



**Catholic School Advisory Council Minutes**  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Attendance/Regrets:

*We are a Catholic School Board. Our Mission is to serve our students, working with home, parish and school community to:  
Nurture a Christ-centred environment,  
Provide student-focused learning opportunities, and  
Support the growth of the whole person.*

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer** – Spiritual theme: Together on the Journey – encounter, accompany, transform (CEW theme: Nurturing Hope)
2. **Attendance:** Kaylene Groot, April Eilers, Catherine Rau, Jenna Drennan, Cathy Rau, Kristie Cresswell, Ashley Phillips, Lynn Wareing
  - a. Happy New Year – Welcome 2021!
3. **Minutes** from last meeting (Sept. 23) – posted on school website
4. **Business** arising from minutes
5. **Financial Report** – CSAC Budget - \$6645.17 (Mary/Lynn)
  - a. Staff Christmas gift - \$10 DTTB – thank you!
  - b. Outdoor winter bins (9) – Mary quote \$2,061.31 (*the student council surveyed each classroom to ask what they would like for toys to play with outside, they created a list and submitted to the Principal* Parent opinion – something fun and new to the zones, as expenses for graduation may be lighter due to not having a graduation meal... Keep a little bit of money for a cushion in bank account though.  
**Cathy Rau motioned to purchase the outdoor equipment for 2,062.31 from the CSAC budget. April Eilers approved. All in favour.**
  - c. Graduation – may be different this year
  - d. Rock the Playground fundraiser on hold
    - i. Primary Playground
  - e. Water bottle filling station \$ - \$3500 hasn't come out of school budget yet...pending (Board may have absorbed cost)
  - f. Fundraisers – on hold– no food/drinks/charity fundraising (St. Andre Bessette donation & amount); CSAC approved a \$200.00 donation to Andre Bessette Trust Fund donation for spring
  - g. Different priorities for spending; any funds from this year...outdoor shed, Scientist in the classroom, Learning Commons items (games, digital tools, etc.)
6. **Principal Update:**
  - a. School Improvement Plan – faith/wellness, literacy, numeracy (triad, spiritual theme (3 year), assessment (descriptive feedback, LG, SC), PA (Heggerty), #talks/sense routines-thinking strategies; Google classroom/digital tools – no EQAO this year
  - b. Lake Huron Family of Parishes video/Gr. 8 Confirmation/prayers & celebrations... we had a beautiful staff mass at the Church and an excellent Advent video was created by Candace - thanks to Cathy/Monique for working with Ms. Stapleton to make idea into reality
  - c. Enrolment – 198; new JK's – 22ish
  - d. CPIC awards – Congratulations to Wendy & Jason Steinmann for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any ideas for this year's recipients, please share with LLS.
  - e. Weekly Parent Memo - CSAC inclusions? (share with Mary by noon Thursdays)

Please feel free to share with Ashley if you would like something posted in CSAC portion of the weekly update.

- f. Communication – letters from Ms. S, Mary’s weekly memo, communication from teachers, Facebook, website, etc. – any feedback?
- g. Learning during a Pandemic – Sept. – Dec. – questions/feedback? H&S protocols, Bulldog Blitz, Bulldog Broadcast, daily schedule (CCAT, routine, picture day, school spirit days, peace & kindness week, virtual interviews, team meetings, student achievement/wellness, Advent, etc.)  
Please make teachers aware if there’s something that we should know. Our Student Parliament is rocking it this year... using green screens, etc. to create the weekly announcement broadcast for classrooms. Trying to keep kids 6 ft apart is a challenge.
- h. Remote Learning – January 2021 – questions/feedback?  
Message Jan. 13 –teachers require to be in school if they have poor internet at home, certain students who have special needs may be in the school depending on criteria). It has been challenging for some parents/students/staff – take direction from the Ministry of Education – 225 minutes online/day (kdg. 180 minutes)... does your child need to be online all day? Ideally yes, but realize there would be different family needs... try to be on as much as you can. We are very fortunate that each student has a chromebook but students can still suffer from sensory overload. It’s definitely been a learning process but LL is very proud of the staff and the effort that goes into remote learning. Also thank you to the parents for their dedication to remote learning. It’s not easy and we will work with families to try to meet their needs but we have to also follow our mandates.

#### Questions from Parents:

- Is the school finding a lot of students are not logging on at all? No, majority of students are on but we understand that there are intermittent periods.
  - If you know your child needs a break what is the best way to notify the teacher. The best way is to email the teacher and they can read later.
  - Over 300 students enrolled in our Board’s remote learning school Blessed Carlo Acutis Continuing Education School.
    - i. *Term 1 report cards – PD day – Feb. 2; Ash Wed. Feb. 17; March break – 15-19*
7. **Other topics for discussion?**  
- Has there been anything mentioned about first communion, etc. The parish is responsible for carrying out the sacraments – please contact our Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes office for more information. LLS will get more information as well. *LL has posted in the Jan. 22 parent memo about 1<sup>st</sup> Communion/1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation - a note from Fr. Tony Laforet*
8. **Future Meeting dates:** **CHANGE: now Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** (was Wed. March 31<sup>st</sup>); **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** (was May 19)