

JEANNE SAUVÉ CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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CSAC Chair: Scott Bell



Minutes ~ May 4, 2021 ~ 6:00pm

1. Welcome and Prayer: Jen Keene 6:00pm
2. Call to Order & Recording of Attendance: Scott Bell
Beth Laing, Delia Brander, Diana Bordman, Jaimie Serf, Mel Nelson, Jen Keene, Marianne Braca, Scott Bell, Pip Young, Angela Fawcett, Heather Reese, Marloes Aitcheson
3. Approval of Agenda: Beth motions to approve the agenda, Diana seconds, all in favour, passed.
4. Approval of Minutes from Jan. 14, 2021: Diana motions to approve the minutes, Beth seconds, all in favour, passed.
5. Financial Report & Approval of Financial Report - Beth Laing
Total balance \$10,276.32, with \$2249 in Trust, leaves \$8027.32 in CSAC account.
No spending has occurred since the last meeting.
Pip approves the financial report as is, Diana seconds, all in favour, passed.
6. Principal's Report & Business Arising from Report - Jennifer Keene
This week we are celebrating **Catholic Education Week**- Our theme this year is **Nurturing Hope and Resilience**. Catholic Education Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Staff have been celebrating this in their daily lessons throughout the week
The Avon Thames Family of Parishes will be hosting a Catholic Education week mass on Thursday at 9:30am

Erin Green (grade 8 student) has been chosen as the recipient of the Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees' Student Leadership Award for your Jeanne Sauvé. The criteria for this award is rooted in the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations which include being an active witness to your faith, one who shows respect and dignity for all, is an effective communicator, and has the ability to work collaboratively and responsibly within your school, parish and community.

Each year, the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is honoured to recognize the efforts and achievements of students whose actions and presence in their school makes a very positive difference. **Ellen Bondi** and **Katie Goforth** have been chosen by the staff of Jeanne Sauvé in recognition of these qualities. They have demonstrated these actions in the classroom, through extracurricular activities, by regularly helping fellow students and to the best of their ability.

The Kindergarten **Outdoor Learning Space** received a make-over on the weekend- mulch and sand were added to spruce up the yard- this work was done by Shear Gardens. This was covered through the school's budget.

Remote Learning Update:

We have pivoted to Remote Learning again- staff are feeling more confident this time around. We “wonder” if we will be back in the school again after the long weekend. Staff have been accommodating families to the best of their abilities to support the challenges our families are faced with. We are seeing less families engaged in the learning .

Parliament is in the “beginning stages” of planning some remote clubs for the students to sign up for... for example they are looking at a cooking club (supervised by parents), and an art club. More details will come soon. Parliament was even able to organize a “Covid friendly” Carnival.

Lenten season brought opportunities for students to support our community. Our Kindergarten classes and our Gr.3/4 class gathered canned goods for The House of Blessing. We’ve had a variety of spirit days to boost our student’s morale up- we have limitations to what we can do for fun BUT we are trying to be creative.

Kindergarten Orientation: we are working on a link for our future Kindy families seeing as we can not have them visit our schools like we traditionally do with Calling All three Year Olds. This link will be shared with our new families in June. The link will provide information for our families about Jeanne Sauvé. We will also be offering a virtual evening for our new families in June to meet the kindy teams and Administration to answer any questions they may have.

Mme Keene and Mme Valcke have joined a **Virtual Collaborative Network** for French Immersion Administrators. We have joined with Windsor Essex and St. Clair Catholic District School Boards for a Leadership Speaker Series. Our first session was about the challenges we are facing across the country - the growing gap between the number of students enrolling in French language programs and the availability of FSL teachers. We have 2 more scheduled sessions in the month of May.

Updates on Picnic Table: we have reached out to the town of Stratford to borrow tables for outdoor learning spaces again but unfortunately they are using them elsewhere at this time of the year so they are unavailable.

Student parliament has reached out to CRP to ask for a donation of a picnic table, but it has been a long-drawn-out process... they are not responding so Paula has been sending it to "specific" individuals to see if THEY would respond. We have done nothing from the school level to ordering one because we are waiting to hear them- in hopes they would donate one.

There is an opportunity from the board level also. In my last principal meeting, there was mention of an "Outdoor Furniture/ Equipment" grant from the ministry that the board applied for. I did reach out to the board in regards to this and pleaded our case and on Friday I received confirmation that we would get it. They can not share with me details of how much yet, hopefully to cover the cost of one table. We are still planning to use the \$2000 CSAC has offered us too. So, once we officially know from CRP we will proceed with our order. The goal is to have 3 tables by the end of the year.

Graduation Updates: We have put Thursday June 24th aside for Graduation. We are planning a virtual graduation again this year in hopes that we can have a drive by pick up like we did last year. No official word yet about this piece from the school board yet.

Father David/ Father Chris will be providing a live Graduation Mass for the school board again this year. No date has been confirmed yet for this.

7. Committee Reports & Business Arising from Reports:
 - I. Policy Review Committee - Nothing to report
 - II. School Culture Committee (Social/Hospitality) - Angela Fawcett
Ang reached out to Rob Wigan to host a virtual event like last year, has not heard back yet.
 - III. Faith / Spirit / Parish Rep - Marianne Braca
This is Catholic Education Week. For the Crowning of Mary families are invited to bring flowers to our statue of Mary at the front of the school.
Sacrament preparation has been happening as best as possible with the parish, the school and the home, through virtual sessions and home learning.
 - IV. French Culture - Pip - nothing to report.
 - V. Graduation - Heather
Awaiting for further approval of what we can or cannot do for Graduation.
The grade 8 students have designed a graduation sweatshirt and it will cost \$38.00-40.00 (X 34 students) OR tshirt which would cost \$15.00 (x34 students). They are wondering if CSAC would cover the cost if they went ahead with the tshirt version or contribute a specific amount to bring the cost down.
Also looking to have the Graduation Composites for our graduates which costs \$12.50/student= \$425.00 to be covered from CSAC.
The school already has 26 vinyl folders for these composites and we will cover the cost of ordering 8 more.
\$15.00 (tshirts)x34 students= \$510.00
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Heather motions to approve \$1000 toward these requests , Pip seconds, all in favour, passed.
 - VI. Safe and Healthy Schools Committee - nothing to report
Snack Program ~ Diana Bordman
Lunch/Milk Program ~ Rachel Peters
 - VII. Fundraising Committee - Jessica Drennan & Jen Weber - nothing to report
 - VIII. Learning Enhancement Program - on hold, nothing to report
8. Other Business:
 - a. Playground: Picnic tables - see Principal's report for update.
 - b. Kindergarten: Outdoor Space
Kindergarten Request: Our kindergarten team was looking into having someone rebuild their mud kitchen for their outdoor learning space. The existing one is unsafe and falling apart and is used ALL the time by the students. Unfortunately any furniture we purchase MUST be from an approved vendor- so no "home-furniture" Must be CSA approved (Canadian Standards Association). Therefore we must purchase a new mud kitchen. Spectrum Nasco has an outdoor messy mud kitchen available. The cost for this is \$589.92 before taxes and delivery. The total cost would be \$734.41. We are asking CSAC if they would be willing to pay for this item for our Kindergarten outdoor learning space.
Marloes motions to approve the purchase, Pip seconds. All in favour, passed.

c. Gr. 8 Graduate Composites - see Graduation above

9. Closing Prayer: Hail Mary

10. Meeting Adjourned

7:00pm

****Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00pm**

All CSAC meetings are held in the school library unless otherwise posted. There must be a minimum of 5 parents/council members (Chair, Vice Chair (or Co-Chairs), Treasurer, Secretary and the chair or delegate from each committee and sub-committee) there in order for voting to be able to take place.