St Peter Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday November 2nd, 2020 Location: Virtual (TEAMS) Time: 6:30pm

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

Meeting began at 6:00pm. Called to order by T. Demeris

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| Special Presentation by Mr. Marvin Duarte |
| **Milton Growth and School Construction:**  -Milton grows at approximately 4-5 families per day  -South Milton is growing especially quickly  -boundary lines/changes  -construction on schedule  -a lot of new schools are needed to accommodate for increasing numbers  **Student Success**:  -STEM activities across all grades - working towards an increase in availability of these programs  -a committee is being put together to design these plans and proposals  -works with a foundation to support children in need (in Milton)  -asking council to promote this foundation and pass on students who may be in need of assistance from this foundation  Offered great appreciation to our council and its members. |

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| Special Presentation by Ms. Courtney Abrahams |
| **Childcare Addition Project Update**:  -showed photos of progress  -concrete blocks are established on four walls and concrete floor has been poured  -working with YMCA to begin advertising etc. for a March 2021 opening  -coming along well - currently on schedule  -there will be changes to the North-West exit door (closer to the end of construction) - a wall will be removed to connect the corridor to the school  -that corridor will connect the school to the back of the building (for recess/lunch play etc.)  -Kindergarten area is fully functioning now - sail was added  -3 exits for Kindergarten classes  -offered to attend future meetings for updates |

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| Special Presentation by Mr. Marc LeBrun |
| **Milton School Boundary Review**:  -minimal impact on St. Peters  -9-10 meetings to discuss feeder schools and numbers leading into Catholic Secondary Schools in Milton  -numbers are VERY high at Bishop Reding and St. Francis Xavier  -3rd secondary school being built to alleviate overcrowding  -next year will be the first year that French Immersion exists at a high school level (to accommodate the current Grade 8s in FI)  -strong likelihood that the FI program and extended French program will be at “Milton 3” (not BR or FX)  -therefore, only impact to St Peter's students is for FI students  -final board approval is expected to happen on November 3rd; info to parents will follow approximately 1 week later  \*\*Info night on November 12th for St Peter Grade 8 French Immersion parents  -special thanks also to Jessica for your contribution to the boundary review committee on behalf of St Peter |

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| Approval of Minutes from last meeting |  |
| \*\*Due to the virtual format, Minutes from June and October were sent out to council for review  ADD TO JUNE MINUTES:  -Concern by parents about construction and a pandemic happening simultaneously - these concerns were raised  \*\*NO approval (yet) for June minutes, until changes are made | Motion to approve October minutes:  Mae Protacio  Motion to second October minutes:  Denise Sidsworth |

\*\*In the future, minutes will be sent out a few days in advance of meetings for time to review

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| From the Agenda  T. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| **Sub-Committees**:  -will look very different this year  **Halloween**:  -discussed all souls day |  |

Council Prayer: shared and led by Trevor Demeris

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| Executive Committee Reports | Action to be taken: |
| Financial Report:  Minimal transactions have occurred; no updates at this time |  |

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| Administrator’s Report  T. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| n/a at this time |  |

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| Business Arising  T. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| **Halloween**:  -decision was made (under the current circumstances) to permit costumes, sports uniforms etc. instead of just orange and black   * A lot of positive feedback from students * No issues with masks/face paints or “dangerous” costumes * No damages to costumes   -Can costumes be considered for next year as well??   * Students really needed something to look forward to | \*Revisit costume issue next fall |
| **Terry Fox Walk**:  -raised $404 for the fund  -different “walking” zones |  |
| **Halton Food For Thought**:  -all pre-packaged  -students were pleased to get snacks back |  |
| **Yearbooks**:  -still some extras available  -$25.00  -possibly still available through school cash online?? | Ask Ms. Champoux about SCO for yearbooks |
| **Cell Phones**:  -some challenges with cell phones - especially in relation to parents texting their children during the day and the children responding, even though they are not supposed to respond   * Students are saying the texts are coming from their parents * Mr. Demeris and Mr. McCauley do not check for proof * Students are taking out cell phones in the bus lines; but should not be | Send a reminder to parents to not text children during the day |
| **Learning Models**:  -26 students filled out the survey  -there are now 5 less students in the building than there were on September 8th |  |
| **Report Cards and Interviews**:  -Sign up for interviews digitally starting November 9th  -interviews will take place on November 26th and 27th (virtually) |  |
| **Kiss & Ride**:  -discussions with Halton police regarding safety  -some issues with parking near the public park area; road rage and issues with unsafe crossing  -front Kiss & Ride is mainly for Kindergarten drop off  -side bus route is working well  -parking lot is designated for staff; not for families  -some spaces will also be required for snow piles during plowing |  |
| **Council of Chairs Meeting**:  -collaboration of all school councils chairs and co-chairs from across the school board  -Postponed until November 25th |  |
| **CPIC Elections**:  -Mae Protacio has submitted  -deadline was extended to November 4th |  |
| **OAPCE**:  -Mae has held this role previously  -if you are interested in assuming that role, please let Mae and Trevor know |  |
| **Locker Use**:  -Halton Region is discussing the possibility of allowing locker use with enter weather approaching  -no decisions have been made yet |  |
| **Inclement Weather**: (or Fox Sightings)  -has prevented students from playing outside at these times; fox sightings are occurring frequently now  -teachers are taking their classes out for DPA breaks   * Classes try to use the basketball court or dry yard areas |  |
| **Process for Students or Staff being sent home ill:**  -current process is still in effect; started at the beginning of October  -followed precisely - no exceptions |  |

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| New Business | Action to be taken: |
| **Bishop’s Dinner**:  -St Peter has purchased “10 tickets (1 table)”  -Virtual event this year   * Bishop does a speech to talk about the cause for the event * Funds support needy families in the HCDSB   -taking place on Wednesday November 4th | If interested; please let Mr. Demeris, Mr. McCauley or Mae Protacio know |
| **Covid Cases in the School:**  -communications have been sent out regarding cases existing in the building  -all direction is given by the Halton Health Department  -caused uncertainty by many students and staff on Friday following email sent on Thursday October 29th  -families with questions may contact 311  -students and staff that were required to self-isolate, were contacted directly by Halton Public Health  -identities of confirmed persons are kept private and confidential |  |
| **Helping Hands Fund/School Fundraiser(s):**  -Mardi Gras dance?? (February)  -school is permitted one large fundraiser per year OR several smaller ones  -From Elaine Hamill:   * Indigo does a fundraiser called “Flipgive” where all purchases (that use the school’s shopping link) will provide a certain percentage of funds back to the school * School would provide the “shopping link” out to families * School Goal: $5000 (which would raise $1000 for the school .library)   -Poinsettia Fundraiser: (presented by R. Gebel)   * Would need to purchase 150 * 4” could sell for $5 * 6” could sell for $7 * Possibly a larger size as well?? * Succulents available for $2 * Each option could raise approximately $200+ * Zomer’s Greenhouse * Communication would be sent out by the 9th * Pre-Orders would be needed by November 20th * All orders through School Cash Online * For families not attending school in person, we could coordinate a curbside pick up; students in-person would carry orders home | Dance will be revisited at future meetings  Thoughts on Indigo fundraiser??  Motion passed  All in favour of this fundraiser;  M. Protacio and R. Gebel will coordinate together to get forms ready |
| **School Uniforms:**  -consultation was mainly related to providers  -some discussion over the possibility of allowing pants to be purchased outside of uniform provider   * This has NOT yet been approved   -some students are not adhering to school uniform (e.g., Nike track pants, Lulu Lemon black yoga pants, etc.)  -if waiting for a uniform pant order, temporary pants must be solid navy; no stripes, logos etc. | Information will be communicated to parents |
| **Sub-Committees:**  -email council with suggestions  -some committees (e.g., the “return to school committee”) are up and running virtually already |  |
| **Masks:**  -must be worn indoors at all times, with the exception of eating  -masks can be removed outdoors if staying 6 feet apart  -plastic cups that go under masks are NOT permitted (did not pass Health Board approval)  -medical notes required for exemptions |  |

\*\*Please send updated email addresses to Mae Protacio

Closing Prayer led by Blaine McCauley

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 pm

Next meeting will be Monday December 7th, 2020