



St. Bernard Catholic School
Parent Council Committee
Minutes

Date: Thursday November 25th, 2021

Time: 6:30-7:30

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Present	Regrets	Name	Role
x		Jennifer Harvey	Principal
x		Amanda Gomez	Chair
	x	Blair Hardy	Secretary
		Vacant	Parish Representative
x		Amanda McGinnes	Staff Representative
x		Krista MacNeil	Parent Representative
x		Lisa Jeffers	Parent Representative
x		Renee McNeil	Parent Representative
x		Shantel Lelasi	Parent Representative
	x	Claudia Nossier Deyong	Parent Representative

Agenda Item	Decision / Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
1. Welcome & Opening Prayer	Mrs. Harvey opened the meeting at 6:30pm with a prayer.	
2. Principal's Report	<p>Faith/Social Justice/Outreach</p> <p>1) Father Ravi has celebrated Mass with every class from Grade 1-8 and visited our Kindergarten classrooms.</p> <p>2) Holy Family – Sacramental preparation – emails and letters have gone home to parents from Grade 2 and 7 students regarding the sacraments they will be receiving this year.</p> <p>3) Fundraising - Our fundraising efforts thus far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Vincent de Paul – Thanksgiving Food Drive • Royal Canadian Legion Veteran Fund-poppies \$194.00 • Terry Fox donations - \$404.00 	Jennifer Harvey



<p>Principal's Report con't.</p>	<p>Fundraising for December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ShareLife – Snack shack and staff dress down for December donations• Christmas family support <p>Sports/Clubs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Our school cross country running event was a huge success with many smiling faces and some great weather.2) Intramural Volleyball teams have been created and began two weeks ago. Great turn out of students for our lunch hour games. Running everyday of the week except Friday.3) Student Voice Council with Grade 7 and 8 students began in October and they have planned many events for the remainder of this year:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit week – November 29 – December 3• Candygram sales – funds raised to ShareLife• Primary Christmas Carousel with a rotation of Christmas theme activities for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students <p>School Improvement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) As a staff, we are learning about culturally responsive pedagogy and continue to grow in our knowledge and implementation of culturally aware lessons and learning materials.2) Student wellness continues to be a focus in our school and suggestions for activities to do with families is given in the monthly newsletter. Wellness Wednesdays include announcements about one of the following areas of our health: physical, nutritional, mental.3) Pathways – Students in Grade 8 are meeting with Guidance counsellors from Austin to learn more about Grade 9 and to choose their courses in January. <p>Fundraising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Healthy Hunger raised so far this year \$1,028.002) Chocolate Fundraiser - \$1860.07	
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	3) Fundraising spending: Technology – \$4300.00 (10 Chrome Books, 10 iPads)	
3. Covid-19 Vaccine	A pediatric Covid-19 vaccine has been approved for use in Canada. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for use in children ages 5-11. The Durham Region has informed us that mass immunization clinics are open by appointment until December 18, 2021 and that pop up clinics will be scheduled at a later date. A review of the vaccine FAQs is underway and information will be shared with St. Bernard families in the December newsletter.	Jennifer Harvey
4. Parking Concerns	Parking and traffic issues continue to be a concern for the St. Bernard school community. The congestion in the parking lot has been alleviated slightly with the increase of parents using Fallingbrook Street as an alternate drop-off and pick up location along with parking in the circle and in the staff lot. A consideration for by-law changes to allow vehicles to park on Fallingbrook has been brought forward to the Town of Whitby and will be tabled in the new year. Conversation was had about the feasibility of instituting a kiss and ride program at St. Bernard. A call out for parent volunteers will be made in the December newsletter.	Amanda Gomez
5. Staff Departures	Mrs. Love will be retiring at the end of December. She will be greatly missed by the students, staff and families of St. Bernard. Students and staff will be recognizing her retirement in various ways in the coming weeks. The Parent Council has requested that a flower bouquet be presented to Mrs. Love on their behalf.	Amanda Gomez
6. Other	Human Trafficking continues to be a serious concern in Durham Region. The average age of recruitment is 12-13 years old. Victim Services of Durham Region in partnership with the Durham Regional Police Services, host Youth Prevention Workshops for grade 9 students explaining healthy relationships, how to set boundaries, consent and how to recognize red flags. Recently the school board has agreed for these workshops to be made available to elementary school children in grade 8. Victim Services will be offering a Parent Prevention workshop on Thursday	Krista MacNeil & Jennifer Harvey



	December 16 th at 6:00 pm via zoom. Registration information will be shared via the December newsletter.	
7. Closing Prayer	Ms. Harvey closed the meeting with a prayer	Jennifer Harvey

Next Meeting:
February 17, 2022
6:30pm -7:30pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom