



Catholic School Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 23, 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). **Intentions: we pray for Adrianna Boersen whose grandma passed away, for Lisa Hahn that she has a healthy & safe delivery of their child and for Fr. Matt George.**

Opening Prayer -

A prayer to inspire us as we strive to live in discipleship and solidarity:

Father, you have made us.
Red, yellow, brown, white and black
tall and short, fat and thin,
rich and poor, young and old—
all are your children.

Teach us to cooperate rather than to compete
to respect rather than to revile
to forgive rather than to condemn.

Your Son turned from no one.
May we learn, like him, to be open
to the share of the divine
that you have implanted
in each of your sons and daughters.
And may we build a bond of love
that will make a living reality
the kingdom in which we profess to believe. Amen+

2. **Attendance: Ashley Phillips (absent), LoriLynn Stapleton, Jenna Drennan, Kristie Cresswell, Mary Haberer, Lynn Wareing, Cathy Rau and Mary Earle**
3. **Minutes** from last meeting (Jan. 13, 2021) – posted on school website
4. **Business** arising from minutes

5. **Financial Report** – CSAC Budget (Mary/Lynn) - **\$5531.54**
- a. *Down to the Bean* - \$350
 - b. *Outdoor play bins* - \$1238.48; *C. Tire/MacLeans* - \$869.12. *The students could use some outdoor equipment for spring and would like the following items: skipping ropes, sidewalk chalk, tennis balls, basketballs and footballs.*
 - c. *St. André Bessette Fundraiser happening right now. We will make a transfer from CSAC for a \$200 donation to this fundraiser as approved at the previous CSAC meeting.*
 - d. *Lenten books (Monique)* - \$44.51
 - e. *Graduation - composite photo diploma/sweat shirt (tentative date is Thursday, June 24)*
Cathy Rau moved that the cost of the composite folder/pics and sweatshirts for graduation be covered by CSAC. Kristie Cresswell seconded. CARRIED.
6. *March 31st: **Sara Westbrook** - has been asked to give a remote session for all students on: respect & resilience - based on team meeting conversations and student needs – cost \$700.60). LoriLynn S. would like to request that the cost for Sara be paid with CSAC funds. Also there is a need for a new storage shed (which has been mentioned in previous meetings).*
Lynn Wareing moved that the shed and cost of Sara Westbrook be covered by CSAC. Seconded by Jenna Drennan. CARRIED.

SARA WESTBROOK *Presents...*



Using personal stories and songs I share skills and activities that will help your students create a mindset of Confidence, Resilience, Respect, Emotional Well-being.



"UPower is our personal power to choose our actions, reactions and beliefs regardless of the circumstances."

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Healthy, Resilient Minds Matter

Grade 4 - 8 Students

- ▶ Learn a CHOICE MAKING formula giving them the skill to think and act beyond emotions.
- ▶ Discover how to bounce back from challenging circumstances and emotions.
- ▶ Realize the importance of releasing emotions in healthy ways.
- ▶ Understand that choices and character matter.

50 minute virtual presentation

Superheroes for Respect

Grade K - 3 Students

- ▶ Learn two ways that promote respect for themselves and others.
- ▶ Celebrate their uniqueness and the uniqueness of others.
- ▶ Realize that EFFORT pays off.
- ▶ Understand the importance of asking for help.

30 minute virtual presentation

Parent and Educator virtual presentations also available

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Other School Budget items:

- Scientist in the Classroom - each class (approx.. \$220x9 - \$2000); digital tools: iPads/cords, audio/computer cords, chromecasts, lots of consumables, etc.*

7. Rock the Playground fundraiser on hold

Primary Playground - sub-committee to look into options, costing, construction, purchase Keep \$2,000. For the primary playground. Jenna Drennan and Mary Haberer will strike a subcommittee to look into the primary playground.

8. **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. Lenten virtual visits with priests, Gr. 4/5 - Stations of the Cross recording; Raise funds for SABTF and Blessings (food drive)
 - i. Still waiting to hear from priests about Sacramental preparation/dates for 1st Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation
 - ii. Still waiting to confirm Graduation date - will need to continue to follow COVID protocols - likely similar to last year
 - iii. Priests are having virtual visits with classrooms.
- c. COVID questions/updates - screening, all siblings home - not sure about spring break... Chromebooks will go home with primary students on Holy Thursday and the rest of the school on the Friday before spring break. Thank you to all parents for following covid protocols and for coming to pick up children when the need arises! Kids doing fantastic job wearing masks, etc. while at school.
- d. Remote to in-person learning - positives/challenges
- e. Report cards, Speech & Language support, team meetings, scientists in the school, spirit days, IEP's, Empower reading groups/Lexia/PowerUp; PA & DRA
No EQAO this year
- f. Staffing - David Laing is teaching in the 6/7 classroom for one day/week, Katie Masse will teach music until the return of Mrs. Cook, Megan Reymer new – DECE in KB, Kim Hoffman new – EA.
- g. Enrolment - growing for next year - working on #'s (virtual/home school/in person) - possible 215
- h. Upcoming - outdoor play programs Ausable Bayfield Conservation Area (April 6-8)
- i. Spring break - April 12-16; CEW & MH awareness week is May 3-7; Last day of school is Monday, June 28

9. Questions/comments:

10. **Future Meeting date:** Tuesday, May 18th (originally was May 19)