

St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2023
3:15 p.m.
School Library

Prayer: The St. Ann Catholic School Council prayed the Catholic School Council Prayer together.

Attendance: Mrs. T. Fricano, Principal; Steven Docherty, Principal Assistant; Maggie Tapp, Maureen Weatherston and Iryna Holovatska

Parent Observer: Colette VanBodegom

Guest: Daniel Chong to discuss Daily School Route initiatives

Parent Council Goal: Parent Communication and Engagement with Faith Focus

January 16, 2023 Minutes: were approved and posted to the school website.

Chair Report and Current Business:

- **Parking in front of the school:** Ongoing discussion ensued regarding this very important issue. It was noted that speed restrictions in residential areas will be reduced to 40 km/hr and school zones will be reduced to 30 km/hr for the city of Hamilton. The suggestion of having speed bumps installed will be investigated. The parking congestion around schools is an issue at many schools in the city. Mrs. Fricano, principal, will send out an email to parents reminding them of not parking/idling in front of the school.
- **Year-end barbecue:** The schedule for the remaining school year does not allow for this event.

Principal's Report:

- **Parent Engagement:** Religion family life program survey completed by the school council collectively at this meeting.
- Daniel Chong from Daily School Route, an organization working with the City of Hamilton and HWCDSB provided statistics regarding the routes and percentage of children walking to school on a daily basis. He shared information with ideas that are addressing the ability to increase the number of children walking to school: student taking photos of the areas that they walk through. This will provide an opportunity to actively review the routes and make suggested changes, i.e., cleaning alleyways and ensuring the safety of students. Having artwork displayed along alleyways was also considered. Planting trees and shrubbery as a way of encouraging success of the program was discussed.
- **French Café:** Thursday, April 13th will be held at the school as an all-day event. Volunteers from the school council will assist in the food distribution. The menu will be chocolate and butter/plain croissants, gumbo, French onion soup and juice boxes. There will be interactive activities during the classes scheduled visit to the cafe. French Cultural Funds and PRO Grant funds will help supplement the costs of the day.

Next meeting date: June 5th at 3:30 p.m. in the School Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.