

# St. Herbert School Advisory Council

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

## **Attendees:**

D. Diaz, S. Archibald, L. Florentino-De Angelis, C. Gorrill, R. Rodas, L. Swatogor, M. Scaffidi, K. Wiczorek, F. Yacoub, A. Aguilar, H. Cascioli, A. Thalachira

1) **Opening Prayer:** M. Scaffidi

2) **Approval of Minutes:** M. Scaffidi and R. Rodas

3) **Parish Report:**

- Life Teen Sessions for Grades 9-12 are held two Saturdays per month after the 4:30 p.m. mass (activities include food, games and prayer) – Email Megan Domingues for more information.
- Ash Wednesday mass will take place at 7:00 p.m.
- Rep will investigate pricing for Communion and Confirmation gifts at St. Joseph's Workshop and luncheons through Molisana.
- Pancake Tuesday:
  - Bobby's Hideaway no longer provides pre-mixed barrels but will sell mix for \$15/bag.
  - No Frills/Costco will be much cheaper.
  - Cora's, Sunset Grill, Panagio's – same deal as Bobby's Hideaway
  - L. Swatogor will call Bobby's Hideaway in Port Credit for pricing of mix and ready-made batter.

4) **OAPCE Report:**

- Rep will be attending OAPCE annual conference in April.

5) **Chair Report:**

- Nothing to report

6) **Teacher Report:**

- Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball is underway and is coached by Ms. Davi, Ms. Pereira and Mr. Poropat.
- Milk Mat Club will resume from students in Grades 5 to 8 and will be supervised by Ms. Moscattini and Ms. Thalachira.
- Chess Club continues to be run during lunch hours by Mr. Poropat for Intermediate students and Ms. Zefkic and Ms. Filipcic for Junior students.
- The Youth Faith Ambassadors, run by Mrs. Gibson, continue to be involved in many school events such as Black Excellence and Mental Health Awareness
- Best Buddies Club will resume. This club is for students with differing abilities who would benefit from being paired with a Grade 8 mentor to help build friendships and communication skills. The club will be supervised by Ms. Gibson and Ms. Thalachira.
- Coding Club will resume for Junior students and will be supervised by Ms. Di Mauro and Ms. Thalachira.
- Ms. Thalachira continues to work on the 2022-2023 Yearbook. It would be appreciated if parents would share any pictures of school events they attend.

7) **Principal Report:**

- Movie Day was a success – Thank you to Council for purchase of large screen.
- Advent Angel Tree of Hope – Thank you to the community who raised \$2600 in gift cards and to Ms. Cascioli, Ms. Gibson and YFAs who organized the initiative.
- After-school and in-school tutoring concluded in December.
- St. Herbert was at board average or above for EQAO results.
- Rosary Apostolates visits continue every second Tuesday of the month and will conclude with the Crowning of Mary in May.
- There will be a Valentine's Day Dance.
- First term has ended, and second term starts on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Report cards go home on February 14<sup>th</sup> and Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Black Resilience & Black Heroes is the focus in February rather than Black History (Focus on Equity).
- Ms. DiLeo is looking for volunteers for the Book Fair during the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> (for class book viewing days and interview night).
- Ms. Pereira is organizing a half-day outdoor Carnival on February 27<sup>th</sup> and is requesting School Council support for purchases such as hot chocolate and other materials.
- Speech Competition for students in Junior and Intermediate divisions will take place this month. 1 rep from each division will be sent to the Family of Schools competition.

8) **Treasurer Report:**

- Balance is currently \$20, 675.55 plus \$2100 from FlipGive account.
- Pizza Days payment of \$3430 must still be deducted.
- Profit from chocolates was \$4303.79. Thank you to C. Moss for all her hard work with the fundraiser. Next year, we will require more Council involvement.
- Next year, chocolates will not be distributed during Open House due to duplicates that were handed out to families.

9) **Proposed Budget Allocations:**

- Classroom Enhancements - \$10 per child for crafts and other materials
- Christmas Movie Day
- Pancake Tuesday - \$400
- Sacraments - \$1000
- Transportation to Church for June Mass - \$1500
- Scientist in the School - \$270 x 12 classes
- Carnival - \$500
- Catholic Education Week - \$2000
- Graduation - \$20 x 50 students
- Graduation Celebration - \$2000
- Play Day - \$1000
- YFA/Eco Club Jerseys - \$1000
- Inclement Weather Games - \$100 x 12 classes
- Equity and Inclusivity Initiatives/Presentations - \$1500
- Community Building - Family Skate Night?
- Well-Being Initiatives - \$1500

Voting/Decisions regarding budget allocations were not made as co-chair was not in attendance.

New Date for interim in-person meeting to discuss budget allocations TBA.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.