



Agenda Item	Discussion, Decisions and Action Items
Welcome and Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen welcomed everyone and led the Council in an opening prayer.• She introduced the new Vice-Principal, Stephanie MacLeod.
Council Co-Chairs	<p><u>Review and Approve Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes from the October 5th, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated (moved by M. Whalen, seconded by S. Khoury and carried).• The minutes from the November 2nd, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated (moved by R. Nimako, seconded by H. Attia and carried). <p><u>Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In December, the Council was asked to review and provide input into the criteria used to select School Council representatives. The feedback received from Council members was forwarded to the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), so thank you to everyone who took the time to provide comments.• The criteria for the Principal was circulated to everyone for review and input.• The virtual Council Chair meeting took place on November 25th, 2020 which included a number of presentations on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ the Halton Catholic Education Fund which reported that between March 2019-March 2020, needs in the community were up 375% which is a significant increase in struggling families in our community○ the design of the D2L platform which is being used by staff and students as part of the virtual learning environment○ more actively monitoring the mental health of children including some examples of coping strategies that parents can model at home○ managing screen time and how to do that effectively with the virtual learning
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen and Stephanie provide an update on the current lockdown situation. St. Mary is currently providing education virtually and awaiting direction from the Ministry of Health, Public Health; understanding and patience from parents and families is greatly appreciated.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Other key updates included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Focus on Faith – a number of activities are planned to prepare for the Lenten Season and faith will continue to be a central focus in the weeks ahead○ Bell Let’s Talk Day – a video montage with positive messaging and images was developed in support of Bell Let’s Talk Day; the video was shared with the Council. Ms. Herod shared the various strategies that children had been learning in the classroom including coping strategies, mindfulness, zones of regulation, the role of empathy in managing the pandemic. Despite the challenges with the virtual learning environment, students seem to be maintaining a positive attitude.○ Black History Month – takes place throughout February and St. Mary’s will be raising awareness around the contributions that Black Canadians have made in our country. Nia James, St. Mary’s Equity and Diversity Champion, provided an overview of the various activities and Black Canadians that will be invited as speakers throughout February. Staff have participated in anti-Black racism sessions and will also be enhancing their learning of Black history and examining how they can play a role in achieving greater equity in the education system.○ Report Cards – Term 1 report cards will be emailed to families on February 24th.○ French Immersion – the Early French Immersion Program will be expanded to add 2 more grade 1 classes at St. Mary and St. Marguerite D’Youville will add 2 more grade 1 classes for the 2021-2022 school year.○ Fundraising – Karen provided an overview of St. Mary’s fundraising efforts since 2019 up until the pandemic and then again from September 2020 to present. While we are seeing a decrease in the funds raised to date, the decrease is similar to what other school communities are experiencing as well given that many families in our school community are struggling financially. Overall St. Mary is in a good financial position with funds reserved for signature events such as a virtual graduation.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Christian Meditation – Andres provided an update on the proposed activities to maintain the Focus on Faith element which include Christian Meditation @ Home. This takes the activities that took place in the classroom and make it available to the entire community using the Weekly Update to promote it and linking families to information that is already available on the HCDSB’s website.
Confirm Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The next meeting date is confirmed for April 12, 2021 which will be held using Microsoft Teams
Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Karen led the Council members in a closing prayer



Name	Meeting Attendance					
	Oct 5, 2020	Nov 2, 2020	Jan 11, 2021	Feb 1, 2021	Apr 12, 2021	May 10, 2021
Karen Dobbie (Principal)	✓	✓		✓		
Diana Comito (Vice Principal)	✓	✓		--	--	--
Stephanie MacLeod (Vice Principal)	--	--		✓		
Tamara Adamo	✓	✓		✓		
Haidy Attia	✓	✓		✓		
Natalie Cambone	✓	✓		✓		
Alexandra Tarkowski Deniz	✓	✓		✓		
Laurie Dolland	✓	✓		✓		
Christian Howard	✓	✓		✓		
Kevin Kelley	✓	✓		A		
Sam Khoury	✓	✓		✓		
Clare Mungai Kiplangat	✓	A		A		
Andres Masmela	✓	✓		✓		
Raj Nimako	✓	✓		✓		
Jennifer Palozzi	✓	✓		A		
Jennifer Peer	✓	✓		✓		
Alexander Power	✓	✓		✓		
Ursula Terlecki	✓	A		A		
Ifeanyichukwu Uzoka	✓	✓		✓		
Melissa Whalen	✓	✓		✓		
Mark McHenry (Teacher Rep)	✓	✓		✓		
Tara Herod (Non Teacher Rep)	✓	✓		✓		

*The January 11th meeting was cancelled due to the Ontario Stay At Home Order.