



Catholic School Council
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting – Minutes (Submitted by Marc Clare)

- 1) Opening Prayer – Norm Roberts
- 2) Welcome – introductions of new members (Julie Hellam)
- 3) Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2020 meeting
 - a. Motioned by Susan Korol
 - b. Seconded by Ro Stagg
 - c. No amendments to the minutes
 - d. Approved
- 4) Approval of Agenda
 - a. Add trivia night update
 - b. Parish report – to be presented by Susan
 - c. OAPCE information – to be presented by Ro
- 5) Principal's Report
 - Steven Clarke welcomed to Norm Roberts as the new Principal of Notre Dame
 - Norm shared some of his experience as a pastor, teacher, and Vice-Principal
 - Norm also share a bit about his approach to Catholic Education
 - Parent council is here to support the school in helping students to reach their full potential.
 - School buses are arriving well before the bell rings. Norm received feedback from a number of parents that arriving so early will pose some issues when it is very cold or raining outside. The schools received special permission from the



Superintendent to open the school building early for school bus students.

Commissionaire will be available to help monitor students while in the school.

- Norm is waiting for the official response before communicating this to the school community.
- 2 COVID-19 cases last week. Protocol went very well. Public health is contacted and makes recommendations on next steps, including contact tracing. Deemed that there was low risk to the student body for these cases.
 - Public Health complimented the school on the protocols that are in place
- ND now has a Commissionaire as of last week to help patrol the school.
- Quadmester 2 – this Friday is a turnaround day – teachers and students can catch up from Quadmester 1
- Friday will also allow teachers to prepare for Quadmester 2, and to allow for some deep cleaning
- 20.5% of students will be in Cohort C in Quadmester 2 – small change in numbers for each cohort
- Report cards will be electronically distributed on Nov 20 – to parent's email
- New VP will start next Monday – Paul Ciancolo, a retired Principal, has been filling in.
- PA Day on Nov 27 – focus will be on reflecting on the hybrid learning – what is going well and what can be improved
- Angel Campaign – will be sending out an email to parents to request donations to support ND families in need
- We will distribute gift cards this year, rather than gifts due to COVID protocols
- A number of fundraisers happening around Christmas – looking at consolidating the communication of these fundraisers to help stream line the number of requests people are receiving



- Norm has been really impressed with the school – lots of really kind work going on – showing resilience

6) Staff Report

a. Al Nason

- i. Quadmester coming to an end – a real learning experience – went well
- ii. Looking to do some fundraising to help with the Angel Campaign
- iii. Looking forward to Quadmester 2

b. John Giusti

- i. No sports going on, but are looking at ways of engaging students outside of the classroom

1. HOSSA

- 2. Tech under 20 (under STEAM umbrella)
- 3. Business SHSM – contest
- 4. Ed Tech Lunch and Learn for teachers – tech, shared learning
- 5. INSIDE ND – great way for the school community to stay informed
- 6. Guidance – great job of keeping grade 12 students informed on post-secondary information
- 7. Teachers and students have been excelling during Quadmester 1 – teachers are finding new ways to engage the students
- 8. Green industries is an opportunity to teach students about a number of different learning areas

7) Student Council Rep?



- a. Norm – important to have student voice at each meeting – suggested that they attend at the start of the meeting only, to allow them to return to doing any homework they may have
 - b. We plan to have a student rep with our next meeting in February
- 8) Nominations and voting for Council positions – not able to vote since the Council did not have quorum. Vote will be sent out via mail.
- a. Chair – (incumbent: Stephen Clarke)
 - b. Parish Rep – (incumbent: Susan Korol)
 - c. Community Rep – (nominated: Marc Clare)
 - d. OAPCE Rep – (incumbent: Ro Stagg)
 - e. Members-at-Large – (incumbent: Jeannie Bugiardini, Stacey Enge, Cherly DeLugt)
- 9) Council of Chairs meeting - Wednesday, November 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- 10) Cobbs Fund Raising – promotion
- a. Approximately \$400 earned to date, including amounts from last school year
 - i. Cheryl to send information to Anna Butrym (school secretary) – school will promote in a number of communication vehicles
 - b. Cheryl - trivia night – is this something that we are looking to do this year?
 - i. Previously has been end of February / early March
 - ii. Norm suggested to revisit possibly organizing the event after the holidays
 - 1. A smaller group to meet in January
 - 2. Potentially utilize some parent council funds to purchase some door prizes
 - 3. Might be an opportunity to pull in students and staff who are strong with technology
 - 4. John – might be an option to hold the event outside but later in the year
- 11) Chaplain's Report



- a. Angel Campaign will continue this year with gift cards rather than with gifts

12) COVID – 19 updates

13) Parish Report – Susan Korol

St Gabriel's RC Parish

- 1) Knights of Columbus Big Heart Food Drive
 - a. The Knights of Columbus was successful and donations are still being accepted in the container in the Narthex.
 - b. 2020 Christmas Cakes and Cookies: Orders for Christmas Cakes and Cookies will be accepted until Sunday November 14th. Orders can be sent to stgabrielskofc@gmail.com or placed in the box at the back of the church marked “Cakes and Cookies”
- 2) World Day of the Poor November 15th, 2020 and the start of the Parish's Angel Tree Campaign. Due to the pandemic, instead of wrapped presents, our families in need will be given store gift cards so they can safely purchase gifts themselves. At any of the designated masses in the following weeks, parishioners can take an Angel and then return it the following with a monetary donation.
- 3) The Hamilton Diocese is presenting **Coping With the Holidays** for individuals coping with loss. “When someone you love is gone. When it does not feel like “Peace on Earth”, know that you are not alone.
 - a. Learn and share strategies for coping at Christmas. Know that your loss is not forgotten. Date: **Monday November 30, 2020 Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm**
Location: **Online Webinar on Zoom (Participants can join by computer or phone)**
Cost: Free of charge
Please call to register at 905-528-7988 (ext. 2249) or Register online at hamiltondiocese.com

St. Paul The Apostle

- 1) Angel Tree Program 2020: Due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19, our 2020 Angel Tree Program has changed. We are asking parishioners to donate money for the Angel Tree, which we will use to purchase food and gift cards which will



be delivered by our group. It's giving made simple, with limited contact in order to reduce risk to all involved and keep everyone safe and well.

- a. We are offering 2 ways to donate:
 - i. Online, the much preferred way with no requirement for masks, safe distancing, etc. On-line donations via Canada Helps: donations made through this new link will be send directly to our parish SSVP account and can be made using a credit card or PayPal.
 - ii. Cash or cheque with Angel Tree donation envelopes. Envelopes will be available at each mass during the month of November. Please return envelopes during mass times or drop off at the church during regular office hours.

The deadline for receipt of donations is November 29th. This is very important.

14) New Business

- a. HCCEF Evening with Bishop Crosby – Marc Clare provided an update

15) Closing Prayer – Norm Roberts

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021