

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES:** November 2, 2020  
TEAMS

7:00 PM

VIRTUAL MICROSOFT

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Peter Bertrand
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY</b>	Titsa Starogiannis
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Annie Gojmerac, Martin Simon, Christine Stollberg, Peter Bertrand, Amanda Calla, Inka Ellenbrand, Titsa Starogiannis, Jonathan Wylde, Kelly Mahony, Luis Iratchet, Milka MacFarlane, Norela Avila, Sara Baillie, Stephanie Galvan, Tricia Dantes, Jason Tadros, Franca Parsons  <u>Regrets:</u> Martin Simon, Sheila Trudell, Giuliana Sam, Caitlin Norton, Sibel Yardimoglu, Maria Sousa
<b>PRAYER</b>	Norela Avila

**AGENDA TOPICS**

<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:</b> Oct. 5, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moved by: Tricia Dantes</li><li>• Seconded by: Amanda Calla</li></ul>	PETER BERTRAND
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## PRINCIPALS' UPDATE

ANNIE GOJMERAC

### **Achieving:** Meeting the Needs of all Learners

- enrollment is 382 students in person; 80 virtual (total 462)
- IEP's went home on October 20
  - currently in consultation phase with parents
- CCAT 7 testing taking place in November
- Learning Supports
  - working with our I-SERT team, developing our intervention supports and how this might look this year
  - LLI and electronic support
- Virtual Curriculum Night was held on October 22 and was a success
  - continuum in staff comfort of using the virtual platform e.g., TEAMS
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be held virtually or on the phone
  - will be using the platform: parentteacherinterview.com
  - interviews will be held on Thursday Nov.26 (evening) and Friday Nov. 27th (morning)
- Library
  - will be starting with boxes of books being distributed to each classroom this week
  - new librarian Mr. Colwill (library tech) will support this
- D2L shells up and running in case of pivot or closed classrooms
- Sequences and Continuity of Learning will be the focus of achievement for this year

### **Believing:** Celebrating our Catholic Faith & Aspiring to be Models of Christ

- direction from Diocese regarding school masses and priest visits
  - continuing to follow Covid-19 protocols (e.g., virtual visits)
- Friday Shout-outs have been happening every Friday during morning announcements
  - considering moving towards Focus on Faith Assemblies (
- Boomerang - showing how kindness ricochets back to you
- virtual assemblies
  - looking to establish Focus on Faith liturgies each month
  - Catholic Graduate Expectation focus each month
  - student awards at each assembly

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### **Belonging:** Embracing Relationships & Sustaining Safe, Welcoming Schools

- Halloween video, with decorated classroom doors and pumpkins
- Christmas Shopping Spree- postponed till next year

<p><b>CHAIR &amp; CO-CHAIR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPACE - Norela Avila volunteered to be the parent rep</li> <li>• Christmas Shopping Spree will be cancelled this year</li> <li>• The Gift of Giving - new program that will run this year during the Christmas season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will focus on helping others in need</li> <li>• St. Vincent de Paul has a huge need of donations this year (cash or grocery gift card donation)</li> <li>• Angel Tree will run with donations going to St. Vincent de Paul</li> <li>• families can make a monetary donation through school cash online November 15 - December 3 (donations need to be in to the agency by December 7)</li> <li>• teachers will discuss what St. Vincent de Paul is, the beauty of donating and helping others in need etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• discussion about timing of the school fundraiser and donations for St. Vincent de Paul</li> <li>• Parent Council will make a cash donation as well</li> </ul>	<p>PETER BERTRAND AMANDA CALLA</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL JUSTICE &amp; OUTREACH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clothing and food donations will be collected on November 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volunteers will be in front of the school in the morning to collect the items</li> <li>• volunteers will load their cars and drop items off at the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>MARIA SOUSA</p>

<p><b>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hoping to create a yearbook again this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it will be a great keepsake for the students and families</li> <li>• this will be dependent on having school photos taken and on teachers taking photos of their classes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• will discuss with Edge what safety protocols they will have in place to ensure student and staff safety</li> <li>• Newcomer’s Night was cancelled this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• idea to send out an updated Powerpoint presentation to our new families hasn’t happened</li> <li>• other than the new JK families, we have very few new families this year as the Extended French program is being phased out of St. Matthew</li> <li>• idea to create a section on our school website dedicated to new families with pertinent information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fundraising Letter has been emailed to families and is included in the Weekly Update</li> </ul>	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTHY SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halton Food for Thought has given a large basket and the teacher hands out the items (granola bars and apple sauce)</li> <li>• will be replenished on a monthly basis</li> </ul>	<p>GIULIANA SAM</p>
<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will reach out to the Finance Committee and prioritize how leftover funds and new funds will be spent</li> <li>• will set up a TEAMS meeting once the fundraiser closes</li> <li>• looking to purchase phys.ed. kits for each cohort</li> <li>• graduation, tournaments etc. are our biggest expense, but we are unsure what these will look like this year</li> </ul>	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND</p>
<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• idea to have extra-curricular clubs that students can participate in individually e.g., 5000 Steps Club</li> <li>• concern that without agendas, students are overwhelmed and are having difficulty keeping track of homework and upcoming assignments/projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suggestion to have teachers use Google Classroom more efficiently (e.g., Google Calendar to assist with organization and communication)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>PETER BERTRAND</p>

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, February 1, 2021

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05pm**