

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: Monday, October 5, 2020
TEAMS

7:00 PM

VIRTUAL MICROSOFT

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

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nancy Dinolfo introduced herself<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ students are following routines and Covid protocols well• council members introduced themselves	
REVIEW CODE OF ETHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HCDSB Code of Ethics for Catholic school council members was reviewed• Code of Ethics was emailed to all School Council members	NANCY DINOLFO
APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS, SECRETARY, COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE, and PARISH REPRESENTATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Chairs: Peter Bertrand and Amanda Calla• Secretary: Titsa Starogiannis• Community Representative: Stephanie Galvan<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ liaise between YMCA, church, school, parents - will help advocate for parents• Finance: Inka Ellenbrand<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$16,000 left in the GL◦ \$2000 donation to Terry Fox Foundation from this account◦ discussion regarding major fundraiser this year	NANCY DINOLFO
DECLARATION AND PLEDGE	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● emailed to council members ● council members are asked to sign the Declaration and Pledge and return to the school ● sign the form, scan it/take a photo of it and email it to Nancy Dinolfo 	
<p>COMMISSIONING PRAYER SERVICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nancy Dinolfo and Martin Simon read the service 	
<p>ADMINISTRATOR REPORT</p> <p>Catholicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● virtual liturgy on Sept 28 to mark the feast of St. Matthew (Sept 21); students from Mrs. Puric's Gr. 8 class led the readings ● on Friday, October 9, Ms. Raleza's Grade 4 class will be leading our Thanksgiving Liturgy at 10:45 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the link to the virtual liturgy will be sent to parents who may want to join in ● dates for this year's church events are posted on our school website ● need a Parish Representative - Norela Avila will continue in this role this year ● Grade 3 students from Mrs. Nunes and Ms. Langill's classes received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Wed/Thurs/Fri at 7p.m. at the church ● the dates for Grade 2 First Reconciliation, Grade 7 Confirmation and Grade 2 First Communion are on the school calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ families need to sign up for their special mass for their child – small group events ○ parish priest will be administering the sacrament of Confirmation <p>Community Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Code of Conduct assemblies were held virtually a couple weeks ago ● Terry Fox Run was held last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$2 000 from funds that we had from last year were donated rather than going back to the community at this time ● Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters – was celebrated on September 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reconciliation to what happened to our indigenous children who were taken from their families and put into Residential Schools ○ we will continue this discussion and teaching throughout the year with the students ● Halloween will be a school celebration in classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ door decorating, pumpkin carving and teacher led activities in the classroom 	<p>NANCY DINOLFO</p>

Curriculum

- teachers are completing their diagnostic assessments to see where the gaps are for students
 - some have waited to get the students back into the routine with their reading and writing before doing the assessments
- in math, all classes worked through a series of grade tasks and lessons “The first 20 days of math”
 - aligns well with the new curriculum, particularly in the area of Social Emotional Learning
 - we are now following the new math curriculum and using the virtual program Math Up for the program delivery
 - on the report card, students will receive one math mark (not by strand as in previous years)
- Progress Reports go home Tues. Nov. 24th, with Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th
- teachers have their D2L shells in place
 - in the event that we need to pivot to online, the transition will be much easier
- Curriculum Night - delay as board is waiting to see how many students will be moving to Virtual and how many will be moving back into schools
- Library continues to be closed
 - teachers are accessing the library for resources
 - teachers will survey students regarding book preferences and will pull a collection of books from the library to be used by students in the classroom
- Learning Support Programs
 - Special Education - Mpower, Lexia reading program, LLI (Learning Intervention reading program), Prodigy Math, keyboarding skills

Home/School Communication

- School Messenger attendance program and app
- will continue to use syner communication with Sunday morning weekly update to keep families informed
- goal is to have updates posted on school website
- Twitter will continue to be used to share what is happening in the school with parents
- front lawn sign - school will take over changing the sign; a team of students from Mrs. Guerin's Gr 8 class will change the sign every two weeks

Community Outreach

- challenging for canned or box food to come in with all the protocols
 - will look to see what other ways we can support
- after Halloween, we will do a used clothing drive
 - parent will have some bins in front of the kindergarten area for parents to drop off items
- Angel Tree at Christmas

- will be all gift cards this year (through St. Vincent de Paul)
- we will find a way for students to be able to choose an angel
- Lenten Kits will continue as Maria has purchased items
 - Lenten Kit boxes will be provided for each class and then assembled in the cohort
- What charities do we want to fundraise for?
 - Nancy will discuss this with the teachers and students
 - we cannot have money physically coming into the school
 - POGO (Pediatric Oncology) - request for some fundraising funds to be donated there

Well Being Initiatives

- Growth Mindset
- healthy eating - water bottle filling stations
- active lifestyle - walking and biking to school (new bike rack)

Safety

- have had our three fire drills; lockdown drill will be practised after Thanksgiving
- Parking lot is for staff only - parents are encouraged to park at the church and walk over
- doors locked at all time (back gym doors need to be propped open during recess time so classes can come in)
- Return to School Plan is running well – social distancing in the classroom, masks and handwashing is the key
 - hand sanitizer stations at every entrance
 - desks facing forward in rows
 - students are walking out for recess unmasked - so they must walk quietly
 - lunch has become a bigger challenge - reminding kids to eat quietly and remain seated
 - following the guidelines from Halton Region Public Health – has been changing every two weeks based on numbers
 - new parents to do the family screening every morning
- recess play, students are in their cohorts – need reminders for hands to self
- continuing to encourage opportunities to be outside
- most parents are wearing masks outside at drop-off and pick-up (strongly encouraged but cannot be enforced)
- greater community unaware what the return to school plan looks like so were offended when the Terry Fox Run/Walk took place
 - within their class cohort, students can be going on neighbourhood walks
- mask exemption is under principal approval - must be supported with a medical note
 - we do have a couple of children who have mask exemptions that have been documented by a doctor
 - protocols are in place for the classroom for a child

without a mask

- staff all wear medical PPEs; some wear shields, particularly when working closely with students
- playground zones for recess are working well;
 - looking to add outdoor equipment next week that students can use
- gym continues to be closed (hoping to create a schedule to use the gym after October 19)
 - cleaning protocol will limit the number of classes going into the gym
- change in program delivery: we have 6 students going virtual and 8 students returning from Virtual Schooling
 - waiting for approval from our Superintendent, but do not think we will have to reorganize any classes at this point
 - the next opt in or out will be just before Christmas, for a start time after Christmas

Fundraising

- in need of additional phys-ed equipment
 - need to create a bin/class of outdoor equipment so they can use during recess
- flags and stands need to be replaced
- school has sufficient technology
- discussion of whether we should continue with Major Fundraiser
 - we will need to generate a list of items that the funds would be used to purchase
 - looking for any amount - participation is what we're looking for
 - letter needs to indicate that funds will not be used for PPE/air filters etc as that comes from Facilities, otherwise it is not equitable; same with curriculum items (program materials, licenses for software etc)
- approximately \$16000 from last year

Welcome to New Families

- will update slideshow and send out to new families

UPDATE to COVID symptoms

- two lists of categories now
 - list one: fever and/or chills; cough; shortness of breath; decrease or loss of smell or taste
 - if any one of these symptoms, the child must stay home, isolate, and seek advice from health care provider
 - list two: sore throat; stuffy nose and/or runny nose; headache; nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
 - if any one of these symptoms, child should stay home for 24 hrs and may return to school if the symptom is improving
 - if any two or more of these symptoms, child should stay home and seek advice from health care provider

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● we have not had any Covid cases at St. Matthew● Public Health will step in and give direction if needed<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ they may ask for one cohort to be sent home and quarantined for 14 days	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Schedule for future meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ November 2, 2020 @ 7pm○ February 1, 2021 @ 7pm○ April 12, 2021 @ 7pm○ June 7, 2021 @ 7pm<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ council year end social	
<p>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday November 2, 2020 @ 7pm</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:59pm</p>	