

St. Francis Catholic School Council Agenda

Meeting # 3 – November 16, 2021

Attendees: Natasha Folino, Meghan Dopson, Denise Renaud, Kristin Hall, Renee Pelletier, Andrea Wuksinic, Marcie Courtney, Tammi Lear, Vanessa Mariga, April, Guilia Carpenter, and Jessica Mieto

1. Territorial acknowledgment

As we begin this evening, we would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.

2. Prayer

O HOLY SPIRIT, Source of truth and grace, for those entrusted with the Christian development of children, enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills, and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes, our parishes, and our schools may cooperate effectively with You, and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, our lord. Amen.

3. School Update

- \$600 was raised from Flames wear.
- An e-mail for the book drive went out Saturday. We have already received book donations.
- Running club meet was on Friday. We had a luncheon and a ribbon for the students to run across. It was a team effort from the teachers.
- Soccer will start in the next couple of weeks. We are being cautious with Covid cases going up. Basketball will start in the new year. Art club was set to begin but is on hold for now because of the Covid cases going up in Sudbury.
- The Grade 1 class that was isolating, due to a positive Covid – 19 case, has returned to school.
- Bus cancellations continue due to driver shortages. They are trying to alternate the routes that are being cancelled.

4. Regional School Council Update

- PIC meeting took place on October 28th via zoom. Several schools were present. It was an update from the Board about Covid -19 policies and enrollment numbers. Improvement projects were discussed. Elections were done and there is a new chairperson. Fundraising and supporting families in need over Christmas and after Christmas were discussed.

5. Library Revamp Project

- Flyer for Book drive was sent out.
- The plan is to go through the books in the New Year.
- If you would like to join the subcommittee, let Kristin know at klhall@laurentian.ca. Tammi and Vanessa would like to join.
- Guilia contacted Bay Used Books. They sell their books at \$2.95- \$6.95 per book.
- We will need to discuss fundraising in the subcommittee.
- We will need to develop criteria for the books we want to keep. How will we deal with our books and keep a database on it?
- Kristin has sent book lists out.
- Natasha and Meghan will get the students involved to see what kind of books they would like to have.
- We will need to look at grants. Kristin can send out the lists for grants.
- We will need to look at the scope of the project and what our long-term goals are.

- Changes to a space in the school needs to be approved by the Superintendent. We will need to start that process once we decide on goals for the library.
- Kristin will start with a criteria list for the type of books and their condition. She will reach out to some libraries to see if they have any information for us.

6. Miscellaneous

- The Ontario government is working on Rapid Testing for Covid - 19 for all publicly funded schools.
- Our school has rapid tests for any staff members that are not double-vaccinated. They are tested three times per week.
- Vaccines for 5 – 12 year old children will be set up in public arenas - no date, yet.
- Catholic Education week is the first week of May.

7. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 7th, at 5pm for Library subcommittee
- Tuesday, February 22nd, at 5pm for School Council

8. Adjournment