VIRTUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
February 2, 2021 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Attendance:
Present: Terri-Lynn Geisel, Elise Sine, Cynthia Sehl, Eunice Salubi, Karyn Zister, Angela O’Brien, Alicia Kowalski, Samira Gancevich
Regrets: Diane Gladding, Michelle Wisniowski and Meaghan Zmija

1. Opening Prayer –Eunice
   Approval of December CSAC minutes - Alicia

2. Principal’s Opening Remarks – Terri-Lynn

Virtual Learning
- receiving positive feedback from families re: our pivot to remote learning since Jan. 4, 2021
- maintained a “school day” schedule and included synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- distribution of Chromebooks assisted families to participate more actively.
- tentative return date is February 8th or 16th
- once return date is confirmed, the transition survey will be shared with families to allow families to transfer between virtual / face-to-face learning – will communicate through a school broadcast.
- Waiting for Ministry update
- Upon return to face-to-face students, masks will be mandatory now for Gr 1-8 unless an exemption has been completed. In addition, masks will now be required outside where social distancing remains a challenge. Families are encouraged to send a few masks a day in the event they become moist or soiled. https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/APH034-01F
- Staff are required to provide confirmation of Self-screening tool prior to school each day
- Families must ensure that you are completing the COVID Screening tool for your child prior to sending students to school. Continue to encourage families to keep students at home if they are not feeling well. Return 24 hours after symptoms have resolved. https://covid19checkup.ca/

Winter Walk Day
- In light of the extension of at home learning, we will be moving to a ‘virtual’ event. Students are asked to walk at least 1 block at any point on the 10th. We encourage families to tweet out their walk day photos and tag us at #WWDWR2021
- #WinterWalkDay is the perfect opportunity for students to get outside and enjoy their journey to school. Walk to and from school to improve physical and mental health, create a healthier environment, safer streets, make friends and have fun! This year, we are holding an online event due to Covid restrictions.

Human Trafficking
- WCDSB has begun to add content on human trafficking in Waterloo Region and accessing help to our website, https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/safe-schools/
- Included on the site is the Human Trafficking presentation provided in association with the Multidisciplinary Response to Combat Human Trafficking, Waterloo Region last week.
• Within the slideshow presentation you will note direct links from the lens of our Catholic faith as well as where the strands are found within the Ontario curriculum.
• strategies for keeping your child(ren) safe are included in the presentation.
• forms of human trafficking include: child soldiers, forced begging, sexual exploitation, selling children, removal of organs, forced labour
• sex trafficking happens through: luring (assess vulnerability), grooming / gaming (honeymoon stage), coercion and manipulation (attacks vulnerability - makes her question his love), sexual exploitation (broken down child’s self-esteem / threatens loved ones; intimidation and control)
• Average age of recruitment into sex trafficking is 13 years old.
• Direct professional development around this important topic will be forthcoming for educators in the near future.
• Religion Curriculum ~ Dignity and Worth of the Human Person:
  • Gr. 7 lesson ~ What is Human Trafficking?
  • Gr. 8 lesson ~ Human Trafficking: Awareness and Perspective
  • Gr. 9 lesson ~ The Human Side of Trafficking
  • Gr. 10 lesson ~ Sweatshops - Challenges and Possible Solutions
  • Gr. 11 lesson ~ Human Trafficking - What is the Cost?
  • Gr. 12 lesson ~ Human Trafficking - Action Plans

Tiny Holmes
• Addressing issue of homelessness by trying to move homeless from tents to tiny homes.
• Tiny homes project ~ with retired principals/ waterloo region and gaining National attention
  https://vimeo.com/486941338/b087a1c51a
• Call for donations to “A Better Tent City” and the tremendous work being done by Father Toby Collins at St. Mary’s Parish to support this cause.
• This is truly a worthwhile cause developed right here in Kitchener to help fight homelessness and vulnerable in our own backyard and community.
• CSAC may contribute donations to Waterlooregion.org/A-Better-Tent-City click on the donate here link. Below you will find a tweet from Fr. Toby who is an amazing advocate for this project. Within the tweet is a video outlining the context and importance of the project.
  https://vimeo.com/486941338/b087a1c51a
• Being built by Lot 42 area in Kitchener
• If every school gave a donation of $200 we would have almost $9,600 dollars to support the creation of 3 new homes.
• If schools found it in their hearts to come up with $400 per site ($19,200), this would result in the construction of 6 homes.
• CSAC decides to support this worthwhile cause with a donation of approximately $2/student for a total of $750 and will encourage families to embrace donations via School Cash Line
• Alicia and Terri-Lynn will work together to create a newswire to

3. Financial Reports - Samira
• Current financial status – no changes to report

4. Report from Committees
Memory Book – Karen Z
• Thank you to Karen Zister for volunteering this year to coordinate our school yearbook.
• suggested a unique take on the book e.g., each student submitting a picture to represent their experience with a short response.
• Perhaps reduce the size to include 1 page per classroom.
• Suggestion to focus on the grade 8s with limited photos that may be available.
• A Microsoft Team will be schedule with School staff to decide further if we are able to pursue this initiative given Covid safety restrictions. – no class photos, no teams, no groups, no large-scale assemblies
Fundraiser - Angela and Samira

- Yet to be determined
- Possibilities - Mother’s Day Flowers, Fresh Produce, Indigo – still undetermined
- Targeting Cobbs and Factory Shoes with reminders on newswire.
- Action: Elise will look into Flipgive and email information to the committee to get feedback.

5. Dates for 2020-2021 Catholic School Advisory Council Meetings:
   - Tuesday, April 6
   - Tuesday, May 4 – Bishop’s Banquet – TBD
   - Tuesday June 1

6. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

   On behalf of the OLOL school community, thank you for joining our CSAC Meeting.