Friday, June 30, 2021

Dear Parents and School Community:

Each year School Council is Required to submit an annual report to the community. The John Sweeney SCSAC Catholic School Advisory Committee) had a quiet year. Due to the closer we decided to hold off on fundraising efforts to show support for families feeling the impact of possible job loss with non-essential workplace closures (only the Factory Shoe fundraiser was offered this year).

We donated to our parish, A Better Tent City and The Terry Fox Run in an effort to help the school community get through the pandemic as we learned that they were in need due to the lack of fundraising. We are completing the final stage of our greening project in the fall of 2021. Those funds were raised for this project in 2018-2019.

The CSAC held 4 meetings on the following dates: Oct. 6, Jan. 5, Feb. 23, and May 4 concentrated on the issues listed above. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community to inform our discussions of the various issues considered.

The purpose of the CSAC is to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents, through the active participation of parents. CSACs are advisory organizations. A CSAC’s primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the school board. Boards and principals are responsible to consider recommendations made by each CSAC and advise the council(s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

While we are so proud of the charity and generosity of our Cardinal Community, we knew that this would be a tough year for all given the economic conditions brought on by the Covid-19 Pandemic. We will look to continue key fundraising activities and food days when it is safe and appropriate to do so. Please note that minutes and financial statement of council are available at the office.

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September CSAC elections. Issues, which we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new CSAC following the September elections include: supporting the school and parent community re understanding any Covid-19 Safety Protocols that may be present as we return to school again in the fall, setting direction and priorities re fundraising for future school enhancements and program for our students, etc.

From our families to yours, we wish you a safe and fun-filled summer 2021!

Sincerely,

John Sweeney School Council

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