



Catholic School Council Minutes

October 5, 2021	MS Teams Virtual Meeting	6:30 pm
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MEETING:	Catholic School Council Meeting #5
CHAIR:	G. Yana Motta
SECRETARY:	C. Stubits

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Alfaro • F. DiPaolo • E. Haugland • D. Palalas • C. Phillips • S. Rathugamage • K. Sanford • S. Steve-Fagbemi
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Stubits • D. Tassone • G. Yana • N. Winkels • N. Shallow • K. Boss • R. DeLuca Malette

REGRETS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Karnick
PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Degraf • K. Lacey
SPECIAL NOTES	

7:00 pm	Welcome & Prayer	R. DeLuca Malette
7:05 – 7:10 pm	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by N. Winkels and C. Stubits • Selection of Chair – Gloria Yana and Secretary C. Stubits 	R. DeLuca Malette
7:10 – 7:15 pm	Principal’s Report – see below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Deluca Malette’s report attached 	R. DeLuca Malette
7:15 – 7:20 pm	Student Engagement Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around extra-curricular and who decides when it will re-start – Rita confirmed they are awaiting instructions from the board 	R. DeLuca Malette

	<p>(Superintendent who works closely with Public Health) on this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs or activities of interest include sewing, crocheting, dance, volleyball, cross-country and hockey. • Strong support to bring back lunch programs (pizza, hot lunch, cookies) Committee struck to investigate • Halloween dance will take place! 	
7:20 – 7:25 pm	<p>Parent Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita to send proposed by-law change for council for approval at next meeting • Agreement that Write the Cheque / Donation Campaign will resume this year as the main fundraising event • Will confirm what plan will be for graduation at a later date 	G. Yana Motta
7:25 – 7:40 pm	<p><u>Proposals: Updates and Submissions and New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School pictures will be scheduled (done) 	R. DeLuca Malette Council Members
7:40 – 7:45 pm	<p>Action Items Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita to look at accepting uniform donations • Lunch program committee to be formed • Rita to check on extra-curricular/sports • Rita to send by-law proposed changes to council 	C. Stubits
7:45 pm	Adjournment	All

Principal's Report – October 2021

Achieving: Curriculum

1. On Wednesday September 1st and Thursday September 2nd our staff participated in Professional Development sessions with a focus on the following:
 - a. Health and Safety Protocols
 - b. Mental Health and Well-Being for Staff and Students
 - c. Learning Recovery and Intervention Strategies
 - d. Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
 - e. School-based Priorities

2. On Wednesday September 1st, the Staff "Re-Opening Committee" and G. Yana (parent representative) met to discuss the Return to School 2021.
3. Mrs. Bitondo (SERT) and Mrs. Boss (SERT) have been developing IEPs in consultation with parents and staff. IEPs will be sent home on October 19th
4. Mrs. Bitondo will be running our Empower Program for grades 5-8 and Mrs. Boss will be coordinating the primary program. This is an evidenced based reading program and will be targeting specific students based on student need & the profile of learner.
5. Mrs. Bitondo and Mr. Kennific will share the Teacher in Charge position for this school year and have received their training via online modules and in consultation with administration.
6. 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 – postcards went home to grade 2 and grade 7 students for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
2. Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations ~ Student Recognition. The School Ambassadors organized by Ms. Cvetkovic, Mme Manes and Mlle Vieira-Troke will be looking at a student recognition plan for this school year.
3. We will have our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Thursday October 7th.
4. Mrs. Lecanda Aguilar, our Pastoral Animator and the Faith Day Committee are preparing for our Faith Day on October 8th. This year's theme is

Belonging: Community / School Culture

1. School start up went well – we are happy to have the students back at school! Our school safety protocols and routines are in place and we are appreciative of all the support we have received from our parents!
2. On Thursday, September 13th, we held our Virtual Safe and Caring School Assembly for our students in Grade 1 to 8. I have visited our Kindergarten classes.
3. Emergency Response Protocols have been reviewed with all staff. We will be practicing our Fire Drills for term one – three in the fall and 3 in the spring. 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 was assigned today – we welcome Ms. Kendra Welland to St. Bernadette CES on October 18th. The CYC will be working with our classroom teachers and providing classroom programs with each grade level as well as individual support.
5. Our Staff are presently awaiting word from our Curriculum Department on offering extra-curricular activities for our students ~ stay tuned!
6. On Wednesday, September 30th all students & staff were encouraged to wear orange to support the "Every Child Matters" campaign.
7. This year we will look at lunch programs that meet protocols. Until then, 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 starting soon. The snack bins are available for all students.
9. Food4Kids begins this week for those who have expressed the need.
10. 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**