

St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes
Monday, January 31, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Via Remote

Attendance: Mrs. Tina Fricano, Principal; Steven Docherty, Principal Assistant; Maggie Tapp, Maureen Weatherston, Colette VanBodegom

Regrets: Iryna Holovatska and Vicki Amato

Guest: Tyler Iorio, Trustee

Prayer: M. Tapp provided the opening prayer.

November 29, 2021 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 provided an update and this was included in the monthly newsletter.

Community Rep's Report:

- Further to Mr. Daly's letter to Mr. Blaine Bouchard, Manager of Health Protection and Surveillance Policy and Program Branch of the MOHLTC dated November 2, 2021 wherein he voiced concerns the HWCDSB had with the proximity of the proposed location of the supervised consumption project, it was decided that M. Weatherston on behalf of the St. Ann Catholic School Council would research the issue further. M. Weatherston contacted N. Nann, City Councilwoman for contact information of the project. N. Nann advised that the Hamilton AIDS Network were involved in the proposal. On November 30th, M. Weatherston sent an email to the Hamilton AIDS Network requesting further information. When no response was received, M. Weatherston followed up with a phone call on January 26th. The Hamilton AIDS Network office returned the call on January 27th.
- Information that was provided is as follows:
 - The location of the proposed site (746 Barton Street East) is outside of the proximity guidelines set out by the MOHLTC.
 - The hours of service will be 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - The budget has set aside funds for security.
 - Staff will be engagement workers that will ensure community safety is maintained outside of the building.
 - The application is online and can be viewed. A link will be sent out to M. Weatherston.
 - Life-saving and overdose services will also be provided.
 - Staff will supervise to ensure people will not be wandering around while under the influence.
 - Partnerships with Mental Health and Addiction Services in the community will be formalized.
 - Other services will be provided aside from supervised consumption.
 - One person for supervised consumption will be in the building approximately one hour.

- The supervised consumption site should reduce the use of alleyways although the percentage is not known.
- The site was chosen as stats have shown the need is in this area.
- This is part of the Harm Reduction Project.
- Will have Advisory Committee for people in the community to provide feedback.
- Willing to have a conversation with the school council to frame work a letter of open communication.
- M. Weatherston will follow-up with Hamilton AIDS Network regarding the link to review the proposal.

Treasurer's Report:

- Grey Cup Parking funds have been included in the school budget reporting under Ticat Parking. Mrs. Fricano reported the following:
 - Pizza Days \$704.00
 - Ticat Parking \$3840.00
 - Soccer Qualifier \$940.00
- The School Council budget has a \$0 balance. Funds had to be used within the school year with the balance may have been used for technology or books for the students.
- As part of an EO school support, \$500 to be used at Shoppers Drug Mart; hygiene products were purchased for the school community.
- \$1300 in gift cards were donated by a family to support our families in financial need at Christmas
- Twenty new iPads maybe purchased for the school if funds permit.

Chair Report and Current Business:

- **Supervised Consumption Site** – additional information – TAN and Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre locations. M. Tapp advised that information garnered from the City of Hamilton website indicates that Ward 2 has a greater number of opioid overdoses than Ward 3. Business owners on Barton Street are not in favour of the site. One business owner provided N. Nann's office with a petition of 1100 signatures against it. Mr. Iorio will speak with Mr. Daly regarding advocating for a different site to be chosen.
- **Dream Tree** – is at the school, plans to implement to project are underway.
- **PRO Grant** – approved \$1000; pooled funds with St. Ann Hamilton, St. Thomas, Guardian Angels, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Schools to retain the services of Dr. Jean Clinton as a guest speaker. This will be a virtual event scheduled for Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Topic: Continuing conversation as we emerge from the pandemic.
- **Fundraiser – Greeting Card Box** an opportunity to raise funds for the council to use in a possible Spring Fling event. This is a virtual campaign for the school to undertake. The cost is \$33 for 33 cards with the school making \$11 per box. Only birthday cards or all occasion variety can be ordered. M. Tapp will look into this project further.
- **Parent Conference 2022** – Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Speaker will be Paul Davis and the topic will be Empowering Parents in the Digital Age. The register online: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=3mRnGrJqT0uz-QfOY6ZcnB0IB7-37xQxKsRE6cR_5Mm1URFE0S0hSQVhKQjNHMIkzUU-FYVIhXNEtIVS4u

Principal's Report:

- Indigo: Love of Reading Foundation Grant – St. Ann has applied for the grant. The school can receive between \$500 to \$1500. In the past, we have been awarded \$500.
- Fundraising: Krispy Kreme donuts – the cost is \$10 a dozen. The order forms are going out in February and orders due back to the school on March 4th with delivery being on March 23rd.
- Scientist in the classroom is an experiential learning opportunity. Each classroom has a virtual session scheduled and the hands-on tangible materials delivered to the school. It matches up with curriculum expectations.
- Mrs. Fricano presented a video that the students have created regarding understanding and being understood.
- The “Eat a Beet Challenge” can be used as an example for OPHEA Healthy Schools Certification. However, the main focus is to support Food4Kids, which is an organization that supports our school directly.
- Mr. Docherty advised that surveys of the students have been undertaken and the results are being tallied. He is also investigating the possibility of submitting a proposal for a further grant.
- C. VanBodegem asked if the students have any way of providing suggestions to the principal. Mr. Docherty advised that Mrs. Fricano has an open-door policy wherein students can attend at her office to give her their ideas, suggestions or improvements.

Prayer for meeting: C. VanBodegem will provide the opening prayer.

Next meeting date: Monday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. It will be via remote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.