

# **ST. BARBARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2020**

Date: Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Using: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Facilitators: A. Krenn and S. Pompili Bosco

### **In Attendance**

A. Krenn, S. Pompili Bosco, J. Wilson, I. Reis, A.M. Reilly, S. Chatterton, J. O'Connor, G. Ramos, N. Cavar, C. Roach, K. Fillier, M. Tassone, L. Lisi, J. Salvador plus several St. Barbara parents

### **Call to Order, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Krenn at 6 pm with the Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement. The meeting was halted due to technical difficulties that members and parents experienced with the virtual meeting platform, Microsoft Teams Meeting. The meeting then resumed at 6:20 pm when sufficient time was given to ensure that members and parents were virtually present so that a meeting quorum was met.

### **Motion for Approval**

Motion to Approve Minutes - No Minutes to approve from the previous year.

Motion to Approve Agenda – First meeting – Agenda was read out by A. Krenn

### **Establishment of Catholic School Council Members for 2020-2021 Academic Year**

A. Krenn announced the Voting Member Positions available to all present: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Parish Representative, Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Representative and (5) Parent Representatives.

The following parents were appointed as the Catholic School Council Members for 2020-2021 academic year:

Chair and Co-Chair – A.M. Reilly and I. Reis

Treasurer – J. Wilson

Secretary – J. Salvador and C. Roach

Parish Representative - K. Fillier

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Representative – C. Roach

Parent Representatives – N. Cavar, S. Chatterton, L. Lisi, G. Ramos, M. Tassone

The meeting was then handed over to A.M. Reilly to take over the Agenda.

## Principal's Report

Ms. Krenn welcomed all to the virtual Council Meeting. She covered the following events and happenings at St. Barbara since the start of the school year.

- First Sacraments from Spring 2020 and current year are to be coordinated through the Church. All Social events surrounding the First Sacraments are cancelled.
- Virtue Awards are paused this year due to Covid-19 to avoid sharing items.
- ShareLife campaigns are paused. Food/lunch programs paused. Guest speakers paused.
- Current enrollment is 420 students. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, there were 272 in-class students and 148 remote students. Large number expected to switch to remote. Ms. Krenn advised that the situation is highly fluid at the present time.
- Re-Org Day is Nov 16th. Class sizes changing drastically with remote learning and impacting everything – straining all resources. There are no tech devices left to distribute as all currently loaned out (66). Grades 6-8 have use of Edwin devices. Ms. Krenn advised that it is not ideal to fundraise for additional tech as it is in the hands of the board and the lack of supply.
- 5 Student Monitors hired to allow students 20 minutes of outdoor time during the lunch break – subsequent ask of council to spend funds on outdoor equipment. Was advised that existing equipment that is currently on the roof of the school can only be brought down via special request of the facilities/maintenance staff at a limit of once per year – usually Spring. Custodians cannot access roof. Council had asked Ms. Krenn if this can be requested sooner or more frequently. Response was not during these times of Covid-19 as the staff are too busy to respond to this type of request.
- COVID-19 protocols include continuously monitoring soap and sanitizer in classrooms; all equipment is sanitized and quarantined for 24 hours between cohorts; No unnecessary movement in classrooms; planning time and French teachers attend classrooms instead of students moving; students sign in/out for washroom breaks for contact tracing; even documents/tests/paperwork are put in trays and untouched for 24 hours; everyone in school wears masks, including the kinders even though it's optional for them; Mr. Garsuto & Mrs. Salinas (custodians) spend many hours of the day cleaning high touch surfaces constantly. Some doors are not allowed to stay open because of fire codes. All other doors are locked into the open position to reduce contact points.
- Buses have assigned seats with empty seats in between. The largest bus route has 16 students. Bus students are dismissed at 2:50pm daily so buses can leave school by 3pm to allow time for drivers to sanitize the bus before the next route.

## Financial Report: J. Wilson

Opening balance noted as \$2,574.39 by Ms. Krenn. Request by Ms. Krenn to utilize funds to purchase outdoor equipment.

Motion to Approve: The amount of \$1,500 was approved by the Newly Appointed Council –  
1st approver: A.M. Reilly; 2nd approver: S. Chatterton

Closing balance = \$1,074.39 – J. Wilson to reconfirm and approve

## New Business

- Fundraising committee needs to be established. Interested members are to email A. Krenn or S. Pompili Bosco to advise of interest at:  
[Angie.Krenn@dpcdsb.org](mailto:Angie.Krenn@dpcdsb.org) and [Shannon.PompiliBosco@dpcdsb.org](mailto:Shannon.PompiliBosco@dpcdsb.org)
- Parameters for 2020-2021 School Year include no handling of money directly and no handling of product directly through the school. Ideas need to include the in-class families, hybrid, and the on-line families. Ideas could include an Indigo family Night, Flip/Give etc.
- Virtual open house suggested by A.M. Reilly – Paused for now until after Re-Org day as everything will change. All Classrooms are currently encouraged to create their own mini calendar and newsletter to be included in the St. Barbara monthly newsletters

## Topics for discussion at next meeting

- Fundraising Committee
- Schedule of Fundraising Events - tentative (this will be small in comparison to other years)
- Grade 8 Graduates of 2020
- Grade 8 Graduates of 2021
- School Picture Day (spring)
- Review, update and approve Catholic School Council by-laws

## Next Meeting

Wednesday Nov 4th, 2020 at 6:30pm. Official Invite and links to be sent by Ms. Krenn.

It was discussed that parents and members found it difficult to attend the meetings at 6 pm sharp and wanted to move the meetings to 6:30 pm. The new time was approved by the Council and members present.

## Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 7:27 pm – by Ms. Krenn. Closing prayer read by Ms. Krenn.