

Thursday, June 18, 2020  
6:30 pm  
Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Attendees:** Stephen Clarke, Anthony Cordeiro, Ro Stagg, Chaplain Wayne Lachapelle, Cheryl Delugt, Melissa Saliba

**Regrets:** Cynthia Obrovac, Shari Typer, Jeannine Bugiardini, Stacy Enge, Susan Korol, Emily Nobes

Approval of Minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup> 2020: Cheryl Delugt, Ro Stagg

Approval of Agenda: Anthony Cordeiro, Ro Stagg

**Chaplain's Report** – Chaplain Wayne Lachapelle

- Food vouchers have been given out to families in need for food banks, Halton Food for Thought and other places, these will be helping the students through August.
- IT Technician – Joe Ragany has passed away – ND has sent flowers and Anthony will be attending a 15-minute backyard visitation with Joe's wife.
- Chaplain has been speaking with families, students and grade 12s regarding mental health, anxiety, not having graduation and coping
- Chaplain Wayne will be back for another school year at ND
- Anthony: students have challenges self-regulating, missing the 1v1 connection with teachers, not comfortable with technology and engagement, juggling with minimal devices in the home. Everyone is doing their best to keep communication open with the parents.

**Principal's Report** – Anthony Cordeiro

**Staff Changes:**

- 2 teachers were declared surplus: Mr. Back and Ms. Maxinov – both teachers have been relocated to St. Francis of Xavier (formally known as Jean Vanier)
- Mr. Bryson (physics) returning to his family's hometown and will not be at ND next year
- New teacher: Mrs. Francis (SERT – Special Education Resource Teacher)
- Our capacity to better serve student with IEPs will be expanding
- Teachers not returning in September but back in February 2021 on leave of absence: Ms. Benvenuto and Mrs. Traynor.

**IT Services:**

- Distributed approx. 90 Chromebooks and Wifi LTE sticks to support families in need during the school closure period.

- Will be purchasing additional tech should online learning continue in some or form in September.

**Facilities:**

- New bleachers for the gymnasium and the replacement of the ND logo on the turf filed this summer.

**Health Care Services:**

- Each room will have hand sanitizer
- All rooms that have sinks will have a soap station
- Wipes in weight room to wipe down equipment

**Athletics:**

- Anthony is stepping down as president of Golden Horseshoe Conference
- OFSAA will take direction from health department and Minister of Ed as to Fall sports.
- All purchases, planning and scheduling will continue with the mindset that we will have Fall sports until informed otherwise

**Curriculum:**

- There are 3 instructional models being considered:
  1. Conventional: classes at school (including health and safety protocols) and accommodating schedule to meet protocols
  2. Virtual: enhanced model from distance learning model that we have been doing. Expectation is that teachers deliver instruction on a daily basis, not limited to hours, using technology, pre-recorded lessons, live chat rooms, live discussion rooms.
    - Teachers will be delivering more synchronous learning.
    - Minister of Ed will be delivering funds to boards for tech support, curriculum support, maintaining community networks
  3. Adaptive model: combination of online and in-school (seems to be favoured model).
    - Example: Half of a class goes to class on Monday and Tuesday. Other half is working online at home and still being connected to the learning online. Wednesday is a disinfectant cleaning day (nobody at school and learning is online). Thursday and Friday the second half will be at school and the first half of the class will be online. This is more consistent with seeing the teacher and easier to access the teachers by the student.
    - Another example can be Day 1 and Day 2 schedule: challenge is the size of the class will be too large.
- There still is a lot to discuss with the schools, boards and unions.

- Anthony identified needs in math (numeracy), science and literacy – would like to bridge that gap of science, especially in 9s and 10s with an emphasis on literacy with 11s and 12s. Math to have a consistent emphasis through all grades.
- Anthony will ask Director of Education to resend survey to parents regarding distance learning

### **From Parents**

- It's been difficult to help their children both academically and mentally
- Need to connect students with teachers, not just through email.
- PA days – will the focus be on technology for teachers? Response: Superintendent determines topics of PA days. Secondary has made it clear they would like to have this, elementary teachers are pushing against technology PA days. This is a decision that the Board makes.
- Buses will continue but at lower numbers, Anthony recommends students to wear masks and that the buses will be wiped down.
- The Gov't of ON is in the process of securing a disinfectant that wards off bacteria and virus for months
- L2L tutoring? Response: Many students are finding online work challenging while juggling work, their own work and self-teach and then to find time to tutor others.
- Will the 2 mandatory online credits the students have to do be counted if we are in adaptive learning? Response: Anthony will be advocating for this.
- D2L vs Google Classroom – D2L is from the Ministry of Education and will be here to stay.

### **Trivia Night Review** – Ro Stagg

- Great turnout – revenue of \$3800 that evening
- For next year, donations from the community may be slim due to this year's COVID-19
- Positive feedback from everyone, wanting to do it again next year

### **Council of Chairs Report** – Stephen Clarke/Anthony Cordeiro

- Meeting last night – many in attendance for the meeting (130 people)

#### **Issues discussed:**

1. How is Council at your school participating at your school? What does the Council need for help for next year?
  - Getting Councils more involved with the needs of the school, what the role is in doing that.
  - Should Council engage with parents more, get more feedback.
  - Make sure next year that Councils are part of the solution.

2. Mental Health and Resources available

3. How to keep students engaged in school and online learning – helping your student be engaged, send them to bed early, etc.

### **Grade 12 graduation** – Stephen Clarke/Anthony Cordeiro

- Grade 12 parents are looking for more insight on what's happening
- When a student turns 18, communications go to the student and not the parent.
- Curbside pickup - There will be a graduation sign, Irish blessing, awards, certificates and cheques as honorarium, a backdrop to take pictures (June 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- A live video will be available to view online and download on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> online at 7:00pm
- Fall Commencement – receive diploma issued by Ministry of Education (sent to the schools when schools re-open), receive SHSM, Honour Roll and Extended French certificates
- Hoping to do it on the field, with rented caps and gowns and be socially distanced. Other schools the caps and gowns are being delivered to the home since there is no curbside pickup.
- There is a Catholic School Council Award
- Proposal approved to provide thank you gifts for the staff who have been working on graduation.
- 3 full bins of uniforms have been collected – end of August Sale? Anthony will reach out to Jeannine
- Question about Athletic Banquet? Response: The plan is to have a banquet of some kind, virtually or in-person socially distanced like Fall Commencement
- Extra money due to cancelled events to be put into Irish Cares approved
  - o \$1000 towards students in need (supporting student learning) – post-secondary or technology in September
  - o \$1000 for families in need (food banks, clothing, etc.)

### **Year End Report** – Stephen Clarke

- Approved by all parties
- Report to be sent and cc Anna Butrym and Anthony Cordeiro (or to be sent to Anna Butrym to send)

### **New Business**

- Anthony: Council continues until September. Email with chair and exec members will be sent out along with an invitation to join will be sent out at that time.

Motion to Adjourn: Stephen Clarke

Approval: Cheryl Delugt, Ro Stagg