

St. Jean Brebeuf School Council
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021

MINUTES

In Attendance:

S. Magoolagan, M. Jedrzejczak, B. Davies, N. Cormier, R. Nadal, K. Ciavioliello, L. Choporis, T. Burns, P. Kaminsky, J. Daly

Absent:

N. Carrejola, M. Jedrzejczak

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Missisauags of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this land.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was recited.

Parent Council:

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| Chair | Mirela Jedrzejczak |
| Co-Chair | Brian Davies |
| Treasurer | Susan Magoolagan |
| Secretary | Natalie Carrejola |
| OAPCE Rep. | Preston Kaminsky |
| Non-Teaching Reps | Kristina Ciavioliello, Nathalie Cormier |
| Parish Rep. | Rowena Nadal |
| Teacher Rep. | Tina Burns |

Parent Council email: parentcouncilSJB@gmail.com

Future Parent Council Meeting Dates

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| February 24 th , 2021 | 6:30 PM | Location TBA |
| April 14 th , 2021 | 6:30 PM | Location TBA |
| June 2 nd , 2021 | 6:30 PM | Location TBA |

Meeting Minutes Approval

Brian Davies and Preston Kaminsky.

Important Dates:

- Jan 18th: Extended French Information Session via ZOOM 7pm
- Jan 28th: PA Day (No school for students)

Feb. 9th: Reports go Home
Feb. 11th Interview Night (Details to follow)
Feb. 12th: Interview Day (Details to follow)
Feb. 15th: Family Day / no school
Feb. 16th: Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 17th: Ash Wednesday
Feb 24th: Catholic School Council Meeting at 6:30pm
March 15th -19th: March Break

Chair Report – B. Davies

Fundraisers for the Spring

- The requirement is that whatever the product of the fundraiser, it must deliver direct to home and not to the school due to COVID protocols.
- Big Box of Cards and chocolates are not an option for this year as a fundraiser as they deliver to the school.
- One option is DFS Canada.com. This includes options of kitchen and household items, snacks, beef jerky and meat fryer, and Easter Boxes. There is an additional fee to deliver to home instead of the school.
- Plantables.ca – 10% of each order is given back to the school. There are organic vegetables starting from \$4.00 each, and the planting kits run from \$24.00 up to \$130.00 each. The company begins to grow the plants for families and then delivers them to the home as seedlings for planting. This also ties into the goals of our Ecoteam at the school.
- The plan is to investigate the details before the next meeting due to the current lockdown. If the details are in place and we are permitted to hold the fundraiser, then we will be prepared. We will wait to see if the window of opportunity comes up after March Break depending on permissibility from the board, which Mrs. Choporis will investigate. The council will review the details by next meeting to determine timing and feasibility.
- Council has offered to pay for planters or urns outside of the school with plants in it. This will be reviewed this in spring.
- Parent Council is asking if there is anything else that teachers may require funding for, given the move to lockdown, online learning and COVID related restrictions. An idea to think about may be an outdoor learning area. This would have to be investigated further with the school board as well. Another suggestion is a school-wide presentation, such as Earth Rangers, or virtual presentations. School generated funds are approximately \$16,000 and they are looking at a Smart Board, additional computers and Chrome Books. The plan will have to be re-worked for School Generated Funding budget, but the school had wanted to designate funds for at least two presentations school wide. These run approximately \$800.00 to \$1000.00. Parent council suggested this maybe something our funds can assist with. Mr. Daly and Mrs Choporis are exploring options for these presentations and are also welcome suggestions.

- Mrs. Choporis is asking the teachers if there is a wish list of items beyond the \$100.00 allocated by Parent Council that they can present to Parent Council.

• **Treasurer Report - S. Magoolagan**

November 2020 Month End Balance

\$10,359.02

December 2020 Month End Balance

\$9859.02

- \$500 was withdrawn for the support for families in the Community for Christmas.
- As of December 31, 2020, the \$650.00 cheque had not been cleared for Tumblebooks.

Teacher Allocation

- \$100.00 is allocated to each teacher, however given the circumstances, the spending has not been happening very quickly, understandably. The teachers will be reminded the money is available for them.

Parish Report – R. Nadal

- Monday through Saturdays the Church is being held for Private Prayer in the Parish.
- Sunday is allocated for Holy Communion Services from 09:00am to 1:00pm.
- Up to a maximum of 10 people are allowed.
- Confessions are by private appointment only.
- Confirmation – There has been no date granted yet.
- The Rosary Apostolate also posts links which have been shared with staff at the school.

OAPCE Report – P. Kaminsky

Preston received an email to the last newsletter of 2020. There was nothing of current relevance for the community.

Teacher’s Report -- T. Burns

- Many teachers have put the Tumblebooks link in their classrooms.
- The teachers did have questions regarding what they are able to use their Parent Council allocated funds for given the current circumstances. They were referred to administration to confirm what is permissible.
- Some teachers are considering pooling their allocated funds together for virtual presentations.

Principal’s Report – L. Choporis

Faith

- Continue to celebrate monthly virtue celebrations virtually. Virtue of the month for January is Self-Control.
- Daily Reflections and Scripture readings are read on the announcements.

- Christmas Food Drive very successful! THANK YOU!!
- First Reconciliation and First Communion. St. Anthony's parish is now accepting registrations as per information posted on their website.
- School Mass Thursday, February 11th , 2021 (Looking to possible change date)
- Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on February 17th (Likely combined with Virtue celebration)

Curriculum Items & Other School Information

- School closure extended to February 10th , 2021. Students to learn synchronously online.
- Term 1 report cards go home Tuesday, February 9 th, 2021. Parent/teacher interviews scheduled to be held evening of Thursday, February 11th , 2021 and during the day on February 12th 2021. More details to follow regarding how they will be done during pandemic.
- Catholic School Learning Team to meet January 26th , 2021. Focus will be on Student well-being.
- Eco Initiatives – looking to sustain Platinum certification. During the month of December and January, Ms. Franco and the team have been focusing on: (Lights Out/ Refillable Bottles/ How to discard waste and recycle appropriately).
- Catholic Education Week – May 2- 7th - Theme this year is “Nurturing Hope”.
- JK registrations have begun this week.
- Extended French Parent meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM on Monday, January 18th 2021. Link in Newsletter.
- Aussie X is continuing. Login instructions sent to all staff

Extra-Curricular

- N/A

Health & Safety/ Plant

- Regular health and safety routine checks take place monthly and our school is extremely compliant.
- PPE's continue to be delivered and dispersed on a monthly basis.
- Drills to continue Term 2 once weather is better. Mandated to complete 3 Fire Drills/ 1 Lockdown Drill/ Review

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was recited by Rowena Nadal.

Pending for November

- Budgetary discussions for parent council.
- Possible spring fundraiser.

Meeting Minutes by:

N. Carrejola