

St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes
Monday, September 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Remote Via Zoom

Attendance: Joseph Curto, Principal; Mr. S. Docherty, Vice Principal; Maggie Tapp, Iryna Holovatska, Maureen Weatherston, Colette VanBodegom and Vicki Amato

Prayer: J. Curto provided the opening prayer.

May 3rd, 2021 Minutes: were approved and posted to the HWCDSB website.

Members were acclaimed in the following positions:

Chair:	Maggie Tapp
Vice Chair:	Iryna Holovatska
Secretary:	Maureen Weatherston
Council Members at Large:	Colette Van Bodegom and Vicki Amato

Parent Council Goal: Parent Communication and Engagement with Faith Focus

After discussion, it was decided to keep the council's goal since it continues to provide direction for the council's work. Communication will continue to be transparent. Communication to the parents from the school council will be included in the school newsletter. The council minutes will be posted on the HWCDSB website.

Parish Rep's Report:

- Fr. Oehring will take care of administering the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation to the students wishing to receive the sacraments. He has hired an assistant to help with the details.
- Fr. Oehring will continue sharing liturgies and visits to the school.
- Individual classes will be invited to the church for Friday weekly masses.

Community Rep's Report:

- No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

- Unfortunately, the PRO Grant funds had to be returned to the HWCDSB as St. Ann School was unable to use the funds prior to June 30th.
- M. Tapp attempted to contact the manufacturers of the Dream Team Banner but did not receive a response.

Chair Report and Current Business:

- Funds from the One Heart/One Soul artistic fund-raising event raised \$741 that was donated to St. Ann Church. Fr. Oehring and Bishop Crosby were impressed with the donation.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Curto will contact Camp Marydale to ascertain the feasibility of hosting an outdoor retreat in the near future for the school council members and parents interested in attending.

- With the resumption of the Ti-Cat games, St. Ann School is able to receive profits from the parking proceeds.
- Mr. Docherty advised that every classroom has a complete set of electronic devices. Extra/replacement chargers are being ordered. New laptops and iPads have been purchased to supplement the school inventory. Ongoing replacements are needed to maintain an inventory whereby updates to technology are possible.
- As a fundraising initiative, t-shirts for alumni and non-alumni will be pursued. The cost will be \$15.00 for t-shirts but hoodies can also be purchased at a higher cost. School Council Members will receive a t-shirt to promote the school and for easy identification at school events.
- Discussion ensued re: activities for students. Due to Covid, Public Health restricts the number of students that can gather in one place at the same time. Mr. Curto advised that extra-curricular sports will be taking place at the school.
- Handwashing will be stressed with the students. The attestation form and the student calendar must be completed on a daily basis. The Grade 8 students can complete the vaccine form.
- CYO will be hosting cross-country races on October 21st with 50 students from St. Ann participating.
- Intramural Flag football teams will be starting this week.
- Pizza days with alternating popcorn sales will be held on Fridays as an ongoing fundraising initiative.
- October 29th Spook-a-thon will take place with two classes coming to the gym at a time for fun and dancing. Students can wear costumes but no masks or swords. There will be no sharing of treats between students, however, the staff will provide the students with treats. Anyone interested in donating prizes can bring them to the school by Monday, October 25th.
- In response to the suggestion for a school-wide contest for student participation, Mr. Curto advised that there are various events for the students to join in.

Prayer for meeting: Colette VanBodegom will provide the opening prayer.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. It will be via remote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.