

**St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, October 3, 2022**  
**5:15 p.m.**  
**School Library**

**Prayer:** T. Fricano provided the opening prayer.

**Attendance:** Mrs. T. Fricano, Principal; Steven Docherty, Principal Assistant; Maggie Tapp, Maureen Weatherston, and Iryna Holovatska

**Elections:** members were acclaimed in positions:

Iryna Holovatska	co-chair
Maggie Tapp	co-chair
Maureen Weatherston	secretary

**Catholic School Council By-Laws:** T. Fricano distributed revised School Council Guidelines to members for review and information.

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

- After discussion, the School Council agreed that the goal will remain the same. In an endeavour to achieve this goal throughout the year, the School Council will assist in events that will bring the families together.

**June 6, 2022 Minutes:** were approved and posted to the school website.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:**

- Funds raised from last year's Big Box of Card sales – 10% went to CYO with the remainder going towards the purchase of 2022-2023 student agendas.

**Parish Rep's Report:**

- No report at this time.

**Community Rep's Report:**

- M. Weatherston advised she had received an email from Karyn Cooper, Director, The AIDS Network on August 22<sup>nd</sup> wherein Ms. Cooper advised that they were in ongoing discussions with the Ministry regarding their interest in operating a Supervised Consumption Site space at 746 Barton Street East. In order to provide regular updates to the community, they will be starting a monthly newsletter and invited our school council to subscribe.

**Chair Report and Current Business:**

- **Parking in front of the school:** A reminder will be sent out to all families. Discussion ensued regarding this issue. The safety of the students is paramount and must be maintained.
- **2022-2023 CSS Meeting Dates:** 5 meetings in total have been scheduled:  
October 3, November 7 (Advent Planning), January 16, March 27 and June 5.  
Going forward, the meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. in the School Library.

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

- Parish/School/Home Partnership Grant – T. Fricano applied for this grant. She would like the students to celebrate Mass in St. Ann Church. The funds will go towards the Family Advent Night with Mass celebrated at Church with a family-focused craft to follow.
- T. Fricano advised that Rising Stars offered to attend next year's School Barbecue and plan parent engagement activities (team building activities or physical activities) for students and families. They will also supply the materials.
- PRO Grant – if required, an application to the HWCDSB will be made for this grant.
- Bullying Plan – T. Fricano asked the council members to review the Bullying Plan that is online and offer feedback.
- Eco and Boomerang – Eco Recycling Team is up and running. Boomerang lunches where all garbage from lunches will go home with the student for disposal. This will eliminate waste at the school.
- DSR – Daily School Route – One goal is safe way-finding for students. The students will be given a map to trace their route while walking to school to ensure they are travelling on the safest route to and from school.
- AIFEC – An Instrument for Every Child – the program is continuing and expanding for the children.
- Community Officer – will be coming to the school on October 18<sup>th</sup> to present on bullying, social media and safety for students.
- Tech Plan – a multi-year plan to replace technology throughout the school is underway. Replacement plan includes white boards as well as iPads.
- The School Council were invited to set up a table on Meet the Teacher Night to have an opportunity to engage with parents and answer any questions regarding the Council.
- Proceeds from fundraising could be used to buy/plant bushes in the front of the school.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Orientation Meeting for school council chairs, co-chairs and principals at Mancini Education Centre.
  - Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan High School.
  - Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Catholic School Council Breakfast at Carmen's Banquet Centre.

**Prayer for meeting:** A School Council prayer has been distributed to the members and will be the opening prayer going forward.

**Next meeting date:** November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the School Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.