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. GebelSpecial Guest: Marvin DuarteSpecial Guest: Marc LeBrunSpecial Guest: Courtney Abrahams | M. MoscosoD. FerreiraG. 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 foundationOffered 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 reviewADD 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 ProtacioMotion 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 AgendaT. 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 ReportT. Demeris | Action to be taken: |
| n/a at this time |  |

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| Business ArisingT. 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
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| **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 meetingsThoughts on Indigo fundraiser??Motion passedAll 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