

St. Herbert School Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

October 6, 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

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1) Opening Prayer:

o Melissa Scaffidi:

- **A Prayer for a New School Year**

Loving God,

As I step into a new school year, restore my spirit.

Renew my passion for sharing Your wisdom and nurture my compassion for those You put in my care.

Guide me as I seek to guide.

Open my mind and heart as I seek to open minds and hearts.

Help me to fulfill Your hope for us with works of Faith.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and hope, so that with the inspiration of Your Spirit, we may continue to Grow in our Faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

2) Introductions - Our Catholic School Council member list and titles:

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3) Luz del Rosario Update:

o Welcome back and thank you for being part of the council, the virtual meeting allows more parent to join the council meetings which is wonderful.

o Approximately 1,500 portable HEPA air filters have been purchased for schools with no air conditioning. St. Herbert has 2 portable ventilation system in the two SK classrooms.

o The HVAC system at St. Herbert is the same as last 3 years, but we are getting a new boiler. Maintains continue at the school to ensure everything is in working order. Filter have been changed last week etc.

- Visit the school board ventilation profile on the ministry website to check out what if any changes have been made to schools in your area.
- Due to COVID protocols, courtesy bus seating has been suspended until further notice. At this time, transportation is only available to students who STOPR deems eligible.

4) Approval of June 2, 2021 SAC meeting minutes:

- Frady Yacoub and Andrea Torchia

5) Determining our future CSC meeting dates for the year:

- Next meetings will occur usually the first Wednesday of the month @ 7pm, dates are as follows:
 - Wednesday October 6, 2021
 - Wednesday November 3, 2021
 - Wednesday February 2, 2021
 - Wednesday April 6, 2021
 - Wednesday June 1, 2021

6) Principal's Update:

○ **Re: staffing:**

- We wish Mrs. Fifield and Mrs. Carlone all the best in their retirements and welcome new staff members Madame Pereira, Mr. Roda and Mrs. Previdsa and returning staff members Mrs. Fava, Mrs. Milczarczyk and Mr. Poropat to the St. Herbert School Family.

○ **Re: re-org:**

- There will be 3 re-orgs this year.
- The first took place in August before our September start up.
- Parents were asked to complete a system-wide survey and to decide to keep their children online or to send them to school for in-person learning.
- Approximately 20 students opted for the online learning and this resulted in staff being re-assigned to teach online.
- More changes came our way at the September 20th re-org date when last minute adjustments were made. Thankfully we didn't have to take more staff away, but it did result in some minor classroom adjustments.
- Another system survey will go out to parents in January giving parents an opportunity to change their child's mode of instruction. The results of this survey may lead to more change. The hope is that more students will return to the in-person modality because I personally believe that this is what is best for our students and their growing minds.

○ **Re: COVID 19 Class Dismissals:**

- We are grateful to staff and our parent community in the changing of class dismissals due to covid.
- Students who continued to attend school were extremely compliant and understanding of the new norm, and the students who have now returned are happy to be back. The credit going to their parents and our amazing staff.
- To date, we have now had a total of 5 Class Dismissals. The first took place the second week of school and the other 4 happened within days of each other 2 weeks ago. We are finally back to normal with all classes open and running.
- We will continue to follow Peel Public Health's direction and will continue to do all we can to keep your children and our staff healthy and safe.

○ **COVID Protocol Reminder:**

- Daily parental screening at home before leaving for school is extremely important
- The latest guideline from Peel Health is this:
 - 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 must also 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.
- If travelling outside of Canada for Christmas holidays, upon return please stay home for 10 days before returning to school.
- **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.
- **Terry Fox Drive:**
 - Thank you to those who donated to the Terry Fox drive. We are using the on-line link for donations due to COVID restrictions.
 - We raised over \$700 as a school community. We are happy to help keep Terry's dream of one day finding a cure for cancer alive.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:**
 - We are collecting dry and canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank.
 - Currently we have filled our stage with 35 boxes of food donation to be picked up by Friday afternoon at 2pm. Deadline for donation is Friday morning.
- **Halloween:**
 - No dance unfortunately but we are open to having the students still come to school in their costumes.
 - Sharing of food is not allowed but students may bring in their own snacks to enjoy and each class arrange their own needs as preferences.
 - As we are a Catholic school, we remind everyone that costumes that are racially insensitive, glorify demonic, grotesque, and violent acts are not acceptable.
- **Edge Imaging:**
 - School photo day will be Nov 3rd for grades kindergarten to grade 8.
 - Individual photos of our students and staff will be taken but unfortunately, Peel Public Health is not permitting group and class photos at this time. Classroom collages using individual photos will be created instead.

7) Treasurer's Report:

- Closing balance as of August 31, 2021: \$4,570.26

8) Any other business:

- Parents are reminded to review email sent by Father Michael regarding information on how St. Joseph Parish plans to proceed with sacraments this year. Mr. Matos will resend email to parent community.
- Opening year mass is being held on October 6th with a pre-tapped mass by Father Michael to lead us in prayer virtually.
- Reminder that no bullying regarding anti-vax children is tolerated. Additionally, any un-mask exemption must be signed by a medical doctor. We do have students in our school and all exemptions have followed proper protocol
- Virtue of the month for October is Empathy. Father Michael may do a short intro to virtue for each virtue of the month to incorporate with the class presentation.

9) Closing prayer:

- Melissa Scaffidi