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 review  Minutes 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 Report  T. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| Achieving/Believing/Belonging  \*\*Memo of events was provided for review |  |

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| Business Arising  T. 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.Falcioni  Dance-a-thon: $1437.33  School BBQ: $0  Movie Night: $340.51  Christmas 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? All  In 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