



## Catholic School Council Minutes

October 5, 2020	St. Bernadette School	6:30pm
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<b>MEETING:</b>	Catholic School Council Meeting #1	
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Gloria Yana Motta	
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Amanda Bitondo (back up: Carol Stubits)	
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Rita DeLuca Malette    Kathy Ventresca Amanda Bitondo        Betsy Karnick Issy Pullman            Elle Riva Noreen Shallow        Nathalie Winkels Gloria Yana Motta      Christine Phillips Elaine Buzzell          Diana Palalas Francesca Di Paolo     Carol Stubits	
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Cathy Grillo              Glenda Stephenson	
<b>PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Kathy Andrews          Michele Sams	
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>		

6:30 pm	Welcome	Principal
6:30 – 6:35 pm	Introductions & Prayer	All
6:35 – 6:40 pm	Commissioning Ceremony	Principal
6:40 – 6:45 pm	Approval of Agenda	Principal
6:45 – 6:50 pm	Selection of Chair and Secretary	Council Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: G. Yana Motta</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary: A. Bitondo</li> </ul>	
6:50 – 6:55 pm	Principal's Report	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R. DeLuca Malette highlighted the happenings within the school community over the past month in the areas of Curriculum (Achieving), Catholicity (Believing) and Community and School Culture (Belonging). See report below for details.</li> </ul>	
6:55 – 7:05 pm	Student Engagement Information	Principal/I. Pullman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently running selected extra-curriculars virtually</li> <li>Peace and Justice Club (PJ Club)</li> <li>Cultural Club</li> <li>Staff working together to expand extra-curriculars safely</li> </ul>	
7:05 – 7:15 pm	Annual School Generated Funds Plan Discussion	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Van Gemert will wrap up last year's report</li> <li>Financial report will be provided at November's meeting</li> </ul>	
7:15 – 7:20	Literacy & Numeracy	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MathUP program (all students)</li> <li>New Math curriculum (all students)</li> <li>Empower Reading Program (criteria-based selected students)</li> <li>Lexia Reading Program (Junior classes)</li> <li>RAZ Kids Reading Program (Primary classes &amp; parental request for online learners)</li> </ul>	
7:20 – 7:35 pm	Parent Engagement/Communication	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Bernadette will continue to use a variety of methods to communicate what's happening at the school with parents (Twitter, school website, school messenger)</li> <li>Council in favour of a council specific email for community engagement purposes</li> <li>Request made for council email address to be posted on school website to promote community engagement</li> <li>Council member and R. DeLuca Malette would need to have email password</li> </ul>	
7:35 – 7:50 pm	Return to School Planning Committee	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings are constantly occurring (parents, school staff, board staff, Public Health)</li> <li>We continue to align ourselves with Halton Public Health guidelines</li> <li>Our goal is to keep you as up to date as possible</li> <li>Plan is accessible on HCDSB website</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next re-organization start date is Monday, October 19, 2020</li> <li>• Extra-curriculars and events are on hold at this time</li> <li>• Recess equipment is not allowed until further notice</li> <li>• Exploring how to use the gym and other large spaces for DPA and physical education</li> </ul>	
7:50 – 7:55 pm	Virtual Open House	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrating Learning Presentation will be virtual</li> <li>• Parents will have access to a link to access their child/ren’s virtual classroom PowerPoint Presentation created by their classroom teacher(s)</li> </ul>	
7:55 – 7:57 pm	Future Meeting dates	Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All 6:30 pm start</li> <li>• Nov. 2, Dec. 3., Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Apr. 12, May 10</li> <li>• Minutes will be posted to school website to avoid needing the minutes approved</li> </ul>	
7:57 – 8:00 pm	Action Items Recap	Secretary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report 2019-2020</li> <li>• SGF: how much money is remaining</li> <li>• Review pledge and declaration located in our OneNote binder</li> </ul>	
8:00 pm	Adjournment	All

## Principal's Report – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Achieving: Curriculum

1. On Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> our staff participated in a Professional Development session with a focus on Health & Safety – We reviewed staff and student protocols and safety guidelines outlined by Public Health, the Ministry of Education and the Board Office.
2. On Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> our staff participated in several Professional Development Modules focused on Digital Platforms (D2L), Numeracy and Literacy Best Practices.
3. On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Staff “Re-Opening Committee” met to discuss schedules, supervision and procedures regarding the safe re-entry of our students.
4. On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> our staff participated in two Professional Development sessions. The first focused on “Mental Health & Well Being for Students & Staff” and the second focused on Anti-Racism and Anti-Black Racism.
5. On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> our school staffing was re-organized to accommodate those students who left for virtual learning and to receive our new students.
6. On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> our “Re-Opening Committee” met with our parent representatives to discuss our re-opening plans and procedures. On this day staff organized the yard and field areas

into zones and we practiced how students would transition in & out of the building as well as within the building.

7. "Planting the Seed of Success" Document is being used by teaching staff to assist students in developing Learning Skills through a Catholic Lens. Progress Reports are due to go home on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Teachers from grades 1 to 8 are using "MathUP" to support & strengthen our students sense of number. Classroom teachers will be involved in Virtual Catholic Learning Communities throughout the year focusing upon how to use this new resource and support all students in strengthening their Number Sense.
9. Mrs. Bitondo (SERT) and Mrs. Goodwin-Duncan (SERT) have been developing IEPs in consultation with parents and staff. IEPs will be sent home on October 20<sup>th</sup>
10. This year Mrs. Bitondo will be running our Empower Program. This is an evidenced based reading program and will be targeting specific students in gr. 3 & 4 based on student need & profile of learner.
11. Mrs. Bitondo and Mme Knez will share the Teacher in Charge position for this school year and have received their training via online modules and in consultation with administration.
12. Staff are presently completing diagnostics in reading, writing and mathematics to establish next steps in your child's learning journey.

### **Believing: Catholicity**

1. The St. Matthew Parish Team shared information with the school regarding sacramental preparation for this school year.
2. Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations ~ Student Recognition. This will occur 7 times throughout the year following a mass or liturgy. Students in KDG, primary, junior and intermediate divisions will be awarded a medal for demonstrating the school's Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation focus.
3. Our first virtual Peace & Justice Prayer Service took place on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Orange Shirt Day. Thank you to Mrs. Pullman and her students for organizing this for our school community.
4. Ms. Pizzimenti will attend a virtual Pastoral Animator In-service, on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Belonging: Community / School Culture**

1. First week (First Day) of school - very smooth start up - thank you parents for your support! Our Staff were very impressed with how quickly our students adapted to our new safety protocols and routines AND we were extremely appreciative of all the support we have received from our parents!
2. On Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we held our Virtual Safe and Caring School Assembly for our students in Kindergarten to grade 4 and grades 5-8.
3. Emergency Response Protocols have been reviewed with all staff. We will be holding our Fire Drills the Week of October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be notified when our Lock Down practices and Bomb Drills occur via our Weekly Update. Your continued support in reminding your children that school is a safe place is greatly appreciated.
4. Our CYC, Ms. Marajh is working with our classroom teachers and providing virtual classroom programs with each grade level.

5. Our Staff are presently rethinking and planning on how to offer extra-curricular activities for our students ~ stay tuned for some great "thinking outside the box"!
6. On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> all students & staff were encouraged to wear orange to support the "Every Child Matters" campaign.
7. This year, under the direction of Public Health we will not be able to offer any lunch programs. We greatly appreciate our parents support & understanding by ensuring that your child has a lunch & everything that they will need for a successful day at school when they leave the house each morning!
8. Halton Food for Thought will be delivering Grab and Go Healthy Food Boxes for each classroom monthly. The snack bins are available for all students.
9. School Communication: We are encouraging all our families to access the school web site as a main source of information and communication. Weekly Updates will be posted on the Website. Families will receive a school email on Fridays informing them of upcoming school events and information. We encourage all our families to follow us on Twitter: **@stbernhcdsb**