



ST. JOSEPH SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Approved Minutes for Monday October 5, 2020

Approved by Magdalena Howard; seconded by Alice Thalachira

Item #	Highlights
1.	Opening Prayer (Rosina), Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes
	Approval of Agenda; approved by Magdalena Howard; seconded by Antonio DSouza
2.	Report from Student Council: - N/A
3.	Report from the Co-Chairs: - N/A
4.	Report from Council Members: - Treasurer - There is about \$2000. Rosina will check this. - Parish Rep - DRAPCE - Meeting on November 7, 2020
5.	<p>Rosina Ariganello introduced herself to the council at large and provided an overview of her experience in various schools she has worked at prior to joining St. Joseph C.S.S School as principal.</p> <p>The start of the school year has been great. Students are wearing their masks and sanitizing. Please reach out if you need anything.</p> <p>Report from the Principal</p> <p>1. COVID-19 SCHOOL SCREENING UPDATE – Sent from the Board on October 4, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On October 1, the Government of Ontario made updates to testing guidelines for children attending schools and child care centres. The screening tool will now have two sets of questions about symptoms that may yield different next steps depending on which symptoms are selected: - The first set of questions asks about symptoms such as fever or persistent cough. Students and children with any of these symptoms will still be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a medical provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test. - The second set of questions asks about other symptoms that are commonly associated with other illnesses, such as a runny nose or headache:

- Students and children with only one of these symptoms will be advised to stay home for 24 hours, after which they can return to school if their symptoms are improving.
- Students and children with two or more of these symptoms will be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a medical provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.
- In addition, the symptom list no longer includes abdominal pain or conjunctivitis (pink eye).
- Screening must occur daily at home before a child enters school or child care.
- The tool is not to be used as a clinical assessment tool or is it intended to take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. If you have medical questions, consult a health care provider or your local public health unit. Listen to the advice of your local public health unit first, as their advice overrules the advice in this screening.
- The guidelines will continue to evolve as we learn more about COVID-19, how it spreads, and how it affects children and adults in different ways.

2. SECONDARY PARENT LETTER – Sent from the Board on October 5, 2020

- **We are making changes to our secondary learning models for the beginning of quadmester two (November 12, 2020) to ensure that all students are aligned to their home school for assigned courses and teaching staff.**
- Please be advised that the adapted model for secondary school for **quadmester two** will be modified to include students who have chosen remote learning exclusively (Cohort C) in the physical school timetable. **There will no longer be a separate virtual school as all students will be aligned to their home school.** Students who are currently in the virtual school will continue to learn virtually but aligned to their home school.
- Students who have chosen to attend school face to face (Cohorts A and B) will now be learning with their classmates and their course teacher on days when they are not at school. Some key highlights of the new model are as follows:
 - All students who have chosen remote learning will be included in the physical school timetable which will allow for a greater choice in course offerings;
 - Teachers will teach the cohort who is at school that day face to face while also teaching the other cohorts at home. This will allow for more fulsome curriculum delivery for all students as teachers will not be repeating lessons throughout the week;
 - Students who have chosen remote learning will continue to be part of their own school community taking classes with teachers and students from their own school.

3. COVID-19 Screen and Positive Cases Letter – Sent from the Board on October 5, 2020

- **Immediate dismissal if there's a positive COVID-19 case in a class or cohort (e.g. bus, before and after school program, extra-curricular activity).**
- Starting today, if there is a confirmed positive COVID-19 case in a class or cohort, the students and the teacher in the class must go home immediately. Please have a plan for your child to be picked up during the school day in these situations.
- **Students and staff in the class or cohort must self-isolate at home while Peel Public Health investigates the case.** Other students (including siblings of the isolated cohort) and staff may continue to attend school if they do not have symptoms.
- If our investigation reveals that testing is needed, we will provide you with further information on testing and when you can safely return to school. If students or staff develop any symptoms, testing is strongly recommended.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the investigation reveals low risk of spread, you will be informed when the class or cohort may return to school. - 2. Use the newly updated COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening tool before going to school every day. - The attached online screening tool has two sets of new or worsening symptoms not related to other known causes or conditions to guide COVID-19 testing. - Students with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any one symptom of fever, cough, shortness of breath and loss of taste of smell should be tested for COVID-19 - Any one symptom of sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue or muscle aches must stay at home for at least 24 hours from when the symptoms started. If the symptom is improving, they may return when they feel well enough. If the student develops two of these symptoms, or one symptom persists (e.g. stays the same) or worsens, students should be tested for COVID-19 - If you're unsure if you should be tested for COVID-19, speak to your health care provider. If your health care provider recommends testing and the student does not get tested, the student must self-isolate for ten days at home from the start of their symptoms. - Students with symptoms who are tested for COVID-19 and their household members must isolate at home while waiting for the test result. - If the test is negative, students and staff may return to school if all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they do not have a fever (without using medication) • it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving • they were not in close contact with someone who currently has COVID-19 • For information on where to book a testing appointment in Peel region, visit: https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/testing/#assess - Stay home if someone in your home is sick. - Everyone in your household must stay home if anyone in your house has any COVID-19 symptoms where testing is recommended by the COVID-19 screening tool or a health care provider. Everyone must stay home until the sick person has gotten a negative test result. - Doing your part to check for symptoms every day before going to school and staying at home if you or your household member has COVID-19 symptoms are essential steps to keep schools safe. These measures act as an extra line of defense that works with Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's already strong controls to reduce the risk of spread inside your school. - We recognize these steps may be very disruptive to you and your family. We can stop the spread of COVID-19, but only if we all work together. Thank you for helping keep your family and school community safer.
<p>6.</p>	<p>School Reports:</p> <p>Chaplaincy Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Pereira has returned to Chaplaincy after her sabbatical - She is excited to be back and is praying for our staff, students and their families. - P.A. Prayer time: 8:17 a.m. and dismissal - Finding creative ways to continue school outreach:

October: JAGS Give Thanks - St. Vincent De Paul Food Drive

- students and staff can drop off items in the main entrance

October 5: World Teacher's Day

- Teachers will be invited to pray for a teacher at Lekol Sen Trinite in Jacmel, Haiti. This school is part of a charity called the St. Joseph Family, Haiti. We have had a connection with this charity since 2003 when a dance troupe came to the Board as part of a fundraising tour. Each staff member will be given the name of a teacher to keep in prayer for the year.

Riverwood Conservancy

- Offers high school students an after school program to spend time outdoors and in nature as part of their mandate to provide opportunities for mental well-being and health. St. Joseph has a connection with Riverwood through its Gr.9 retreat program and having our P.I.P. students participate in the Enabling Garden. We encourage parents and their families to schedule outdoor time at Riverwood. More information can be found on their website-under "Events". Volunteer hours are provided when a student participates. We have posted this to students on our social media and asked teachers to do the same on their classroom sites.

Outreach to Streetsville Care Community

- We are working on a faith leadership opportunity for students in connection with Streetsville Care residents. The residents are unable to have their regular on-site Mass and Rosary continue. Through Chaplaincy we are planning to invite students to lead and pray the rosary virtually. Schedule TBD. Very excited about this connection.

Retreat Program with Religion Classes

- This Tuesday, we will begin our **mini-retreat program with religion classes**. "Nurturing Hope" retreats will take place in the chapel for 30 minutes. We are maintaining social distance and hygiene protocols. The Blessed Sacrament is in the chapel. We will be inviting students into a place of calm and quiet to sow the seed for contemplative prayer. This type of prayer is one that can renew and rejuvenate the spirit and help students move through their concerns and cares.
- JAG Chaplaincy has a Google classroom page. Ms. Pereira is working on inviting all students to join including our students in virtual school. The code is: 2txajtk
- Main priority in Chaplaincy is to provide pastoral care for students. We recognize that our families are dealing with many stresses. Please contact Ms. Pereira's Office extension 74319. Students can request to meet with Ms. Pereira as well.

Staff:

- N/A

	- Waiting for a Teacher Rep
7.	Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attendance Tonight:

Rosina Ariganello
Donna Bozzo
Antonio D'Souza
Shamin D'Souza
Mara Farmer
Magdalena Howard
David Parisotto
Zenaida Parrocha
Myriam Tapia
Alice Thalachira
Monik
Rashmy
Ruchi

Meetings Dates:
Monday October 5 th , 2020
Monday December 7 th , 2020
Monday January 18 th , 2021
Monday February 22, 2021
Monday April 19 th , 2021
Monday June 7 th , 2021