

**St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, October 26, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Remote Via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Joseph Curto, Principal; Mrs. Sheahan, Vice Principal; S. Docherty, teacher; Maggie Tapp, Iryna Holovatska, Maureen Weatherston, Debora Rebelo, Natalia Jaramillo, Colette VanBodegom

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

**September Minutes:** were approved and posted to the HWCDSB website.

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

**Parish Rep's Report:**

- Fr. Oehring sent his regrets.
- Fr. Oehring continues to support St. Ann School with his liturgies. He provided the liturgy for the school's Thanksgiving service and will do so for the All Saints/All Souls service as well.
- First Communion for the Grade 3 students will be at St. Ann Church on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- Confirmation for the Grade 8 students will be on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Ann Church.

**Community Rep's Report:**

- On October 21<sup>st</sup>, M. Weatherston sent an email to Patrick Daly, Chair of the HWCDSB, requesting an update on the replacement for trustee, Tony Perri. St. Ann School Council would like to ensure that a strong advocate for the playground expansion would be in place to assist in negotiations with the City of Hamilton on the purchase of the proposed land.
- Mr. Daly advised that a trustee will be appointed by the end of November. He also assured that he will keep the St. Ann School Council apprised of any news as it occurs.

**Chair Report:**

- **Alternate lunches:** Pita Pit can provide lunches for \$6.00. The sandwiches will be sorted by classroom into bins ready for delivery to teachers. Support for Alternate Lunches initiative has received approval from the Superintendent. I. Holovatska suggested polling the parents for interest in this endeavour. Pizza Days are no longer a consideration as there is too much handling of the food item. J. Curto will send out a survey to the parents for their input.
- **Fundraising Ideas:**
  - Kernals will provide bags of popcorn for \$1.25 per bag that can in turn be sold by the students for \$2.00 - \$3.00. The minimum order is 100 bags.
  - Amazing Box of Cards sell for \$32.00 per box with the school receiving \$11.00 in profit.
  - Little Caesar has pizza kits for sale but the product must be kept frozen. This could be an issue for the school.
  - Mom's Pantry has an assortment of baking goods for sale such as cookie and muffin dough, sauces and spices. However, the school would have to sell \$1500.00 to see a profit. This could be an all-year project rather than a limited sale run.

- Donations: it was suggested to ask parents if they would like to simply make a donation to the school in place of students selling goods. It would be an on-line donation under the HWCDSB website with proceeds directed to St. Ann School and charitable receipts could be provided. I. Holovatska suggested attaching a link in the school newsletter for parents to donate.
- Boston Pizza: a suggestion was made to inquire if Boston Pizza would contribute a portion of a family's meal back to the school.
- Campbell's soups: the company used to make a charitable contribution based on soup labels mailed into them. This initiative is no longer active.
- It was noted that Amazon will make a donation to a registered charity.
- General Mills may be a source for fundraising.
- Sipology by Steeped Tea: the school can make 40% profit from sales with no minimum and product shipped directly to purchasers.
- No Frills: the manager of the King Street store has received approval from Head Office to donate a portion of receipts back to the school. The families would bring in a card and present it at checkout or a copy of their receipt would be sent into the school electronically. Details need to be confirmed.
- **Spirit Wear:**
  - The students are working on their t-shirt designs with online voting of the entries to be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - I. Holovatska sent an email to JML and will follow up with them regarding price once a design has been chosen.
  - Breakaway can provide short sleeve t-shirts for \$5.00 for orders in excess of 100 and long sleeve t-shirts for \$9.00 for orders over 100. The school logo cannot be used as it is licensed with JML.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Cost for technology replacements:
  - The school needs 20 units with charging stations.
  - The project is a 3 – 5 year replacement cycle.
  - Chrome Books are not supported by HWCDSB IT Department.
  - Laptops with cameras are an option.
  - iPads are too expensive.
  - Lenovo has a 6-month back log for orders.
  - J. Curto is dealing with Staples and HWCDSB approved distributors.
- J. Curto, Mrs. Sheahen and Mr. Docherty appreciate the support of parents.
- Mr. Curto and Mr. Docherty have been walking about the neighborhood as the children walk to school. Many students travel through the alleyways on their way to school. They have noted that traffic on Barton Street tends to exceed the speed limit. Garbage collection goes on at this time and adds to the busyness on the roads.
- Students are compliant with wearing face masks with some needing reminders on the proper way to cover their noses.
- School Absenteeism is down.
- Only 8 students have re-entered the school after Thanksgiving from remote learning.
- Staff are using face shields when in close proximity with students in individual instruction.
- Awards were given out at the end of September. The school posted the awards on their Twitter account.

- Dr. Jean Clinton will be presenting at the Physical Literacy Summit on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please contact J. Curto for link and registration information for this virtual event. The Ontario Physical Literacy Council is sponsored by both Hamilton School Boards.
- J. Curto would like to pursue the Wall of Fame for St. Ann School with donors being recognized on a designated wall in the hallway across from the gym. St. Ann School Alumnae have a Facebook page and can be contacted to join in to this project. St. Columba and Holy Spirit Alumnae will also be included. However, contacting them will be more difficult.
- A retreat in the Spring at Camp Marydale for school council members and parents would be something positive to look forward to. Logistics will need to be confirmed.
- Purple shirt day for Child Protection will be on Tuesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Halloween celebration will be on Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> with students allowed to wear costumes but will need to wear face masks. No candy will be shared due to Covid 19 restrictions. Photos will be taken from outside of the classroom of students wearing costumes.

**Prayer for November meeting:** Joseph Curto will provide the opening prayer.

**Next meeting date:** Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be via remote. A suggestion to meet informally for dinner was proposed in place of this meeting. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.