

## REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES November 24, 2020

**Deb Crawford, Director of Education** 

SUBJECT: St. Clair Virtual Summer Learning Camp 2020

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## BACKGROUND:

The St. Clair Catholic Virtual Summer Learning Camp for primary students is funded through a grant provided by the Ministry of Education. This camp is a team effort, supported by all departments in the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. This year we received Ministry Funding in June to offer the first Virtual Learning Summer Camp.

We offered 4 grade 1/2 cabins, 3 grade 3/4 cabins and 1 English Language Learner Cabin with 15 students in each. Our multidisciplinary teams included 2 teachers, 1 child and youth worker and 1 educational assistant. Camp planning, daily professional learning and ongoing support was provided by camp curriculum leads and our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead.

While we have offered face to face camp for the last 6 years, this year our three-week camp was virtual and took place July 6<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily. Using a synchronous model of instruction, staff and students came together in a Google Meet each morning for 2 consecutive hours. The camp was focused on supporting literacy, numeracy and mental health and wellbeing.

Staff and students used a variety of applications including Flipgrid, Jamboard, Bitmoji classroom, Interactive Google Slides and G Suite tools to offer students an opportunity to share their thinking in both written and audio form.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: St. Clair Virtual Summer Learning Camp 2020 for information.