

**St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, March 29, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Remote Via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Joseph Curto, Principal; Mrs. Sheahan, Vice Principal; Maggie Tapp, Iryna Holovatska, Colette VanBodegom. Regrets – Maureen Weatherston and Natalia Jaramillo

**Prayer:** I. Holovatska provided the opening prayer.

**March 1st Minutes:** were approved and posted to the HWCDSB website.

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

**Parish Rep's Report:**

- Fr. Jeff asks that families requesting Sacraments to please contact him directly. Joe has included this information in the last few emails.
- Fr. Jeff continues to support our liturgies through sending in videos with the homily readings.
- Once Covid is over, he will continue with the classroom visits.

**Community Rep's Report:**

- No report at this time.

**Chair Report and Current Business:**

- Parents Engaged in Education (<https://www.parentsengagedineducation.ca>) DREAM TREE banner – the cost is \$200 plus shipping.
  - It's a 5'x 6.5' banner that comes with 150 individual leaves for students/staff/parents to write goals/positive messages on. A daily reminder of the school's goals.
  - To be displayed where it can be visible – the gym was suggested.
  - There is no deadline for purchase. We will wait for all members of council to be in attendance before proceeding with possible purchase and organization.
  - Their March Newsletter has many great tips on outdoor activities for Mental Health and has a "Spring Fun To-Do List" – Mr. Curto suggested that some of these activities will be incorporated in the "Spring Fling", with music outside. Want students to have choices so it doesn't necessarily have to be dancing. Will share some of the activities to try them out over the next month so they can decide what they want to do for the hour that they are outside.
- I. Holovatska and M. Tapp attended (remotely) a Consultation re: Suspension Incident Tracking Form Revisions; Carla D'Elia (principal at St. John Henry Newman) and Toni Kovach (Superintendent of Education/Special Education/Equal Opportunities) have implemented a standardized tracking form that will be used for both elementary and secondary schools. The new form will be rolled out to schools after a few more consultations.

**Principal's Report:**

- Staff and students are showing signs of fatigue. They are looking forward to a long weekend and the upcoming April Break.

- Spirit Wear has been ordered. 400 t-shirts were purchased, arriving hopefully in the next 2 -3 weeks. Will start having spirit wear days on Fridays, occurring twice a month. Everyone on Council will receive a shirt as well.
- Gr. 7/8 Leadership team under direction of Mrs. Rizzo, Mrs. Monachino, Madame Settimi and Mrs. Sheahan, working together on the Easter Raffle for this Thursday. Every class will win something to spread out the prizes.
- Tuesday April 6 – celebrating World Autism Awareness Day.
- Due to being in Lockdown/Grey Zone, grad pictures have been canceled again. Will have to be rescheduled again.
- April Break starts April 12.
- Spring Fling will take place on Thursday May 20 (Rain date – Friday May 21)
- Graduation is set for Wednesday June 23. Looking at holding the grad, awards, and Liturgy outside. They will make sure they follow proper social distancing (same as what they do at recess). Unless Board says otherwise. Decisions will be made closer to event.
- One Heart/One Soul – Arts and Crafts Easter Exhibit Update – Mr. Curto shared a power point of some of the artwork that has been done in the classrooms.
  - Artwork will have students’ names on them. Each teacher will make a power point presentation of their classroom artwork and will send to the families. Families will have an opportunity to purchase their child’s artwork first.
  - All artworks will be purchased.
  - Fr. Jeff is thankful for the support.
  - The exhibit will be shared with Bishop Crosby and Mr. Pat Daly.
  - Colette VanBodegom inquired about a homemade crocheted Velveteen Rabbit she sent into the school that is to be included in the auction. Mr. Curto is looking into it.

**Other Business:**

- Spring Parent Retreat – planning is put on hold until all members are present.

**Prayer for meeting:** Mr. J. Curto will provide the opening prayer for the start of Catholic Education Week.

**Next meeting date:** Monday May 3, at 6:30 p.m. It will be via remote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.