

**St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, October 28, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Learning Commons Centre**

**Attendance:** Gino Pizzoferrato, Maggie Tapp, Iryna Holovatska, Maureen Weatherston, Martina Roskova, Antonella Salemi, and Joanna Shaman

**Regrets:** Sarah Klodnicki, Irma Mendoza, Debora Rebelo, Melissa Gomes-Mero

**Prayer:** M. Weatherston provided the opening prayer.

**September Minutes:** were approved as circulated.

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

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** the final report on funds raised at the September BBQ will be reviewed at a later date with the graduates suggesting a charity for the 10% mandatory donation.

**Chair Report:**

- Council Members with voting privileges will participate in council meetings, all other parents are welcome to observe.
- CPIC (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee) has an opening for a new member, anyone interested in joining, please see G. Pizzoferrato or M. Tapp. The committee meets 4 times per year with the first meeting in October having taken place on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- PRO Grant guidelines and application process was discussed at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Orientation Night. The School Board has been provided with \$18,000 in funds with the feeder elementary schools for Cathedral High School being allocated approximately \$2,000 for a guest speaker to attend. The feeder schools are to collaborate to choose a speaker. One suggestion was Jean Clinton, psychologist. M. Weatherston has been asked to inquire if Theo Fleury is available. The upcoming date is flexible as long as it takes place by the end of the school year.
- After discussion, it has been decided that the parent council goal will remain the same this year. Council members are to be visible at school events to start conversations with parents.
- No date has been set for the School Advent event. Council members will participate along with staff and students.
- The Annual Report has been reviewed by council members.
- Parent Conference theme is "Weaving the Catholic Partnership" will take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bishop Ryan High School. M. Weatherston is registered to attend and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Orientation Night took place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with M. Tapp, I. Holovatska and M. Weatherston attending.
- Chair Breakfast will take place on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**Principal's Report:**

- School Mass dates will be determined with Fr. Oehring. The School Mass held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> was a positive experience for Fr. Oehring as well as the students.
- In an effort to promote parent engagement, the council members are asked to attend the November 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Conference Night. The members will have an opportunity to provide

information on the school council and to ask parents what issues they are interested in receiving information on. Handouts will include a brochure describing the school council workings and a questionnaire for the parents to give their input.

- Parents who would like to volunteer for extra curricular activities can let Mrs. Ragonetti know of their availability.
- The Pilgrimage that was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> was well attended with 25 people from St. Ann's participating.
- The Edwin Project will provide students from grades 6-8 with Chrome Books for their use. This is a pilot project. Students will have access to all available resources.
- The EQAO SIP (School Improvement Plan) for St. Ann's is based on the 3 pillars approved by the Board: Believing, Achieving and Serving. Presently, these are draft goals in the SIP. Each goal has been broken down into 6 steps: Define, Vision, Theory of Action, Success Criteria, Plan and Reflections.
- The council reviewed the Bullying Prevention document. This 14-page document can be viewed by all parents for their information. The document can be found on the Board website under St. Ann School.
- J. Shaman presented a video that will be shared with staff that illustrates the different ways in which students learn and pay attention.

**Prayer for November meeting:** Maggie Tapp will provide the opening prayer

**Next meeting date:** Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons Centre.

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