

St. Brigid CSPC Meeting March 25, 2021

Attendance List: C. Corbin, A. Paul, M. Brannon, B. Lacay, D. Forsayeth, M. Puglisi, G. Nunes, K. MacPherson, T. McGhee, K. Blanchet, A. Sobol, and other parents via Zoom

Regrets: P. McFadden, D. Gonzales

- Land Acknowledgement and Video Conferencing Protocols: Mrs. Blanchet
- Prayer: Mrs. Sobol
- Introductions by Parent Council Members

Principal's Report – Mrs. Blanchet

There are several COVID cases at St. Brigid. Protocol is activated when the school is informed of a positive case by a parent. This includes reporting to TPH, Health & Safety, parents, etc. TPH will conduct contact tracing. Several classes were isolated until contact tracing is done. Risk assessment is done. The letters are specific; quarantine period, optimal period for testing, and return to school date. TPH nurse liaises with MGH to coordinate a testing time for those who need it. 108 test kits have been handed out and is not as invasive for kids; cheek to cheek, nose to nose. At school, all protocols are maintained. Handwashing and masking is rigorous, and still physical distancing as well as cleaning especially surfaces, railings, door knobs, etc.

Additional HEPA filters have been received, and now all rooms with teachers and kids have new filters. Weather is nice so there is opportunity to be outside with kids more. Fun Zone lines have been repainted to be clearer. After March 29th every class over 15 students will receive plexi-glass filters. Plexi-glass corral is for each individual student. Students still keep masks on.

There were 7 positive cases up until this week. Confidentiality is maintained. There are requests for the letter to be clearer because of multiple children in homes and which to isolate. There is also little guidance on what to do when isolating children; whether parents should be going to work, etc. TPH information has further mandated guidance.

Testing kits could be picked up at the school if they don't want to go to the hospital to do the tests after school.

Staff vs student question is differentiated by the Board. Why isn't the school? Mrs. Blanchet will find out.

Board should be given feedback to separate kids, limitations on recess, etc. But, teachers are interacting with various classes, and might be a risk vector. Health and Safety Committee can help to organize better teacher movement. The trustees are also looking at the itinerant teacher piece. The union also stipulates how they can deliver the learning.

Other schools are naming the classroom but not individuals to understand the level of risk or isolate the risk further.

There is miscommunication which should be resolved about the number of cases. More clear and concise communication is requested.

The number of cases for the school on the TCDSB website are 5. It is noted as 7 at this meeting.

TPH letters with guidance come later than when the school advises there are suspected cases.

Equity issues are always being addressed; updating of resources (crayons, Band-Aids). Other activities such as book lists with LGBTQ books, with Yolanda T. Marshall, the author, Sarah Westbrook who will work with Grade 4s about social development issues.

Mrs. Blanchet is still waiting from Facilities about the water bottle filling station.

Vice-Principal's Report – Mrs. Sobol

New Math curriculum : Teachers got support during PA days. The Board has also been offering workshops during the school year and supporting professional learning communities. Teachers have been pleased with it. The Board has also purchased Edwin; a way to access digital pieces to supplement more traditional resources. Hour of Code is still happening through code.com, and the cubing initiative is also part of interdisciplinarity in addition to math. There are social / emotional pieces attached to the new curriculum to enable students to learn. Cubing : it's out there – videos, cubes.

Busing overall has been affected because of isolation and infections, but for not St. Brigid.

Gate 3: There is congestion at the end of the day.

World Water Day, March 22nd : Students enjoyed a great day learning about clean drinking day around the province and Canada. There is a fundraising event around promoting clean water, water scarcity, and through a True North Aid by way of a water bottle; \$2.50/\$5 will go to the organization. Parents could donate money to the initiative without buying a water bottle.

Mascot is being revived to increase school spirit and excitement. There is a competition which will be judged by the esteemed phys ed. Once the bear is picked, it will be painted on walls in the gym with the school colours, etc.

Connor at X-Movement: we have a high usage of it online : 30 to 90 minutes. Parent Portal Link can be sent out again.

Outdoor Play Schedule being compared across the board to see if we can maximize opportunities.

Teacher Rep – Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report – see report

Money raised in the year are spent in the year. Do we have any constraints or restrictions? We could roll over money b/c of multi year projects or a strange year like this.

\$2200 for the Forest of Reading has been set aside. A lot of money has been set aside for the library.

Derek Chen mentioned a refresh of library books – inappropriate messaging or imagery – might want to think about that.

Church Liaison Report

Church council was also meeting tonight.

Masses are seeing up to 15% capacity for public in person Masses. It's a first come, first served system. Fr. Carlos is on sabbatical until July. Fr. Omar is the interim. Sacraments dates contingent on in person allowances.

Mass is still online on FB. First School Mass is April 6th

ShareLife campaign is starting.

No OAPCE report – Patricia not in attendance

Chair's Report –

Parent Session put draft budget together on facilitator costing; 3 options of facilitators who were more expensive and also with the Catholic lens.

\$700 Motion \$500 from Program and \$200 from PIC – **Moved by Clifton Seconded by Mike – None opposed – Motion passes.** Clifton noted that we did receive the ProGrant.

The date is April 20th. There is a flyer and a save the date.

Mrs. Blanchet and Kevin and another teacher will be meeting to see what it looks like in elementary. There is some interest by teachers at St. Brigid.

Canada Post Grant : Community-based that is annual due April 5th – Technology proposal for Best Buy was unsuccessful but could be adapted – it was for \$5,000 – Do we do it with technology or for playground? – The tech proposal was for laptops. \$5000 for a playground will not go far. Laptops might be a good ask, especially with coding for math.

Adjournment - **Moved by Clifton, seconded by David.**

The next meeting is on May 27.