

# St. Francis Catholic School Council Minutes

## Meeting # 1 – September 30, 2021

### Attendance:

Amanda Demore  
Denise Renaud  
Vanessa Mariga  
Tammi Lear  
Kristin Hall  
Chris Anslemo  
Marius Baoli  
Jessica Mieto – Teacher Representative  
Amanda Nesci-Spry – Staff Representative  
Renee Peltier – Community Representative

**Regrets:** Guilia Carpenter, Angelica Legace and Andrea Wuksinic

### 1. Territorial acknowledgment

- As we begin this evening we would like to acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnaabek.
- N. Folino spoke about Orange Shirt Day & offered our prayer in remembrance and reconciliation

### 2. Prayer

### 3. Introductions

- Members introduced themselves.

### 4. School Update

- Student Enrolment – Online vs. Face to Face
  - Attending in-person learning – 340 students
  - Attending online learning – 25 students
  - 19 classes total – 6 FI, 7 Regular, 6 LSCs
  - # of new registrations - 99
  - Students from St. David's catchment area have joined our St. Francis family. St. David's is now accepting registrations again.
- September focus: Welcoming our students back, building relationships and getting to know one another. Moving into October, we will get to know our students as learners and begin our learning journey together.
- Junction Creek Connection – Outdoor learning on the creek & the walking trail
  - October 13-14<sup>th</sup> Junction Creek Staff will be coming to the school to do some learning along the creek. Jk-3 students will be doing a "Benthic Bug/Polution Program", 4-6 students "Water Ranger" Program
  - Kindergarten/LSC classrooms doing some inquiries on the creek. What does it look like in the fall, winter and spring?
- Programs
  - Empower- SERT teacher is trained and will offer an EMPOWER reading group in our school
  - LLI- literacy program, to help support students in the grade 2 classroom as grade 2 teachers will be trained in this program this school year
  - CYW comes to the school every Tuesday to do some in class programs such as :Kids Have Stress, Minds Up, and Kelso's Choices. Eventually we are hoping she will be able to do some small group support.
- Extra-Curriculars
  - Sports – No tournaments due to COVID restrictions. Our hope is to get some lunch time sports going in October once we received more information on COVID rules and regulations
  - Art Club coming
  - Lego Club
  - Lunch Time clubs

- White Buffalo Circles
- School Communication
  - Facebook
  - School Messenger – Emails
  - School Website
  - Unable to have an Open House this year, we will be posting a “Meet the Staff” post on Facebook on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Pastoral Plan
  - Meeting with Father Pat next week
- Fundraising – Goals
  - Flames Wear
  - Little Caesars
- School Spirit
  - Flames Wear Monthly
  - Spirit Day 1 – 2 x / month
  - Various Awareness Days
  - Virtual Christmas Concert
  - Food Drive (pending COVID regulations)
- School Fundraising Money from last year...
  - Playground Equipment
  - Classroom Play Kits
  - Sand Toys
  - Raz Kids Accounts
  - Coding Kits
  - Classroom Books

5. Role of Catholic School Council

- 4 meetings per year (more if sub-committees)
- What are three Goals for the School Council this year
  - Fundraising
  - Community/Emotional Building
  - Project/Learning- Library Revamp
- Regional Parent Involvement Committee (School Board Level)

6. Elections (3 positions to be elected)

- Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson & Secretary
  - Chairperson – Kristin Hall - acclaimed
  - Vice-Chairperson – Amanda Demore - acclaimed
  - Secretary – Denise Renaud - acclaimed

7. Miscellaneous

- Continue fundraising and working towards our Library Revamp
- Have community partners join our parent council meeting (i.e. Father Pat)

8. Next Meeting Date

- Day of the week: Tuesday
- Time: 5 pm
- Next meeting: October 19, 2021 – 5 PM via Zoom

9. Adjournment