St Peter Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday June 22nd, 2020 Location: Virtual (TEAMS) Time: 6:30pm

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

Meeting began at 6:37pm. Called to order by T. Demeris

Together we all read the CatholicSchool Council Prayer. Led by M. Protacio

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| Approval of Minutes from last meeting |  |
| \*\*Due to the virtual format, Minutes could not be shared for approval | Vote: Not taken |

T. Demeris asked the Council if everyone would like to stay on as an Advisory Council over the summer. This allows us to stay connected to each other and the community (when Distance Learning may be extended). \*\*A. Marroquin will stay on as an associate member and will help train someone new to collect donations, etc. for Christmas Market.

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| Business Arising  T. Demeris & M. Protacio | Action to be taken: |
| Council of Chairs Meeting (June 17th VIRTUAL- T. Demeris and M. Protacio):   * Want to ensure the voice of council is heard regarding Distance Learning * 1st day of school (for students) is September 8th. (Will Distance Learning continue??) * The ways that some Councils are communicating looks different from Council to Council; some continued/are continuing communication over distance learning and the summer   Distance Learning Update:   * Staff continued a regular staff prayer together * Teacher plans became more clear * Board directives became more clear * Teachers made a huge effort and evolved with their teaching * This all resulted in less questions from families as time went on * There are surveys sent to families regarding Distance Learning from the School Board \*\*Everyone is encouraged to respond | Our Council will continue to use WhatSaPP to communicate over the summer as we did during DL  \*\*Parents and staff should complete the survey |
| School Access/Belonging Pick Up   * Goal was to ensure the safety of staff and students * Only 1 person handling materials to minimize contact (usually the classroom teacher) * Several pick up locations around the school and spaced-out time slots allowed for increased safety |  |
| YMCA Addition:   * Has been approved and has gone to tender * No official start date (yet), but likely to start soon * Will have a BIG impact on St. Peters * Concern: With limited entry spaces now, that will make social distancing during entry/exit even more difficult. (T. Demeris will reach out to Courtney Abrahms to ask this question and discuss) | \*\*Will discuss again at a future meeting |
| Boundary Review   * \*\*Jean Vanier is now called Sir Francis Xavier * Considering what model is best; St. Peter’s will only be minimally impacted * Potential for temporarily moving students to a school in Burlington while construction takes place (which has started but will take awhile) |  |
| Kindergarten Registration   * Not a lot of registrations have taken place * Currently St. Peter will only have 3 Kindergarten classes (when it usually has 4 or 5) * Portables may be removed if classes are lost (as the portables would be needed at other school locations) |  |
| Class Placement   * Extra challenging this year (done virtually) * They are in the final stages of tentative class lists * Lists will go LIVE on September 4th at 9am |  |
| Yearbook   * Huge aount of work has been done * Committee worked extra hard because of job action, pandemic, etc. * Purchase is optional (as always) * Sales were pretty accurate for what was expected under the circumstances (sold approximately 183 -\*\*usually sell twice that number) * Yearbooks will arrive in September | **Possibly** a second order can be placed in the fall |

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| Executive Committee Reports | Action to be taken: |
| T. Demeris and M. Protacio - Parent Volunteer Update   * Could not celebrate this year like we usually do * Consider doing a “double-cohort” celebration next year for the volunteers from 2019-2020 and 2020-2021   T. Demeris - Financial Report   * E. Champoux has been trying to get the actual numbers * System took awhile to return money (e.g., for Pizza orders, field trips, etc.); Please email T. Demeris or B. McCauley if there is a financial discrepancy * No Grad luncheon so no fee was collected from students * used school funds to purchase lawn signs, Grad Hoodies, awards etc. for all graduating students (Exact cost of all of this is still unknown) * A LOT of families in need in our community (and this has increased due to Covid-19); Electronic Gift Cards for Real Canadian Superstore, WalMart etc. have been sent out (money taken from Helping Hands Fund, and other support agencies helped too) |  |

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| Administrator’s Report  T. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| * Will be added to the Minutes | \*\*TD will add the Report to the minutes |

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| New Business  T. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| Thank you!   * Thank you to all Council Members for your hard work * Please email T. Demeris, B. McCauley, M. Protacio, L. Falcioni or A. Marroquin if you can no longer remain on Council | Email?? |
| Lunchbox:   * Money was returned for orders during Distance Learning * Possible different providers for next year? * There are a lot of “angel children” (children in need) * Need to address concerns regarding extra levels of cleanliness needed for the new school year * New providers will be finalized shortly * Definitely want to keep Toppers and Opa; some other options may have closed due to Covid?? | \*\*TD will bring our concerns forward  \*\*MP will talk to Emma about finalizing providers |
| ISW (uniform provider)   * Contract ends December 31st * They will likely bid to extend their contract * They did assist families in need * Quality is still a big concern (especially for pants) * June sale offers 10% off * Do not know when the decision will be made about which provider will be available AFTER December 31st * Question: Will uniform Swaps be allowed next year??? | \*\*Will revisit in September |
| Grade 8 VIRTUAL Graduation:   * Thursday June 25th from 12-6pm; curbside ceremony * There will be 3 stations for photo opportunities, certificate pick up, etc.; students are allocated a time slot to reduce crowds * Congratulations to the Grad committee as well! * Grad signs were delivered by 4 Council members as a gift from Council; Hoodies were a gift from the school * Link was sent to grads to a PRIVATE YouTube channel video at 7:30pm * There was a virtual “clap out” message from staff |  |
| Financial Support to Families in need:   * Finding ways to equitably distribute funds and donations (e.g., food items) * The number of families in need has significantly increased (due to pandemic) |  |
| Starr Pollinator Garden:   * Organized by Ms. McLaren * Some families have helped take care of it over the year * Need “garden caregivers” over the summer too | \*email Ms. McLaren if you would like to help take care of it over the summer |
| Staffing Update:   * Some staff are leaving (sent out in Newsletter) * LTO temporary contracts are done so they are leaving * Some permanent staff have taken jobs at other schools |  |
| School Organization:   * There are currently 29 classes for next school year (which is slightly less than usual) * Still unknown what model will be in place for September (1. In Class; 2. Distance Learning; 3. Mix of in-class and virtual) * Question: Will a panel be put together to work with the Board in selecting this new model? | \*\*TD will ask this question to the Board |

MP/LF/AM will put together a YEar End Council Message to go out to families

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm

Next meeting will be in September (Date TBD)