

St. Brigid CSPC Meeting May 27, 2021

In attendance: K. Blanchet, A. Sobol, C. Corbin, D. Gonzalez, K. Hawkeswood, A. Paul, D. Forsayeth, B. Lacay, S. Holder, A. DeMoulin, H. Davies, K. MacPherson, M. Puglisi, D. Pollington, Furlano Family, H. Dunn, S. Pennington, Jeanine, G. Finlay, M. Brannon, Cramer, L Collins-Dunleavy, Rosa, D. Rodrigo, McGettigan Family, M. Mihalak, R. Linhares, M. Holder, M-R, Leishman, D. Murillo-Gonzalez.

Protocols and Land Acknowledgement: K. Blanchet

Prayer: A. Sobol

Opening Remarks:

Welcomed by C. Corbin

Inquired if there is new business

Principal's Report – K. Blanchet

Vaccinations in the city are going well. School is working with Michael Garron Hospital and Dr. J McCready to get updated information. There is a vaccine clinic on the 29th at St. Patrick's for kids age 12+ of the Pfizer vaccine. There are other clinics happening in the community for students age 12+.

The school has been getting new books on equity as organized and Mrs. Pedlar is doing virtual read-alouds with classes. Same goes for the French books.

June 1, 7:30 am is the Pride Flag raising ceremony on school grounds. Due to the on-going stay-at-home order, the community is discouraged from attendance, but it will be streamed live and recorded. Hope that this is also a demonstration that to all that St. Brigid's is a welcoming inclusive community.

In addition, it is also a celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Portuguese, Filipino and Italian Heritage month and Pride month as well. There are lots of activities and events.

Graduation date is June 22nd and will be done virtually. Lots of different activities in motion. There is a Gr. 8 parent meeting in early June where updates will be shared. There is a request of the CSPC for award support - a permanent plaque – with names of recipients. Each recipient will receive a smaller version of the plaque.

Planning for next year's school year; a parent letter was circulated regarding the mode of learning in Sept 2021. The time frame for selection is between July 16 - August 6. The situation is changing rapidly and updates will be provided.

Student Needs – The nutrition program costs will now be used to help certain families with grocery support. The update that was circulated today asked for anonymous info that will also be kept private. The pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on some families. Clifton inquired about the outreach email regarding the info to invite those who need further grocery support and if there could be more context or detail.

Clifton inquired if the GSA has a teacher rep. Some are interested, but as the school isn't starting new clubs until September, it will be revisited then. Staffing changes also occur over the summer. The school will also be starting a Black Student Alliance.

Sarah Westbrook, a motivational speaker, visited students (virtually) recently and focused on emotional and mental health etc. The student and teacher reaction was positive.

Question from a parent on if there is an update around how to support questions in the classroom around the flag raising. There will be more information and updates on that, but a lot in motion.

100 year celebration question; at the June meeting it may be possible to discuss it more fully regarding a November 2021 celebration time period, a sub-committee to begin planning, etc. regardless if its virtual or in person, and the school is being aesthetically prepared.

Vice-Principal's Report – A. Sobol

Waterbottle fundraiser went well. Waiting for the equity team to tally the final total minus expenses and what will be donated to the Foundation. The bottles will be delivered. The bottles will be blue with white writing.

Student collection of belongings; there aren't too many items left behind. It may be easier this time. Just waiting for direction from the Ministry.

Mrs. Blanchet, Mrs. McAleer and Mrs. Sobol had the welcome to kindergarten night with read alouds, etc., both brand new families and families already in the community. There will also welcome kits that were delivered.

Virtue of the Month Assembly; it will be done at 2 pm on May 28th webinar-style as it was previous month. The May virtue will be compassion. March's was forgiveness, April's was justice, and June's will be faithfulness.

Teachers Rep's Report – Nothing to report or no asks

Treasurers' Report – Mike, Bellamy

The LGBTQ Parent Engagement Session facilitator, Kevin, has waived his \$200 payment and it will be given to the GSA. **Motion: Moved by Mike, seconded by Clifton, None Opposed, Motion Passes.**

Grad Luncheon and other grad expenditures - \$2300 is being requested – **Motion to approve: Moved by Mike, seconded by Clifton, None Opposed, Motion Passes.**

Awards one time cost – Mike and Mrs. Blanchet will send a communication out a series of needs around awards.

Clifton shared that the CSPC is looking for new volunteers .

Church Liaison's Report – Marc

Nothing is substantively different at the church. Office is still open and live stream Masses are still happening on Sunday morning. Those who want Communion can make special arrangements.

Sacraments will now be pushed to the fall as during the stay at home order no more than 10 people are allowed indoors.

OAPCE Rep's Report – Patricia not in attendance

Chair's Report - Clifton

By-law sub-committee will be formed to update them; David, Cheryl, Diana, Maria will lead. The changes will be voted on in June, and taken up at the AGM in the fall.

Setting the date for the AGM needs to take place before Oct 6th and info needs to be disseminated early; September 23rd and 30th for the AGM and inaugural meeting of the new CSPC for 2021-2022.

Thanks to all volunteers and admin.

Questions:

Zoom mtgs have been helpful and convenient for parents in attending CSPC. Perhaps hybrid meetings.

Interest in communicating ahead of time to new parents to the community to the CSPC activities.

Adjournment

Moved by Clifton, seconded by David, None Opposed, Motion Passes

Addendum:

Online approval on June 10, 2021 for **\$2.2k for Grad and STEAM award(s)**. Moved by Clifton, seconded by Mike, None opposed. The motion passes.