

CSPC St. Brigid Catholic School CSPC Meeting

November 23, 2021 7pm via Zoom

Meeting Attendees: Kimberley Blanchet (Host/Principal), Lorraine van Zon (VP), Kelly Mahoney Goetz (Co-Chair), Katie Young (Co-Chair), Joel O’Keefe (Secretary), Bellamy Lacay (Treasurer), Gordon Finlay (Member at Large), Maria Puglisi (Special Education Rep), Marc Michalak (Church Liaison), Bekki Draper (Special Events Rep), Kristen Hawkeswood, Lola Ardila, Cheryl Devine, Michelle Mifsud, Linda Collins-Donleavy (St. Brigid Teacher), Rosa, Stephanie Pennington, Henley, Cramer, Sheila

Agenda		
Time	Topic	
7:00-7:05	Welcome and Opening Prayer	K. Blanchet & L. van Zon
7:05-7:15	Introduction of new CSPC members	Council
7:15-7:45	Principal Report	K. Blanchet
7:45-8:00	Vice-Principal Report	L. van Zon
8:00-8:15	Co-Chair’s Report	K. Goetz
8:15-8:20	Treasurer’s Report	B. Lacay
8:20-8:30	Church Liaison / Special Ed / Special Events Reports	M. Michalak, M Puglisi & B. Draper
8:30-9:00	Any Other Business	

1. Welcome and introductions – K. Blanchet

2. Introduction of new CSPC members

The following council members were present and introduced themselves

Position	Name
Co Chair	Kelly Mahoney Goetz
Secretary	Joel O’Keefe
Treasurer	Bellamy Lacay
Special Education Rep	Maria Puglisi
Church Rep	Marc Michalak
Member at Large	Gordon Finlay

*Co Chair Katie Young joined the meeting after the introductions were completed.

**Cheryl Devine is considering taking on the Communication rep role again.

3. Principal’s Report – K. Blanchet

- November 16 was the first event to launch the school’s 100 year celebration. Father Carlos visited the school and lead a prayer in each of the room and blessed the children, teachers and building. More celebrations are scheduled including gifts for the children and branding of additional items. Spirit wear this year will include the 100 year design.
 - Request if anyone would like to coordinate the Spirit Wear initiative which will begin in January – Cheryl Devine and Kristin Hawkeswood volunteered to run Spirit Wear this year

- Working with the graduation class to create the grad shirt design with submissions being voted on by the whole class.
- Student council was recently elected, and this year includes two additional roles – Equity & Diversity and School Safety. Should read Safe Schools Representatives.
- Halloween Dance was held outside in the student fun zones
- Water filling stations are currently being installed and should be completed by the end of the week.
- This month's virtue is peace keeping (Peacemaking) which is being shared in class and during announcements. (and classroom activities) Focus also includes how do you create inner peace and find in other places.
- Anti-bullying awareness week has begun
- Asymptomatic testing continues on Monday and Wednesdays with 25% of the student population being tested so the whole school is done over a two-week period.
- Tuesday Nov 30 is our Peace Mass and the beginning of Advent where our wreaths will be blessed including a blessing for students in their class.
- December charity event will be a continuation of our Sock Drive and adding "gently used Men's clothing" and are working with You Are Loved.
- Getting a lot of enquiries regarding vaccinations with the recent announcement of vaccines now available for 5-12 yr olds. Currently there are no plans to administer vaccinations at the school.
- Spirit week is planned for December 13-17. Student Council is meeting this week to decide the theme for each day. Likely have a Dress Down day at the end of November while December month end will coincide with Spirit Week.
- Advent mass is scheduled for December 16.

Q – Do you expect any changes for Covid screening with changes to vaccination status?

A - (Ms. Blanchet) – No plans to change the screening right now. Vaccination is only effective after 14 days (after the second dose). Continue to take guidance from Toronto Public Health and the School Board. Believe there are enough (250k) for everyone to get their first dose.

4. Vice-Principal's Report – L. van Zon

- Busing continues to evolve. In a better place now and bus companies auditing services to determine if any adjustments are necessary. Buses are running on time but there is a driver shortage which is having an impact. Bus safety booklets have been shared by the bus companies are being shared with the students.
- Care plans for any students with allergies or other concerns have been put in place.
- Student Council is involved in leading the Anti Bullying week campaign with different announcements with a different Anti Bullying focus including diversity posters that are being posted.
- Behavior update – noticing a change in student behavior in a positive way – holding doors, manners, etc.

5. Co Chair report – K. Goetz & K. Young

- Thanks to all for the Halloween decorations and volunteers for putting them up. Students were very appreciative.

- Co Chairs wanted to thank everyone for including them in the School Blessing
- Have investigated resuming pizza lunches by contacting Pizza Nova to enquire about two deliveries and individual slices. Two deliveries no longer necessary but unable to accommodate individual slices.
 - Followup discussion around having subs as a separate option to pizzas. Also have an option of volunteers individually packaging the pizza slices.
- Playground project was put on hold due to Covid. May want to revisit potential funding at a later date.
 - There are some potential funding options that might be available.
- Enquiry around snow clearing for the upcoming season. Ms. Blanchet shared that facilities are in the process of developing a new snow clearing plan. One option may have snow removed from the pathways as required and a further decision on the remaining areas. The issue has been raised with the correct individuals and is being assessed. There will still be some conditions (extreme cold) where students will not be able to go outside.

6. Church Liaison / Special Ed / Special Events Reports

Church Liaison – M. Michalak

- School masses have resumed with this week being the first Sunday of Advent
- Holy Communion and Confirmation classes are beginning, and the Parish is still accepting applications for students wishing to participate.

Q – Is anyone putting together a family event?

A - (K. Goetz) – We are working with the Special Events rep who's thinking of different options.

(C. Devine) – A survey was previously completed which captured potential events. Magic Show was the most popular selection however there were options we may want to consider. Cheryl to share the survey results.

- Cheryl also offered to provide a Comms overview to the Co Chairs and Secretary.

- Ms Blanchet also shared that students have been exposed to a lot of different social media. May want to consider inviting Paul Davis to provide an overview of appropriate Social Media presence and watchouts including educating parents. Also looking at social and mental health presentations as options.

Special Ed – M. Puglisi

- IP's have gone out and returned to schools.
- Board motion to keep Special Ed students in the classroom but the motion was not passed.

7. Treasurer's Report – B. Lacay

October 9 was the latest statement reviewed and there hasn't been a lot of activity. Some cheques were cashed related to food expenses.

We then reviewed expenditures that required approval including items had been raised or approved in previous years.

These items include:

Item	Amount	Raised by	Approved by	Seconded by	Opposition
Teacher allotment (\$150 x 40)*	\$6000	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Forest of Reading	\$2200	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Scientists in School (\$250 X 25)	\$6250	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Document Cameras	\$600	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Microphone Amplifiers	\$1000	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Technology Fund	\$1000	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Chromebooks	\$1600	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Parent 2SLGBTQI+	\$500	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
GSA Seen Money	\$200	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Black Alliance Seed	\$200	Bellamy	Kelly	Katie	None
Total	\$19,550				

*Teachers will be required to submit receipts by the end of the school year.

All items were approved for an estimated expenditure of \$19,550.

Other items including Grad and awards can be deferred for approval at a later date.

8. Any Other Business

- J. O'Keefe raised a question about fund raising. Co Chair suggested a council only meeting to review the topic. Will look at other alternatives for funding including greeting card sales.
- K. Blanchet shared that Christmas donations are being considered for Covid impacted families with food baskets, gift cards, etc. Requests will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

Motion to adjourn raised by Kelly and seconded by Katie. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 via Zoom. Link to be sent prior to the meeting.