

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: February 1, 2021

7:00 PM

VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

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

AGENDA TOPICS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Nov. 2, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moved by: Norela AvilaSeconded by: Tricia Dantes	PETER BERTRAND
PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">positive feedback from school community with regards to remote learning Achieving: Meeting the needs of all learners <ul style="list-style-type: none">change of learning environment will occur on the first day back to in-person school<ul style="list-style-type: none">we will welcome 15 new students3 classes will be affected by the school reorganization (6, 6/7, 7/8) in the English streamno non-essential visitors to schoolD2L is our VLE for the remote learning period - some teachers are using Google Classroom as a supplement and we are working towards all teachers using TEAMS/D2Lan announcement regarding back to school is expected sometime this weekTerm 2 IEP's are in the consultation phase with classroom teachers and parents	ANNIE GOJMERAC

- interviews and IPRC meetings will happen virtually via Microsoft Teams
- received good feedback from parents regarding the use of “parentInterview” (web-based booking site) to book Parent Teacher Interviews
 - will continue to use this site to book interviews
- remote learning extended (as announced by the Provincial government)
- continued focus on well-being (as best we can)
 - respond to COVID-19 by meeting student needs while building educator capacity
- focus on teaching the curriculum and assessment to improve student learning as best we can in this remote period
- Term 2 begins soon (report cards will be sent electronically on February 24th)
 - access document with student OEN number
- new Math Curriculum was introduced September 2020
 - we are all doing our best to navigate through the new expectations and guidelines as they are released
 - one integrated mark for mathematics as opposed to a mark for each strand; one comment
- incredibly thankful for our entire staff and their efforts during this transition
 - thank you, parents, for your support!
 - we feel blessed to be where we are!
- technology device support
 - we had 88 devices at the start of the school year, however, many of our devices were not in working order (no camera etc.)
 - 61 devices were sent out to support students during remote learning (21 HCDSB Board devices and 40 school laptops)

Believing: Celebrating our Catholic faith & aspiring to be models of Christ

- St Vincent de Paul, St. Matthew Chapter, is extremely thankful for the ‘Gift of Giving’ financial support given to them
 - letter shared in weekly update
- Confirmation will be rescheduled once the lockdown is lifted (organized by church)
 - once the lockdown is lifted, the church will contact families who have registered for Confirmation
- Remembrance Day “live TEAMS event” presented by Mrs. Donovan’s Grade 6 class was well received
- Focus on Faith liturgies each month
- Virtual assemblies
 - student awards presented at each assembly (certificates are given to students)
 - Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation focus
 - January: Effective Communicator and Digital Citizenship

■ February: Reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinker

- Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27th
 - grade level liturgies took place virtually
- Ash Wednesday is February 17th
 - if in person, still TBD by the parish as to how ashes will be distributed
 - thinking of how to commemorate this day if we are still in remote

Belonging: Embracing relationships & sustaining safe, welcoming schools

- Mental Health - Bell Let's Talk Day on January 28th
 - age appropriate classroom discussions & activities
 - students engaged in classroom discussions
 - conversations to ensure everyone is supported and sharing where to go for resources and further support
 - [School Mental Health](#)
 - thank you to our CYC Ms. Woods for her leadership
- Equity Plan - anti-black racism is the focus
 - Mrs. Miller is the staff lead of this committee
 - plan supports what the staff and students can do to build awareness
 - Black History Month - Virtual Assemblies
 - daily announcements in person; if remote continues, we have shared a resource toolkit for classroom teachers
 - message carrying on after February
 - celebrating each other's Differences and Every Voice is Valued
 - K-3: Virtual presentation
 - 4-8: 20 Day Diversity Moments
 - purchased to support students and staff to develop deeper understanding
- Gift of Giving - staff/classroom Bingo
- Letters for Long term Care Facilities – Chartwell LTC in Burlington
 - done in December, under the direction and supervision of two intermediate teachers
 - well-received by the LTC facility
- Kindness Boomerang - Unprecedented Times, Unprecedented Kindness
 - every day through announcements we share a kindness quote or activity that the students can engage in
- Safe Schools: Code of Conduct Assemblies
 - Gr. 1-8 by division when we return or virtually
 - behaviour expectations continue to be in place

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Simon has supported the school in developing three of those assemblies that teachers will engage in over the course of the next three weeks ● Bullying Prevention Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ took place in November ○ activities took place in each classroom ○ we will continue with our message moving forward ● Dignity, Kindness & Respect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ our daily message continues during period of remote learning ● Groundhog Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ whole school spirit day (wear sunglasses if early spring or scarf if winter will continue) ● we will continue to explore ways we can support families during this lockdown time ● student ambassadors continue to help plan Spirit Days and explore ways our students can get involved during remote learning ● new uniform provider is McCarthy's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ students will be able to wear uniforms from ISW ○ new purchases must be made through McCarthy's 	
<p>CHAIR & CO-CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winter Clothing and Food Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ received many donations and were able to fill two cars (one of clothing and one of food) ● Gift of Giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 58 families donated to this fundraiser ○ \$1255 donated to St. Vincent de Paul ● Council of Chairs meeting in November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Health and Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ discussed what to look for in our children, where to go for resources, coping skills ■ School Mental Health Ontario: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CwvmdR-AL4K4NlqH-upixc0kb-8WtLoD/view?usp=sharing ○ Parent Intro to D2L presentation: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LWIL4hclmJSAfw2KJkl_a46_X7m27xMmG/view?usp=sharing ● planning a family event as the End-of-the-Year BBQ will likely not happen this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ e.g., renting out the drive-in movie theatre and having a family movie night ● Selection of School Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ rank the 5 areas of competency and email them to Peter and Amanda by Feb 10 	<p>PETER BERTRAND AMANDA CALLA</p>
<p>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we need to make a decision as to whether or not we will be creating a yearbook this year • will await Board direction regarding school photos • if we are able to have school photos taken, it would be great to have a yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ we can create double spread pages for each class as we have done in the past ◦ we can have a covid/remote learning section ◦ Grade 8 pages with grad photos 	
EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton Food for Thought manages this program now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ food is sent to the school (applesauce and Made Good granola bars) ◦ classroom teachers distribute food items • families in need are given bags of groceries that are delivered to their homes 	GIULIANA SAM
FINANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no pizza or lunch programs • funds distributed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ technology \$8140 ◦ student recognition OCGE Awards \$500 ◦ presentations \$2000 ◦ classroom activities and celebrations \$1500 ◦ cohort recess equipment \$3000 ◦ library (equity support materials) \$500 ◦ student support \$300 • virtual presentations for Black History Month will come out of the budget • \$4076 spent on soccer net and sports equipment • healthy balance of \$13,900 • how to spend technology money will be decided on following conversations with staff • we will likely have a healthy carryover for the next school year 	INKA ELLENBRAND
OTHER BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • question regarding camera setting during synchronous remote learning (students are keeping their cameras off) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ reach out to classroom teacher and ask how he/she is ensuring engagement during synchronous learning ◦ ask about classroom expectations • Gr 7 Muskoka Woods trip and Gr 8 Grad trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ anything happening for these students since both trips have been cancelled? ◦ virtual day idea presented by some of the tour 	PETER BERTRAND

<p>companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 Graduation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ open to conversations and suggestions ○ dependent on health restrictions • expecting an announcement from Stephen Lecce on Wednesday regarding return to in-school learning 	
<p>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 12, 2021</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:43pm</p>	