

**St. John the Baptist**  
**Catholic School Council**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m. (Location: virtual)**

**Attendees:** Joseph (Pino) Sestito, Lisa Taylor, Candy Ross, Julie Fiorucci, Andree Gates, Anita Contatto, Sonia Contatto, Marsha Chiarotto-Breault, Laura Brugaletta, Tania Cugliari, Alessia Masella, Lisa Pasqualino, Marilena Cecco, Emilia Cordi, Candice Dixon, Nancy Caruso

**Regrets:** Irma Piotti, Sabrina Natale

**1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer - Pino**

**2.0 Elections: Positions**

- 2.1 Chair** – Lisa Taylor
- 2.2 Treasurer** – Candy Ross
- 2.3 Secretary** – Sonia Contatto
- 2.4 Parish Rep.** – Julie Fiorucci
- 2.5 OAPCE** – Tania Cugliari

**Parent Representatives:** Andree Gates, Anita Contatto, Marsha Chiarotto-Breault, Laura Brugaletta, Lisa Pasqualino, Marilena Cecco, Emilia Cordi, Candice Dixon, Nancy Caruso, Irma Piotti, Sabrina Natale

**Teaching Representative:** Alessia Masella

**Non-Teaching Representative:** None

**Total Members:** 18 (includes Principal)

**Total Voting Members:** 17

**3.0 Treasurer's Report**

As of October 14, 2020, the total Council balance in the bank is \$9894.43. Council is owed some funds due to the cancellation of some events/activities the previous school year due to the Covid19 school shutdown. Approximately \$93 is owed to Council as the balance owing to the Town of Caledon for hockey was taken out of the Council account instead of the hockey account. Also, Aussie X is not yet issuing refunds for the \$1500 deposit given to them.

Ms. DeGroot's Eco Club spent \$260.40 of the \$500 that was approved to purchase recycling bins for special items. The Eco Club is looking into a program for recycling face masks.

The cost recovery for online bank fees was \$404.30.

## 4.0 Principal's Report

An inventory of computers is being conducted. Approximately 30 chromebooks have been sent to be repaired. This year, the goal will be to order and purchase computer/technological items with Council funds. As a result of the Public Health restrictions, activities or presentations involving large gatherings/assemblies will not be allowed.

There have been many changes around the school due to Public Health guidelines: Teachers are scheduling 2 outdoor breaks (30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon) for their class in order to avoid the mixing of different cohorts in the yard. Five zones have been set up in the yard to help with this. The entry and dismissal times have been staggered and upon arrival at school, students are able to enter through their assigned door which discourages the formation of crowds and/or lining up. There are directional arrows in the hallway. The school is looking to hire more lunch time supervisors to allow for students to go outside more.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District school board is moving toward the "hybrid" model where online students will be assigned to a teacher/classroom within their own school. Parents will be allowed to switch from face-to-face to online seamlessly, but moving from online to face-to-face will depend on space. Parents will also have the option to select a completely remote class with a remote teacher for their child. The final school reorganization will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The board will send a new parent survey and email about this.

Some aspects of school life will continue such as Virtue assemblies, the Remembrance Day liturgy, and masses given by Father Andrew, but these will be virtual and/or live streamed. There will be no Halloween dance, but students will be allowed to wear a costume or orange/black colours. The sharing of food or any items is strictly prohibited.

## 5.0 Catholic School Council Bylaws

The bylaws were reviewed. It was agreed that for a motion to pass, the majority vote of members present is needed. **At least 9 voting members must be present in order to have a quorum for voting to proceed.** The secretary will distribute the previous minutes to members with the agenda at least 3 days before the meeting.

## 6.0 Setting Dates for Meetings

A minimum of 4 meetings per school year are required. Meetings will be held virtually this year unless otherwise indicated. The following are the agreed upon dates and times of Council meetings:

**Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

## **7.0 Fundraising**

Nancy will look into online fundraising and ordering options for “Plantables”.

Terra Cotta is not an option for fundraising as they only deliver items to one location.

Andree will look into personalized masks as a fundraising option. Pino will provide the school tendered list and/or School Spirit Wear contact information.

Laura will look into Jocer.

A. Masella mentioned “School Tees” may make personalized masks.

## **8.0 Questions/Adjournment**