



**St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic  
Elementary School**

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**Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday February 23, 2022, Virtual, 6:30pm**

**In Attendance**

Isabel Sauve, Principal  
Kim Romany, Chairperson  
Jonathan Kostoff, Teacher Representative  
Karen Rose, Non-Teacher Representative

Natalie Laporte, Vice Principal  
Cindy De Lio, Secretary  
Tina Marano, Teacher Representative

**Regrets**

Joel Moody, Treasurer

Hank Rizkalla, Parent Representative

**Guests**

Hilda  
Oliver

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Meeting commenced at 6:31 pm

**Approval of Agenda**

- Cindy De Lio 1<sup>st</sup>, Kim Romany 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Cindy De Lio 1<sup>st</sup>, Kim Romany 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Chairperson Update - K. Romany**

- Annual CSC report completed and submitted on time.
- Fundraising
  - Spring will be the best time to hold fundraising.
  - Kernels cost per bag is \$1.25, we would sell at \$2.25 - \$2.50 depending on the flavor. Students will help with distribution.
  - Sipology is a tea selection fundraising. The students are given a website to manage their fundraising, minimal work would be need by volunteers.
  - Spring Flower fundraiser through Sheridan Nurseries, Kim will look into further information.
- PRO Grant
  - Received \$500 for parent engagement, Kim will research speakers.
- Grade 8 graduation celebration
  - We will need to wait to see what restrictions will still be in place.
  - Grade 8 students have the option of ordering Spirit Wear.
- Sacramental celebrations
  - Grade two students will participate in rosary making through Beadings Buds.
  - Grade seven students' ideas are still being discussed.

**Principal's Report - I. Sauvé**

- See attached.

**Treasurer Update - J. Moody**

- Absent.

**Teacher Rep. Update/Non-teacher Rep. Update - J. Kostoff / T. Marano / K. Rose**

- Mrs. Marano - In the library we have been focusing on Canadian Black History. Through the purchase of Sankofa books, students have been stimulated and showing a lot of interest.
- Mr. Kostoff – The new Virtual format for announcements, students have well received each morning, they look forward to announcements each morning. Important to include students who are online as well.

**Other Items & Adjournment**

- No other items.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Next Meeting Apr 20 2022 @ 6:30pm



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**Catholic School Council 2021-2022**  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**School Organization**

**1. Student Population & School February Reorganization**

Currently at 464 students in-person and 27 online for a total of 491 students.  
School reorganization did not take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup> as there were only 4 students who came back to in-person learning and 1 student going to remote-learning.

**2. Staffing**

- We said goodbye to Mrs. Guimaraes who retired on February 11, 2022.
- We welcome Mr. Riley Braunstein to the Grade 1/2B class. He will be the new Long Term Occasional Teacher for Mrs. Guimaraes.
- We say goodbye to Ms. Elizabeth Mills-Brooks, our acting Assistant Secretary, who will leave us on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We welcome back, Mrs. Palma Giansante, our Assistant Secretary, who will be returning on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Literacy and Numeracy & Excellence in Student Achievement**

**1. School Focus - Mathematics:**

We continue to focus on mathematical fluency and high impact strategies that include descriptive feedback, learning goals, and success criteria as well as direct instruction. We have been devoting part of our staff meetings to this professional development.

**2. EQAO – Gr. 3 & 6**

The provincial assessments in language and mathematics will take place this year for both Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. The format has changed, and the assessment will be digital. We continue to await further information from the Ministry of Education.

**3. Student Census**

Many thanks to all our families and students who were able to complete our Student Census. We had a completion rate of 94%. Many thanks also go to our teachers for working to support many students during class time for its completion.

**4. Term 1 Reports, Parent-Teacher Interviews February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Term 1 Reports were issued to students on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. These are accessible through student email.

**5. Black History Month Activities**

Continuing education for staff and students have become a regular part of our school curriculum to further understanding of Black history and the contributions made by many Black Canadians and individuals around the world, both past and present.

Presentations include: Nadine Williams, Por Amor, Trailblazers, and Saidat.

## 6. Student Activities

- a. Sports: There is currently a pause on sports. We are awaiting further direction regarding this.
- b. Clubs will resume at our school: they currently include Rosary Club, Eco Schools, and Morning Announcements.
- c. Graduation photos have also been scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Photographers are Edge Imaging.

## 7. Brock University Teacher Candidates

Our school hosted five Brock University teacher candidates, who just recently finished up their practicums with us. Many thanks to Mrs. Boles, Ms. Macri, Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Tomas-Zahhar for their support of these teacher candidates.

## 8. St. Joan of Arc C.S.S. Co-op Student Placement

We hosted a co-op student from St. Joan of Arc C.S.S. this past Term 1. Many thanks to Mrs. Mauricette-Skyers for being a mentor.

## Health & Safety

1. **Fire Drills and Lockdown Practices:** We will be booking our next set of Fire Drills for the second term, including our lockdown and hold & secure practices.
2. **Student and Staff Safety – COVID protocols:** We continue to adhere to Peel Public Health measures for schools and board expectations around COVID safety for students and staff. Some items may vary in schools as they are site-specific depending on the school community and location. Students and staff continue to report results from COVID self-screening daily.
3. **Kiss & Ride Expectations:** Will be reviewed with parents to ensure the safety of all to come to our school.
4. **COVID Vaccination Clinic:** Our school was chosen to be a pilot for a Vaccine Clinic put on by Peel Public Health on January 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success.  
Future clinic dates are March 9 and March 22. Times remain from 12:30pm – 7:30pm.

## Catholic Community, Culture and Caring

### 1. Sacramental Dates

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) have been contacted by the church regarding First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We are forwarding the letters to families as we receive them.

- First Reconciliation will be taking place the week of April 4 – 8 at the evening masses.
- First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 14 at 10:00am and 1:00pm
- Confirmation: we have not yet received a date.

All questions regarding Sacraments should be directed to the church office.

Beading Buds will be working with the students to make Communion bracelets.

### 2. ShareLife

Our ShareLife fundraising committee has been formed and is led by Mrs. Antezza, Mrs. Salema, Ms. Bunde, and Mrs. Mauricette-Skyers. For students we are selling Terra Cotta Vanilla Snowman Cookies and Christmas Candy Cane Grams. For staff, an employee campaign through payroll deduction or one-time donation has started. Our students were able to raise over \$2900.00 for ShareLife! Many thanks to all our families for their continue support of this worthwhile cause.

### 3. Bullying Awareness and Prevention

- *Bell Let's Talk Day* was a school wide recognition of the importance of mental health and well-being. Mrs. Antezza led this initiative with announcements, activities and bringing awareness to students and staff about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. The day was capped off with a slide show presentation created by teachers for the students.
- *Brave Education* has been working all week with classes about bullying awareness and prevention. The topics focus on setting healthy boundaries and bystanders. There continues to be activities the teachers have planned for students and morning announcements also focus on the theme of being kind.
- *Pink Shirt Day* was celebrated February 23 and students, and staff were invited to wear pink to show their support of bullying awareness and prevention. Theme continues to be kindness and lifting each other up.

#### 4. Eco-Schools

- Many of the classes have signed up for workshops offered by the Region of Peel that support education of our students on good environmental practices, energy conservation, and waste management. These are offered throughout the school year on a variety of topics.
- As we continue to work on ways for our school community to be good stewards of our environment our Eco-Teams have been formed and are run by division. Our application for our annual Eco-School certification has been completed. We continue to submit items to our digital portfolio. Many thanks to Mrs. Lopez, Ms. Vien, and Mr. Rossit for their leadership.
- *National Sweater Day* was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to recognize the importance of energy conservation and appropriate use of resources. Students and staff were invited to wear a favourite sweater to recognize this important day.
- *Great Big Crunch* and *Great Gulp* are upcoming Eco-School initiatives that will also be participated in board-wide and province-wide.

#### 5. Equity & Diversity

Our Equity & Diversity team will be meeting again soon to continue our conversations about building capacity amongst staff at the school. By educating staff through culturally responsive pedagogy, we plan to deliver curriculum that is meaningful and relevant to students. Staff will be leading monthly initiatives, like our Virtues program, where there will be a specific focus for students. Our school-wide goals continue to include:

- taking an audit of our school and classroom climates and instruction (including texts and reading materials)
- looking at student voice and creating safe spaces; focus on mental health and well-being
- staff professional development
- Next Step: involvement of parent(s)/guardian(s) and community stakeholders

Respectfully submitted,



I. Sauvé  
Principal