

# St. Herbert School Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

## February 2, 2021 - 7:00 pm

**Chairperson:** Desiree Ali

**Co-Chair:** Christina Moss

**Treasurer:** Frady Yacoub

**Secretary:** Sandra Silva

**Parish Rep:** Melissa Scaffidi

**OAPCE Rep:** Liesl Florentino-De Angelis

**Teacher Reps:** Joanne Percuklijevic

**Parent Reps:** Andrea Torchia, Donna Bozzo, Rachelle Rodas, Shauna Archibald, Michael Russo

**Non-Teacher Rep:** Helen Cascioli

**Principal:** Walter Matos

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### 1) Opening Prayer:

- Mrs. Melissa Scaffidi

### 2) Approval of November 3, 2021 SAC meeting minutes:

- Melissa Scaffidi and Shauna Archibald

### 3) Luz Del Rosario updates:

- February is black history month and there are several opportunities for students to learn and embrace black history education
- Black history content is curated by a diversity officer and a black advisory counsel (teacher, principle and students in that council) who review all the documents and resources and create speaker's series. Parents can provide feedback and suggest topics that focus beyond slavery.
- Last month Nancy Ross had a meeting to discuss indigenous human rights through Dufferin Peel.
- Originally only 50% of the Covid funding was released by the government to improve sanitation, PPE, transportation, ventilation etc, recently the remaining budget has been provided and the full budget of 15.3 million 'one time' Covid funding has since been released to schools.
- We are currently reviewing with the board the process of having parents filling out Covid symptom form, as some parents are finding this cumbersome. We are waiting on board to review process and will provide more information shortly.
- We are also following up on graduation to see if this can be held in-person as areas now opening up. We are looking to have a few plans in place so we can pivot as necessary.
- We are also looking at when curricular activities will resume, once we hear from the ministry further information will be communicated.
- Council requested that Luz please investigate why recent bus cancellations at St. Herbert where not in the recent bus report. Luz to follow-up during next meeting.
- Council also requested that Luz please follow-up with St. Joseph on when sacraments will be hosted as other schools have been provided tentative dates.

#### 4) Principal's Update:

##### ○ Covid News:

- We have been managing relatively well despite the COVID variant still going strong in our surrounding communities.
- Our absence rate is regularly below 10%... 5.8% today. The Ministry will consider closing schools if the staff/student absent rate exceeds 30%.
- We thank everyone who continues follow protocols, every little thing we do properly helps to keep our families healthy and our classrooms open.
- Current increased capacity limits do not apply to schools at this time, unfortunately we are still unable to invite parents into our buildings or hold assemblies in the gym, we hope this will change soon
- A community information bulletin was sent to parents today regarding a consent form for upcoming school-based vaccination clinics for 5 to 11 years old.
- Our Board is working with Peel Health on planning on when and where to host voluntary school-based vaccination clinics for this age group.
- Originally the thought of consent forms for vaccinations was redundant because we thought parents would be accompanying their children at the time of vaccination. But the Ministry of Education now has mandated that all school boards send consent forms in email and paper copy to parents of students aged 5 to 11 years and to ensure that principals collect the completed forms to measure the school community's interest in school day clinics. This consent survey is strictly voluntary.
- To date, St. Herbert have not been informed about being a potential future site for vaccinations. However, that may change if there is enough interest. A clinic held during the school day at a DPCDSB school is open to only children enrolled in the school and the child's family members. Parents will be required to accompany their child to the clinic held in the school during the school day. No child will be vaccinated in a school day clinic without parental accompaniment.
- They ask that parents who agree to volunteer and complete the consent form to return their forms to the school by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

##### ○ COVID Protocol Reminders:

- Daily parental screening at home before leaving for school is extremely important
- Thank you for signing off the daily verification sheet for each of your children every morning before they come to school.
- The latest guideline from Peel Health is students exhibiting any **one** of the following symptoms should stay home:
  - Fever 37.8 C or higher or chills
  - Continuous, more than usual coughing not related to asthma
  - Shortness of breath
  - Decrease or loss of smell/taste
- **Or 2 or more of the following symptoms:**
  - Runny or congested nose
  - Headache
  - Sore Throat
  - Muscle Aches
  - Extreme Fatigue
  - Nausea and/or diarrhea

##### ○ If student has a confirmed case of COVID:

- The student, his/her household members should isolate
  - 5 days of isolation if fully vaccinated or under 12 years of age
  - 10 days of isolation if not fully vaccinated and older than 12 years of age
- Fully vaccinated scenario for a household
  - It is necessary to isolate for 5 days after the last person tests positive
  - Do you have to re-isolate after you have isolated and are fully vaccinated? No if you were the initial positive case in the household. Yes, if you were not the first to test positive.

- Examples:
  - Your daughter tests positive on a Tuesday... You can stop isolating on Monday.
  - Or
  - Your son tests positive on Tuesday, then your husband tests positive on a Friday, you can stop isolating 5 days after Friday if you continue to be asymptomatic and test negative.
- Rapid Antigen Tests
  - Kits of two tests each were distributed and will continue to be made available on as needs basis.
- **Lunch Expectations:**
  - Students are still allowed to sign out and go home for lunch except not to go to a friend's house
  - No lunches can be dropped off due to COVID protocol
- **Christmas Gift Card Angel Tree Drive**
  - Thank you for your donations. St. Vincent de Paul was overwhelmed by our generosity
  - They wrote a letter of appreciation to us which reads, *"The generosity of parents, students, teachers and administration of your school never ceases to amaze us. Despite the difficulties of putting together a Christmas Outreach Program during a pandemic, your school rose to the challenge. With your generous donations many needy households were able to have a joyous Christmas. On behalf of our neighbours-in-need, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your heartfelt goodness at this most sacred time of the year. You brought happiness, hope and comfort to those in need. We wish you Joy, Peace and Good Health during 2022! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul -Streetsville."*
- **Report Cards:**
  - Term one report cards will continue to be sent electronically to student email addresses again this term.
  - You can expect them to be in your child's email as early as Thurs. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> or as late as Tues. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Teacher/Parent Interviews:**
  - Teacher parent interviews will begin after report cards have been delivered to parents
  - Traditionally we have held interviews the Thursday evening and during the day the PA Day Friday after they are released. Your child's teacher will reach out to you shortly to come up with a mutually convenient day and time to meet.
  - Meeting cannot be in-person at this time so staff have been directed to do them over Zoom, Google Meet, TEAMS or over the old-fashioned phone based on parent/teacher comfort level.
- **Learning Modality Transition Date:**
  - Parents were given the opportunity to decide on the learning modality for their child's learning this past month
  - Some parents chose the temporary switch to online until Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> others chose to keep their children in the in-person learning mode until Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Parents were also asked to decide on a modality of learning for the period of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - We experienced very little movement... in fact, only one student will be moving from in-person to online and one student will be moving from online to in-person. As a result, we will not experience reorganization nor collapsing of classes which is great for consistency.
- **Weather Related School Closures:**
  - Please check the Dufferin-Peel web page for announcements
  - Decisions are posted as early as 6 a.m.
  - If transportation is cancelled in zone 1 then St. Herbert will be closed for the day and learning will switch to online for the day.

## 5) Treasurer's Report:

- Closing balance as of January 31, 2022 is \$6,871 up from \$4,566.31
- FlipGive balance \$1,881

## 6) Any other business:

- Fundraising:
  - Our Cookie Friday campaign has created a lot of excitement with the children

- Nice way to bring smiles to their faces and to raise funds for the school at the same time
- Vanilla Heart Cookies on Valentine's Day Monday will be next. Thank you to Christina and Desiree for getting this off the ground.
- o Next meetings occurring the first Wednesday of the month @ 7pm, are as follows:
  - Wednesday April 6, 2021
  - Wednesday June 1, 2021