

**St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Via Remote**

**Attendance:** Mrs. J. Pini, Principal; Steven Docherty, Principal Assistant; Maggie Tapp, Maureen Weatherston, Colette VanBodegom, Vicki Amato and Iryna Holovatska

**Prayer:** C. VanBodegom provided the opening prayer.

**January 31, 2022 Minutes:** were approved and posted to the school website.

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

**Parish Rep's Report:**

- No report at this time.

**Community Rep's Report:**

- M. Weatherston contacted Karyn Cooper, Director, The AIDS Network and she reported the following regarding the proposed Supervised Consumption Site (CTS) at 746 Barton Street East:
  - There's a federal application that provides an exemption to having illicit substances on site. The exemption required very clear policies on how the organization would handle the substances on site, including if substances were left behind. A Responsible Person in Charge would need to be designated to be led during operating hours to ensure policies are adhered to.
  - The AIDS Network has over 20 letters of support from organizations, healthcare providers and community groups. Also have over 50 letters of support from residents and businesses from the direct area of the proposed location.
  - A literature review of studies about the impacts of supervised injection sites was undertaken. The only study indicating an increase in negative outcomes such as crime with the implementation of a CTS was a study completed in Alberta. The study was heavily scrutinized by experts, including in the Harm Reduction Journal.
  - The AIDS Network is aware of the 1100 signature petition against the CTS that was presented to Councilor Nann at a meeting they were in attendance at. They have had several meetings and email exchanges with the coordinators of the petition and other initiatives expressing concern about the proposed CTS. The meetings were quite aggressive which impacted their ability to have constructive conversations.
  - The AIDS Network appreciates the concerns of all business owners and residents and continue to respond to questions and concerns where there can be an opportunity for open respectful dialogue regardless of whether they agree or disagree.
  - The AIDS Network would like the St. Ann School Council to know that they are not looking for an expression of support if that's not appropriate at this time. They would be pleased to learn more about how they can be accountable to the parent council on an ongoing basis to ensure a timely response to questions and concerns.
  - M. Weatherston will reach out to Prince of Wales School to ascertain if they are aware of the proposal and if HWDSB has voiced any concerns to the MOHLTC.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- No update available at this time.

### **Chair Report and Current Business:**

- **Dream Tree** – The tree has been received at the school. The individual leaves can be added by the students. As a Lenten event, the students can identify their intentions, i.e. What they want to give up for Lent or what they can do to be more like Jesus.
- **PRO Grant** – The \$1000 fund will be used towards the fee for Dr. Jean Clinton’s virtual event on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fundraiser – Greeting Card Box:** M. Tapp sent an email to the company for further information re the process. A link to the company website is sent home with the students so that the parents can see the products and payment is done online. The paid orders are sent to the school for pick up. This fundraising event could take place as a bi-annual event, in the spring and in the Fall. The first one will take place at the end of April 2022.
- **OAPCE – Learning Recovery Plan Consultation:** The government released the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario (November 4, 2021) and the Ministry of Education is seeking feedback on a variety of topics. Visit [www.oapce.org](http://www.oapce.org) for more information and links to the review and feedback form.

### **Principal’s Report:**

- Dr. Jean Clinton – March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be: Continuing conversation as we emerge from the pandemic. Further information will be sent home to the parents for registration of this event.
- Sacraments – First Reconciliation will be March 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. First Communion will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All information will be in the monthly newsletter. The grade 2 and 7 students are aware of the dates and registration with St. Ann Church.
- Rising Stars – will be the first Wednesday of each month for the grade 6 students. This is a holistic approach to being physically healthy with a positive mindset. This is a virtual event.
- Music Therapy – a musical therapist will come to the school, visiting some classes, using music for relaxation. The object is to calm students’ anxiety and fears through music.
- HAT Team Projects – This is a coordinated approach for a healthy school body for all students. One event that will be undertaken is that all children will be given an apple on March 10<sup>th</sup> to eat collectively with all students across Canada. Physical activity is also promoted.
- Church Visits – this is an opportunity to build awareness with the school and church whereby classes attend church and are able to ask questions of Fr. Oehring regarding the church and its artifacts.
- Start2Finish Reading and Running Club – This club can now be an active program beginning in March on Wednesdays for grades 3 to 6 at the school.
- Pancake Tuesday will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This event will be available for all students. Children with allergies will be accommodated.
- Ash Wednesday/Lent – intermediate students will be reading liturgies. All students will be receiving ashes on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- CYO Sports – intermediate volleyball boys’ and girls’ tryouts will be starting with practices and games following in the near future.
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – there will be 500 dozens of donuts available for sale with first come, first serve. Orders and/or payment can now be completed online.

### **New Business:**

- End of Year Olympic Game Event was proposed by V. Amato. This event would need funding from the school council for the necessary equipment. Due to the restrictions caused by Covid 19, this would be an excellent opportunity for the students to have fun and play games as an all-day event.
- Mr. Docherty has a contact with the Public Relations at Tim Hortons Field that can provide information regarding hosting the year end fun game event at the Tim Hortons Field.

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

**Next meeting date:** Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be via remote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.