



ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 2020 @ 6:30PM

<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>ROLE</i>	<i>PRESENT/REGRETS</i>
Amanda Ferkul	Parent Rep	Present
Andrea Florian	Co-Chair	Present
Annette Palalas	Parish Rep	Present
Claudiu Preda	Parent Rep	Present
Jennifer Comisso	Parent Rep	Present
John McKinney	Secretary	Present
Lily Kwiatkowski	Parent Rep	Present
Lisa Fedor-Gould	Parent Rep	Regrets
Mabel Watt	OAPCE Rep	Present
Noble Poulouse	Parent Rep	Present
Ovidiu Cornea	Parent Rep	Present
Paul Haddaden	Parent Rep	Present
Ralston Vazz	Co-Chair	Present
Rudy Dahdal	Parent Rep	Present
Vito Roppo	Parent Rep	Present
TBD	Non-Teaching Representative	
Rory Sneyd	Teaching Representative	Present
Temporary fill-in	Vice Principal	
Brian Melanson	Principal	Present

Opening Prayer – Ralston

Welcome and Introduction of Council Members & Guests – Ralston

Review of Agenda – Ralston

Link to meeting [agenda](#)

Motion to approve: Mabel

Motion seconded: Andrea

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes – Ralston

Link to meeting [minutes](#)

Motion to approve: Jen

Motion seconded: Ovi

Administrator's Report – Mr. Melanson

Reminder to keep conversations timely and meaningful with the goal of a 90 min meeting

ACHIEVING:

CURRICULUM & UPDATES

- SIP Goals: Safe School and Equity & Inclusion, Mental Health & Well-Being, and Numeracy have been our focus to begin the year along with continuing the Halton Public Health guidelines for COVID and “Reopening Schools”
- Cross Panel – Met virtually to finalize plans for our Intermediates and Corpus Christi, with a number of activities to be held throughout the year either virtually, or resources delivered to us for students to complete with their classroom teacher; also working on joint FOS parent piece with Chris Vollum (presentation to intermediates during the day, followed by an evening presentation virtually to our parents within our family of schools)
- Next PA Day is Friday, November 27th for Parent/Teacher Interviews – still waiting on direction from the Board about how this will look virtually, so information will come out once we hear more
- MathUp underway, focus on the new Math curriculum, virtual presentations and workshops for teachers
- Reading interventions: RTI has started as well as our Empower program
- Progress Reports going home November 24th
- Grade 4 CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Testing) starting the week of November 16th through to December 4th (run by our SERTs and the classroom teachers)
- IEPs for first term went home October 20th
- Anti-Racism workshops continued virtually for our staff, will be including these learnings in our Equity and Inclusion plans
- Teacher Candidates in 6 classrooms started today until December 17th from Brock University

BELIEVING:

CATHOLICITY

- Monthly Liturgies: Next virtual Liturgy is November 11th at 10:45am
- Classroom prayers are being submitted by our students
- Church information about cancelled Sacraments and this year's Sacraments are posted on our website as well as the Church website as well as emailed directly to those classrooms. Currently this year's grade 3s are catching up on their Communion this month, this year's grade 2s have been asked to register....
- Christian Meditation over the announcements school wide every afternoon at 1:00pm once we are all inside after lunch (classrooms have been practicing; reminder that Christian Meditation focuses on silence and focusing; great way to have students settled after the morning to prepare for the afternoon)

BELONGING:

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- Photos – still waiting for approval to have pictures taken
- Spirit Wear – aiming for two Fridays a month to wear along with uniforms
- WEBSITE updated on a regular basis; not much happening on our Calendar but it is updated with the information we have; TWITTER account activated and going again...
- SchoolMessenger will continue with School Updates at least once a week
- All teachers have their methods of communicating, and this should always be first step when issues/concerns arise
- Including virtual students with our transitions to grade 9, grade 4 testing, etc
- Response to parents/emails/phone calls – accessible and everything will be handled

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Video message as a thank you
- Halloween – virtual “parade” showcasing each class after announcements on Friday
- Fundraising ideas – to be discussed at tonight's council
- Spirit wear – aiming for two Fridays per month to wear along with uniforms
- Virtual Council of Chairs meeting on November 25th at 6:30pm to 9:00pm

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS:

- Continuing with routines following COVID guidelines (cohorts, zones, recesses split, no equipment, washroom logs, seating plans, essential visitors only)
- Budget review/SGF Plan (screen shared with council – opening balance and Annual School Generated Funds Plan)
- Emergency Procedures: Fire Drills/Lock Down/Bomb Threat – have had three Fall fire drills (COVID style), one lockdown drill with communication to community; 1 Bomb Threat drill completed (2 per year); won't have any more till the New Year in 2021, where we will have our 2nd lockdown drill, and the Bomb Threat and 3 more Fire Drills in the Spring
- Entry in the morning/recesses/lunch procedures; Doors open and Supervision begins at 8:25am in our hallways, staff at the four entrances (Kindergarten, Door 3, Door 10 and Door 11)
- Drop-offs in the morning/Pick-ups after school seem to be running smoothly (no waits, utilizing Kiss and Ride lanes, adhering to crosswalks and staff, using the Doug Wright Park parking lot)
- Curriculum Night participation (Thank you!)

Committee Reports

Chair – Andrea & Ralston

- CPAC elections – please review the email that Ralston is going to send
- Council of Chairs update – November 25th
- OPACE representative – no update at this time

Community Rep – Ovi

- No update

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education – Mabel

- No update

Non-Teaching Staff Updates – TBD

- No update

Parish Updates – Annette

- Virtual masses are being held

Teaching Staff Updates – Rory

- No update

New Business

Fundraising

- Halloween Dance-A-Thon
 - o appealed to parent population for a donation and generated about \$4000 raiser
- Major Fundraiser is only once per year – and the funds raised are to be spent during the school year
- Minor donation opportunities to address needs (ie: outdoor play equipment?)
- Ideas:
 - o Pizza Pizza – not interested
 - o Gift Cards
 - Ralston has signed up St Anne with Flip Give
 - school receives a percentage of the cards brought
 - Using the App – school receives a percentage of the purchases made
 - Percentages vary from vendor to vendor
 - Timeframe is flexible
 - o Pita Pit – not interested
 - o Cobs
 - Portion of sales goes back to St Anne
 - needs to be reiterated to the school

- Boxes of Cards
 - Still running but central delivery to school for distribution to students
 - **Motion proposed** to put on hold until the spring proposed by John
 - **Motion seconded** by Amanda
- Spirit Wear
 - Grad Wear option – special hoodie for the Grade 8s
 - Navy Hoodie with Spirit on the front and signatures on the back (Nameplate option)
 - Mock-up will go out to families
 - Grade 8s will be able to wear those special grad hoodies on every Friday this year courtesy of Mr Melanson
 - First round generated about \$2500 in sales
- Silent Auction
 - Standardised letter can be sent from school to families – needs details of timing and specifics
 - Potentially need a license
 - Porch drop off
 - Andrea **proposed motion** to focus on FlipGive
 - Mabel **seconded motion**
- Indigo Books
 - Scheduled Nov 12th where if St Anne is mentioned then 15% will go back to the school
 - Buy FlipGive Indigo cards and then purchase
 - Burlington mall location in-store only
- **Suggestion to have targeted campaign for outdoor equipment**
- Donation button remains active on the St Anne website
 - anything over \$25 generates a tax receipt
- Noble reaching out to local bank branches to see if they would make donations to school for signing up new [Leo Young Savers](#) accounts

Prayer for Next meeting: Amanda Ferraro

Next meetings:

- December 7th @ 6:30pm
- Tentative meeting January 18th @ 6:30pm

Review of Correspondence

Mail

- Can't check

E-Mail

- no update

Wrap up and adjournment

Mabel **proposed motion** to adjourn meeting

Motion seconded by Ovi

Meeting adjourned @ 7:41pm