

**St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, September 23, 2019**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Learning Commons Centre**

**Attendance:** Gino Pizzoferrato, Maggie Tapp, Iryna Holovatska, Sarah Klodnicki, Maureen Weatherston, Martina Roskova, Irma Mendoza, Alexis Aquino-Soriano, Debora Rebelo, Susie Meszaros, Antonella Salemi and Joanna Shaman

**Prayer:** Mr. Pizzoferrato introduced the new parish priest, Father Oehring, who provided the opening prayer.

Fr. Oehring joined St. Ann's parish in June. He is willing to visit all families in the parish in an effort to know the parents and students and offered to bless family homes if requested.

**June Minutes:** will be sent to council members that were in attendance at the June meeting.

**Parent Council Goal:** Parent Communication and Engagement with Faith Focus

**Religious Education:** Leeanne Thompson from the HWCDSB attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ curriculum material that is in use for grades 1 to 6. The online materials are available for students, parents and teachers. Mrs. Thompson presented a video illustrating the components of the program. Religion is an academic subject similar to math, science, etc. Mrs. Thompson is a retired teacher promoting the faith-based subject of religion throughout the schools in HWCDSB.

**Members of the School Council:** Mr. Pizzoferrato needs to confirm membership with two interested parents before the council members can officially take office. Members expressed their interest in the following positions:

Chair: Maggie Tapp  
Vice Chair: Iryna Holovatska  
Secretary: Maureen Weatherston  
Treasurer: Sarah Klodnicki

**The executive positions will be finalized at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other members of the school council will be considered members-at-large with voting privileges.**

**Communication:** Mr. Pizzoferrato advised that communication needs to be open and inclusive. Members are asked to continue making their comments in a non-biased, positive manner. Communication needs to be transparent throughout all council dealings.

**Principal's Report:**

- Teachers will be sending letters home with their students on a monthly basis advising of upcoming events.
- EQAO results will be reviewed at the next council meeting.
- Volunteers are needed for the Reading Program at the school.
- Student agendas are expected to be delivered within the next few weeks. Confusion with the order not being placed is the reason for the delay. The cost will be \$5 for the student with the school absorbing the remainder.

- Class reorganization will be finalized within the next week with the permanent teacher for the grade 2/3 class in place.
- Registrations for kindergarten were sufficient to warrant a third kindergarten class. Transition for the students has been completed.
- The remainder of the classroom desks will be delivered within the next week.
- The Spook-a-thon will be undertaken by the student leadership as has been the tradition.
- The council members were thanked for their hard work at the school barbecue. The event was a success with the highest number of families attending. The donation of food was significant and now places the school council in the position of having a fund that can be used throughout the school year for various purposes.
- The 2018/19 council leadership was thanked for their dedication and continued effort to make the council a vibrant, effective body.

**Prayer for September meeting:** Maureen Weatherston has volunteered to provide the opening prayer

**Next meeting date:** Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.