

# St. Herbert School Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

## November 3, 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:

- Mr. Matos – November Prayer

### 2) Approval of October 6, 2021 SAC meeting minutes:

- Donna Bozzo and Linda Tobi-Isiekwena

### 3) Luz Del Rosario updates:

- 28 policies received for re-development, under review.
- Parents who are interested in curriculum can find material is available on the Ontario Ministry website resources available from kindergarten to 12
- Courtesy ridership still suspended until further notice. We are trying to arrange meeting with Dr. Lo to review this decision.
- Board continues to advocate for extra-curricular activities.
- Snow day and bus cancellation policy:
  - School bus cancellations and in turn school closures are determined by 6 a.m. every morning.
  - Transportation has divided our school board into 3 district zones. St. Herbert is zone 1.
  - If buses are cancelled due to inclement weather and/or dangerous road conditions in zone 1 schools will be closed for the day.
  - Teaching will not be 'live' but teachers will post work on their Google Classrooms and will be available to respond to student questions through the Google Classroom platform.
  - Virtual students who are already learning online will not be impacted by a snow day and their learning will continue uninterrupted.

### 4) Principal's Update:

- **Photo Day:**
  - Photo day today Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> kids were very happy to participate.
  - Dec 13<sup>th</sup> will be retake date.

- **Covid News:**
  - We have had 9 class dismissals since September 2021; however, we have not had a confirmed positive case for close to a month now. Thank you to all who continue to 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, so unfortunately, we are still unable to invite parents into our buildings or hold assemblies in the gym, hopefully this will change soon.
  - To date, we have not received any updates regarding vaccinations being made available to students aged 5 to 12
- **COVID Protocol Reminders:**
  - Daily parental screening at home before leaving for school is extremely important
  - The latest guideline from Peel Health is students exhibiting any one of the following symptoms should stay home:
    - Fever
    - Continuous, more than usual coughing not related to asthma
    - Shortness of breath
    - Decrease or loss of smell/taste
    - Nausea and/or diarrhea
- **If student has a confirmed case of COVID:**
  - The student, his/her siblings, his/her classmates, and the classroom teacher have to go home immediately. Teacher and students may return the following day if fully vaccinated.
  - Parents and teacher are asked to consult their doctor for next steps which may be a COVID test and absence until results are made available
  - Families have to be ready to do this on short notice
- **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
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive**
  - Thank you for your donations, St. Vincent de Paul was overwhelmed by our generosity
  - Your contributions made and continue to make a difference for many families in our school community
- **Halloween:**
  - Halloween dance was a success. It was hosted with a DJ and, one cohort at a time for ½ from JK to grade 8 had an opportunity to dance with their classmates that day
- **Progress Reports:**
  - All Progress Reports will be sent electronically to student email (not parent) by Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Teacher/parent conferences will be offered by staff if they feel it would be a good idea to discuss your child's progress, however, parents can ask for an interview if it is not offered
  - Interviews will officially be offered on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, but other arrangements can be discussed on a as needed basis, please reach out to your child's teacher to make arrangements
  - All interviews will be done over the phone or virtually on Zoom
- **PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grant:**
  - All schools are provided with a \$1000 grant to use as a means to reach out to parents and to help people become more involved with their children(s)' school
  - We made good use of this grant in the past, pre-Covid, when we hosted several Family Fun Nights i.e., DrumFit. But it doesn't mean we can't still do something to help reach out to our parents. For example, arranging to have a speaker discuss a topic with us which can address a need for our school community.
  - Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas. I would be happy to work with you to help make this happen.

## 5) Treasurer's Report:

- As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, our balance is \$4566.31

## 6) Any other business:

- We will continue to promote Flip Give. Reminder our unique Flip Give Team Code is: 5TJ3SR
- Fundraiser Ideas via school case online:
  - Terra Cotta Cookie. Raw cookie dough shipped to the house and funds go directly to the school once school name is entered in when purchasing. <https://terraccottacookies.com/>
  - Purdy's chocolate Christmas fundraiser - <https://www.purdys.com/>
  - Big Box greeting cards - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage>
  - Raffles tickets for prizes
  - Domino's Pizza Night
  - Cineplex fundraising
  - World Finest Chocolate (you can customize your order)
  - Look into fundraiser ideas with location community owners
- OAPCE is hosting an upcoming parent engagement event. The virtual webinar will be taking place November 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the event is "Rebuilding our Resiliency as Parents", which consists of 2 free webinars with featured guest speakers, Coach Miguel Martinez, Sarah Westbrook (Emotional Resilience Strategist) and Paul Davis (Internet Safety Expert). If you are interested in participating simply register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_57QXKueST1-Jp5RlwQXRHw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_57QXKueST1-Jp5RlwQXRHw)
- Next meetings occurring the first Wednesday of the month @ 7pm, are as follows:
  - Wednesday April 6, 2021
  - Wednesday June 1, 2021

## 7) Closing prayer:

- Our Father