

## **Minutes - St. Brigid Catholic School CSPC Meeting**

October 24, 2023 @ 6:30 pm In Person & via Zoom

### Meeting Attendees:

In Person: Linda Collins-Don Leavy, Alana Karelson, Stephanie Pennington, Kristen Hawkeswood, Bekki Draper, Katie Young, Melissa Brown, Linda Alonzi, David Forsayeth, Catherine Maier, Kelly Sequeria, Eileen Cramer, Renee Ferguson, Adam Pawlowicz, Leila Stamatakis, Marcel Jar, Sharon Laguisma, Cheryl Devine

Online participants: Paola Merrick, Bellamy, Laura Hincapie, Lena Knight, Michelle Mifsud, Tara Ardilla

### **Agenda**

Topic

Presenter

1.

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

Ms. Collins-Don Leavy

2.

Introductions

S. Pennington

3.

Review and approval of previous meeting minutes

D. Forsayeth

4.

Principal & VP's Report

Ms. Alonzi & Ms. Brown

5.

Teacher Rep's Report

Ms. Collins-Don Leavy

6.

Treasurer's Report

C. Devine

7.

Web / Communications report

8.

Church Report

9.

Special Events Report

10.

Chair's Report

11.

Other Business

12.

Adjournment

### Summary of Action Items from this meeting:

- **Principal Alonzi to report back on the status of the Mud Kitchen and next steps for the Playground**
- **Ms. Brown to report back to the CSPC on the identified areas of improvement and action plan with respect to academics.**

#### **1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement**

Ms. Collins-Don Leavy led the Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer

*Out of our deep respect for Indigenous peoples in Canada, we acknowledge that all Toronto Catholic District School Board properties are situated upon traditional territories of the Anishinabek, the Haudenosaunee, Confederacy and the Wendat peoples. We also acknowledge the land covered by Treaty 13 is held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and Toronto is subject to The Dish with One Spoon covenant. We also recognize the contributions and enduring presence of all First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples in Ontario and the rest of Canada.*

#### **2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes**

David moved to approve both the June CSPC minutes as well as the minutes from the September CSPC meeting. Kristen seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Cheryl moved rectify some administrative issues from the first meeting, and specifically to resign as Co-Chair, nominate Kristen as Co-Chair, nominate herself as Co-Treasurer, and nominate Katie as Vice Chair. Bekki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **3. Introductions**

Stephanie as the Chair kicked off introductions to all those present live and virtually

#### **4. Principal & VP's Report**

##### Principal and VP Announcements

Ms. Collins-Don Leavy announced the results of the Student Council elections, and the return of House Days.

Principal Alonzi noted she's not sure how long she is here for, but is here to help, and noted a very successful cross-country month, with about 20 students going to the city finals. Also noted that Officer Megan from the police community outreach team is coming in to present to the grade 5 – 8s with respect to online safety.

Ms. Brown would like to do a parents' night on online safety. She also announced that every staff member now has a walkie-talkie – for teachers to support each other. She also noted that the deadline for high school applications is November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that progress reports go home November 13<sup>th</sup>.

##### Staffing Update

The Grade 7 class filled, and interviews are underway for the open position in Grade 4/5, as well as the .3 French Immersion class. The .5 Grade 8 has been filled by Ms. Zelesky Cox for now, and Core French being filled by Ms. Aleks

##### Playground Update

Mud Kitchen & Basketball Nets were delayed, but are still coming; Cheryl raised whether we have the ability to make modifications to the existing orders. Principal to investigate and report back to the Playground Committee.

Report on the playground – David and Cheryl raised frustration with the amount of time the playground renovations have taken. Principal took note and understood the urgency.

### Curriculum and Technology

Ms. Brown presented the current state of technology, and Principal Alonzi noted that it was insufficient.

Ms. Brown also brought forward the AV Club's request for a mixer and cordless microphones. Also the potential to make a submission for a grant. No specific ask was made at this time.

### EQAO

Principal Alonzi acknowledged that St Brigids did not perform well.

Ms. Brown noted that there were meetings with the math resource teacher to try and start building plans, and that the 2 years of data available is insufficient to drive a trend.

The CSPC requested that the areas of improvement are shared back, and Cheryl reinforced that the CSPC is here to hold the school accountable for academic success and learning and as a resource for the school to leverage. Cheryl put forward a motion to approve \$1,500 for a Math Night, seconded by Marcel, and passed with no objection.

Officer Megan was suggested as a free option for the social media safety session for parents, however concerns were raised with respect to whether a police presence was universally welcoming. Consequently motion was put forward by Kristen to approve \$1,000 toward the event, seconded by Cheryl, and passed with no objections.

### Teacher Report

Ms. Collins-Don Leavy asked to put the BSA on the agenda for next meeting with respect to requesting support for a multicultural night.

### Special-Ed

Marcel made a recommendation to make a quiet room available with activities when there are school events like the Halloween Dance, and also for other things like earmuffs to be available.

Ms. Brown to look into it and set up options for the Halloween dance.

### Treasurer Report

See attached report. The following items were moved for approval by Cheryl, seconded by Bekki, and passed with no objections raised.

- \$6,700 for Scientists in the Schools
- \$2,600 for school presentation
- \$2,300 Forest of Reading

Cheryl to propose a budget meeting time.

Given the late time, any other updates were to be provided asynchronously. Bekki moved to adjourn the meeting, and Katie seconded.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm.