St Peter Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday February 1st, 2021 Location: Virtual (TEAMS) Time: 6:30pm

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| In Attendance | Regrets |
| T. Demeris, B. McCauley, D. Sidsworth, K. Ferreira, L. Falcioni, S. Pietrobon-Flynn, M. McClelland, M. Moscoso, D. Ferreira, R. Bellusci, R. Gebel, J. Macias, G. Pacchione | S. Sabolic-Venalainen, C. Escalante-Aguilar, B. Coniglio, A. Costa, M. Protacio, G. DaCosta |

Meeting began at 6:30pm. Called to order by T. Demeris

Opening Prayer led by T. Demeris

Calming Meditation Video: Led by B. McCauley

Land Acknowledgement Video: Led by B. Mccauley

Followed by Kahoot: Focus on Black History

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| Approval of Minutes from last meeting |  |
| \*\*Due to the virtual format, Minutes were sent out to council for reviewMinutes approval will be done via email | Approval of June 2020 minutes: 2nd: Approval of October 2020 minutes: 2nd:Approval of November 2020 minutes: 2nd: |

Move to approve the Agenda: R. Bellusci

2nd: L. Falcioni

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| Administrator’s ReportT. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| Achieving/Believing/Belonging\*\*Memo of events was provided for review |  |

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| Business ArisingT. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| **Construction Update:**-T. Demeris and B. McCauley visited site-There will now be an exit corridor (from the school) to the back of the school from the new building-floor and ceiling will be going in shortly-expectation was likely beginning of April for completion, but may be early March instead-St. Peter school closure has allowed the construction pace to be put back on track**Helping Hands Market:**:-was a poinsettia sale this year-reached goal**Halton Food for Kids & Food For Thought**:-families in need have requested food through this service-some families in our school community have been able to access these resources-food donations have been made **Learning Environment Switch Update**:-some confusion over communication by the Board Office-Switch date was supposed to be January 11th-further communication indicated classes will stay as they are during school closures-since there is no “Return to school” date yet, those new classes or changes have not yet been structured-there is one additional switch date that will be considered on a case-by-case basis**Council of Chairs Meeting (Nov 25th)**:-attended by M. Protacio and B. McCauley-no updates at this time-upcoming meeting will be Wednesday February 24th**OAPCE Update**:-no updates at this time**Student Engagement Update**:-Student Parliament has been planning and leading many initiatives * Panther Pride Pointathalon
* Spirit Days

-More events will be determined depending on when students are back in the building (e.g., Nailed It)-Parent Weekly Update was slightly glitched and some families received multiple copies (New items: CYC corner, etc.)**Grade 7 Immunization Update**:-families will be contacted by Halton Health to book an appointment-students will be responsible for getting their own immunizations (will NOT be done at the school) |  |

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| Executive Committee Reports | Action to be taken: |
| **Financial Report**: Provided by L.FalcioniDance-a-thon: $1437.33School BBQ: $0Movie Night: $340.51Christmas Market: $3637.62-money raised this year should aim to be spent this year-intended to support our families-Made $1210 on Poinsettia Fundraiser (led by R. Gebel) that was given directly (via gift cards) to families in our school community | -determine how to allocate the funds-consider doing a spring Easter Lily fundraiser?-or June summer flowers? |

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| **French Immersion**:-overwhelming number of people wanting to apply to French Immersion-Board will add 2 FI classes starting next year (Sept 2021)-will have space at the school now that our current FI students are being grandfathered out-there will be an elementary boundary review coming out in the next few months |  |
| **Teacher Led Distance Learning & Return to School**:-there will be no “pancake snack” on Shrove Tuesday-Ash Wednesday can be celebrated if students are back in school-cohorting and congregating guidelines will be coming-masking outdoors?-painted lines and pylons are being used to help students in cohorts (smaller groups)-greater restrictions than in the fall-when/if construction is completed, there will be more options for spreading students out when outside |  |
| **Equity & Inclusion**:-committee is blending a bit with the Black History Month committee-purchased resources to share with the community-community Twitter chat at the end of the month where people can come on a chat for an hour |  |
| **Fundraising Efforts Moving Forward**:-Easter Lily fundraiser? * Will require helpers to organize and distribute (similar to poinsettia drive)

-Cookbook (linked to equity and diversity) put together and purchased by staff members (and/or families??)* Contributions can come from as many families as would like to share

-United Way “Paint the Town Red Day” (February 12th) | Council is generally in support of these ideas (follow up via email) |
| **Black History Month**:-committee is blending a bit with the Equity & Inclusion committee-solidifying plans at a meeting tomorrow-information coming through Parent Weekly Update-staff are leading initiatives with students |  |
| **Lenten Initiatives**:-waiting for some direction from the Parish |  |
| **Parish Sacramental Update**:-postponed until further notice-Confirmation took place in November in a modified format |  |
| **Parent & Community Engagement**:-Kahoot night? Trivia night? Invite sent to do families for a virtual event* Optional to join

-for AFTER March Break: A virtual Movie Night?? | In favour? AllIn favour?  |
| **Graduation Update**:-a committee has been formed (between multiple schools)-Graduation Date has been tentatively set (likely 2nd last week of school)-still unknown what it will look like (may include a YouTube video that includes all of the parts of Graduation; curbside pick up and photo ops; hoodies; lawn signs, etc.) | Lawn signs are provided by Council. Interested? **Yes**  |
| **School Uniform Update**:-first official day is today with the transition to RJ McCarthy again-regular (plain) navy blue pants are also allowed now-uniform swap has not been permitted this year, but we have about 15 bins ready for a swap |  |
| **ACTION ITEM #1: School Council Membership Requirements**:-Non-Catholic members on Council: Currently allows up to 2 non-Catholic parents on Council. Is this equitable? Should it be more?  |  |
| **ACTION ITEM #2: Selection Criteria for School Principal**:-feedback needs to be sent to M. Protacio ASAP (has only received 4 so far) |  |
| **Student Agendas Discussion**: -this year, not all students had agendas-generally classes opted for a digital version (no paper agendas in intermediate division at all)-should the school stop using paper agendas?* Costly and not environmentally friendly
* Communication between parents and teachers happens via phone or email or now, not in hand-written form
* Consider the use of an app that is customized for the school? (e.g., myschoolday app)
 | Stop using paper agendas?  |
| **Catholic Education Week (May 2nd to 7th):**-Nurturing Hope theme-resources are coming out to the schools |  |

***How are things going?*** *(M. McClelland)*

*-going very well; students are navigating the virtual classrooms very well; student behaviours online are the same as in the classroom; miss the physical interaction; everyone can smile*

*(T. Demeris) -school board is trying to provide resources/training regarding how to navigate online teaching; teachers are working extremely hard*

Closing Prayer led by T. Demeris

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:19pm

Next meeting will be Monday April 12th at 6:30pm