF WEBSITE

It was recommended that student council member names be omitted from this section.
- TEAMS LINK FOR MEETINGS AND REMINDERS A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING DATE

Mr. Di Ianni will send the link for the next meeting closer to the meeting date.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:

February 28, 2022 at 6:30pm

ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION:

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

Moved By: D. Battilana
Seconded By: C. DeGregorio
(CARRIED)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.