



CSAC Meeting # 3 – Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021, 6:00pm via Teams

Present: Rebecca L., Sarah G., Krista M., Janet R., Danielle R., Anna M., Carol Ann R., Melissa S., Teresa O.

1. Prayer Intentions - When This is Over - When this is over, may we never again take for granted a handshake with a stranger, conversations with neighbors, a crowded theater, Friday night out, the taste of Communion, a routine checkup, the school rush each morning, coffee with a friend, the stadium roaring, each deep breath, a boring Tuesday, life itself. When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be. And may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst. (Laura Kelly Fanucci)

2. Minutes from previous meeting – motion to accept from Krista & Teresa

3. Treasurer's Report – no update as there has been no action

4. Principal's Report

- Last meeting, concerns expressed - one comment wondering if the teachers could have done a welcome video at the beginning of the year (Action - we will send out a Meet the Teacher, once/week beginning in January)

- What about 2 peacekeepers per class rotating each week to promote safety, good friendships, helpfulness? (have not had an opportunity to implement this with the Covid lockdown and restrictions)

- Working on leadership opportunities with the gr. 7/8 class suggestion: could the gr. 5/6, 7/8 classes run live stream morning announcements? (teachers prefer to run this aspect of the day on their own time...a positive change from old routines)

School Improvement Planning:

Goals:

In mathematics, our goal is to become more efficient when selecting and using strategies for solving and communicating about grade-appropriate computational problems.

- If I use increasingly more efficient mathematical strategies then I will be able to more effectively solve math problems

***2 grades received MathUp training in 2019 – now all teachers are expected to use this program with very little training, working on finding new ways to explore the new math curriculum

In Language, our goal is to improve our ability to read for meaning.

- If I focus on reading comprehension skills, then I will be able to transfer this ability to solve mathematical problems.

- If I increase my use of comprehension strategies (through direct, explicit instruction), I will be able to understand what mathematical word problems are asking me to solve.

- 80% of our primary students (41/51 students) will be reading at instructional grade expectation by June

In Faith Development, our school community will liaise with the newly formed Lake Huron Family of Parishes to nurture practices (ie: sacraments/prayers/liturgical seasons), rooted in our Catholic faith.

***Sacraments - Gr. 2 (First Communion and Reconciliation) and Gr. 8 (Confirmation) parents will be notified by the parish office. The preparation is falling on the parents which is quite a change from how it was done in the past. Priests are currently live streaming their daily noon Mass and adjusting their homilies, so they are more child friendly in the hopes that classes will make a connection to them by seeing them this way.

- New faith development goals: we are working with our priests and it has been decided that Fr. Vince will liaise with the schools

Discussion about Remote Learning - Learning to teach remotely has been the biggest goal/challenge for our staff and student this year

- Question – will remote learning continue after covid? Teachers will pick and choose how much time students spend on technology

- Discussion about the amount of technology used daily for the younger kids vs after school – discuss personally with individual teachers

- Will schedules be streamlined? No, up to individual teachers based on their lesson plans and teaching styles

Staffing Update - Grade 4/5 Teacher - Teresa Oud - returns Feb. 3, 2021

Safe and Healthy School Committee:

- COVID 19 - Remote learning experience: I am so very proud of the work ethic of our teachers here at OLMC. Sarah G. expressed it well when she said we have 'struck gold' with our staff. The learning that has been accomplished by staff and students is remarkable.

Students - # of students in:

- Remote classrooms – 4 (3 after Feb. 3)
- Not attending - 2 (JK)
- Homeschool - 3
- Total enrollment in the building = 118 (after Feb 3)
- Total Enrolment including Remote Classrooms = 121

Our Catholic Identity:

Live manger scene (very well received-special thanks to Carrie and Mary Jane for their work on this, angel tree (incredible support-\$1310 in gift cards), food drive (240 items)

5. Other Business

- Grad Committee – put out a request to grade 8 families who may be interested in forming the committee; plan for an “in between” situation re: covid
- Discussion about remote learning...
 - kids may be afraid to ask questions in the classroom, is there potential for one on one? Laura Marsh making herself available during the week, teachers often available in “spare” teaching time
 - Are breakout rooms available for kids to work together in groups? Gr 7/8 is working on that, but it is difficult as the school board calls for supervision during school time and we don't have access to Google premium which include break out groups. Rebecca to look into Chrome extension for this purpose

6. Adjourned, next meeting April 21/21