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# Catholic School Community Council Year End Summary Reports

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# **Background**

In accordance with Sec. D Policy – Catholic School Community Councils each school council will submit an annual report to the St. Clair Catholic District School Board:

Roles and Responsibilities of the Catholic School Community Council Members

• Submit an annual written and financial report of the Catholic School Community Council activities at the end of each school year to the school principal, parents and to the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

Please see the attached reports (Appendix A). A special thank you goes out to each school council chair and school principal for their submissions.

The attached reports have been received in compliance with the policy.

# **Recommendations**

**That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report:** *Catholic School Community Council Year End Summary Reports*, **for information.** 

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School: Christ the King School Council Chair: DJ Laprise/Melissa VanZelst

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
our council has been a quiet group this year, focussing on the well-being of our own families, staying safe and following the covid protocols we have been focussing on working from home and from school and doing face to face and online learning	we really hope next year looks more "normal" so we can get back to doing all the things we usually do like fundraising and family events

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

use CTK facebook page to promote council activities use to send invitations to fun events- not day to day items

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

mental health to continue - based on the past two years nutrition tied to mental health

coping strategies rather than food as a stress reliever-motivation for families guest speakers- resources from the talk if unable to attend at the time

Principal's Signature: Lisa Walker Date: May 31, 2021

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School: Georges P Vanier School Council Chair: Catherine Martin and Nancy Matteis

List two or three goals undertaken by your Briefly describe the status of each goal. school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement. This year being my first year and a year of I had both Chris Preece and Lenora Cavacas covid – things have been a bit different. join a google meet on different meeting dates and share information about our programs and services. I know both Chris 1) First goal was to inform parents about our School Mental Health and Lenora were sought out by parents after so I feel the discussions and information Programs. sessions were worthwhile. 2) It was also important for parents to support students in the school as GPV had a very big presence in the school they were not physically present. with luncheons and various activities in the Our parent facebook was also past. Parents wanted to let the kids know utilized to highlight curriculum and they were thinking about them therefore events around the school. gratitude journals were bought for each student.

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Hopefully COVID will be behind us – and we will be able to invite families back in to the school. I feel an open house and personal interaction will be key to a positive school year. More parents may be hesitant and therefore the more we can invite respecting safety precautions the more they may be less hesitant to come and get involved.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Principal's Signature: \_\_Nicole Stevens\_\_\_ Date: \_\_June 1, 2021\_\_ Please submit this form to Josselynne Segeren by June 4, 2021

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School: Good Shepherd Catholic School School Council Chair: Carla Annett

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Continue to explore ways to increase parents' attending SAC meetings	-Ensured meeting were posted on Edsby with encouragement to join us -Has been a goal for a few years, so may be time to keep the changes we have made and explore other ways to draw parents to attend SAC meetings, reach out to new K parents end of August/start of Sept.
2. Explore topics that may interest parents through surveys to gather information as to what type of events would draw them to the school and then run a few activities based on results of survey	-uniqueness of the year delayed this goal

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

- 1. Continue to add events to the back of calendars that went home at the start of each month.
- 2. Focus on second goal from 2020-2021 as we didn't get a chance to make a focus this year.
- 3. Utilize social media platforms to connect and engage parents

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Principal's Signature: Sherrie Daudlin Date: June 4, 2021

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School: Gregory A Hogan Catholic School

School Council Co-Chair: Wendy Reeve, Teya Lambert

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Based on how we ended the year and in anticipating an unknown year, we did not actively set goals to increase parental engagement as we knew from not having a welcome back to school barbecue, this would not be allowed.	We will begin setting goals this upcoming year based on the state of affairs.
We agreed to monitor and adapt as necessary but knew that this was not the time for that focus for our families as many are struggling to get through the challenges.	

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

- 1. We need support from parents to engage with other parents and to support events that bring the school population together. How can parents draw in other parents?
- 2. Look to parents of all grades with ongoing communication and invitations.
- 3. We need parents engaged in a variety of ways (academic, with nutrition program, etc.)

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Our school advisory council and those in our last meeting completed a survey. Those results show a variety of pieces including, but not limited to: Wellbeing, supporting French language learning at home, each meeting would like to have an update of the new school construction process (many comments show concern for completion for the target date), learning about mathematics and other timely and relevant topics.

Principal's Signature: Daniela Mezzalesla Date: Thursday, June 2, 2021

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School: Holy Family Catholic School School Council Chair: Colleen Janssens

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
-Provide financial support through fundraising to support a Christmas Turkey Dinner from Baldoon Catering Service	-Goal has been fully met.
-Provide opportunities for increasing family engagement in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.	-Family Engagement evening planned with Grand Illusions Virtual Show on June 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Families will participate in activities leading up to the evening for a chance to win prizes.
-Plan for future fundraising for the purchase of engaging outdoor spaces and excursions for our students if Covid-19 restrictions will allow.	All fundraising plans on hold due to COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.  1)Community supported prize raffle.  2)Fresh From The Farm food campaign.  3)Dieleman Fundraising Christmas Catalogue

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#### involvement and engagement?

- -Provide opportunities for Family Engagement Evenings. Utilize EDSBY and Facebook to invite, engage, offer prizes and interact with families leading up to the event.
- -Continue with fundraising goals when safely possible and permitted.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

- -More about the specifics of St. Clair Catholic District School Board mental health supports and how resources are being utilized, maximized and how they are impacting support to students following Covid-19.
- -The new Mathematics Curriculum
- -Information related to destreaming in Mathematics in Secondary School
- -Information about how funding is distributed
- -Ways other Catholic School Community Advisory Councils have engaged families successfully

Principal's Signature:	Date:	May 25, 2021

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School: Holy Rosary Catholic School Council Co-Chairs: Sarah Packet and Erin Barry

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
parental involvement and engagement.	
Last year we worked to have representation on council from all divisions. This year we were looking to increase the number of individuals on Parent Council.	Due to the Provincial Health Regulations, parents were not allowed in the schools this year. This made is challenging to personally encourage new parents to join. This being the case, all Parent Council Meetings were virtual this year.  In the school communication tool ("Parent Updates"), parents are regularly invited to take part in our Parent Council Meetings. It was explained that they did not have to hold a formal position (i.e. secretary or chair) to attend and that they were welcome to attend any and/or all meetings.  For convenience, the link to the Google Meet was provided to all parents - they did not have to request an invite nor the link. The link was shared with all
	of the parents through the EDBSY Calendar.  We explored the option of changing the meeting start time to see if that would make a difference with respect to participation. It was decided that 7:00 pm was the best time for our meetings.  Respecting everyone's time, we have made a conscientious effort to focus our time during our meetings to the Agenda Items.
Continue to develop the school yard with activities which promote physical health and mental well being.	Parent Council purchased gaga ball pits a few years ago and they have been a huge hit! In order to ensure the gaga ball pits are not muddy and can be used year-round, mulch was purchased, from funds raised by the sale of Nevada Tickets. Parent council has also purchased four large armour stones for the students to sit on during recess for mental health and well-being. Activities such as a music wall and/or an outdoor chalkboard are being investigated as well to add to the primary yard.

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Our school is the only school in our Board with an ECO School Designation. With parent support, we would like to share our "learnings with other schools/community groups.

In 2020-2021, our school ECO Team made presentations at the Parish/Principal Deanery Meeting.

At the request of Fr. Dan Vere, our school was to present at a number of other engagements which would have involved parents driving to these locations.

Due to COVID, this was not able to happen this year. It is our hope that we will be able to pick up with this opportunity next year.

Mrs. DeGurse has met with the school team throughout this school year. It was their hope to connect virtually with other elementary schools.

When the students return to in-school learning the in the Fall, the Eco Schools Team will resume with all of the school-based initiatives that allowed us to reach Gold Status in 2018.

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Provided that parents will once again be able to enter our schools, it will be our goal to resume the activities that occurred prior to COVID (Meet the Teacher Pizza Night, Christmas Dinner, School Community Dances, Movie Nights). All of these events are important to connecting our families to the school. It is also our intention to host face-to-face Parent Council Meetings with an option for parents to connect virtually if need be. Parent Council is actively looking into an online fundraiser in the Fall of 2021.

Furthermore, when it is possible according to directives of the Ministry of Health, we would like to implement the following activities:

- Host a game night and have different games set up through the school to show how playing board and card games are engaging for families along with how they assist in numeracy and literacy development.
- Explore the opportunity for the students to celebrate Mass at another church in Sarnia (such as Our Lady of Mercy) so that they can see that Catholic Mass is similar at every church. The parents will be invited to take part in this Mass. It was also suggested that perhaps a field trip component could be added that perhaps the school could go to Stones and Bones as well.

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• Try to increase connection with key partners like the Parish Team, CWL, Knights of Columbus and other community partners.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

• Connect with board office staff (Finance Department and Planning Department) and arrange for Virtual Presentations during our school advisory meetings.

Principal's Signature: \_Margaret DeGurse\_\_ Date: \_June 4, 2021\_

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School: Holy Trinity School Council Chair: Tracy Foster and Krystal Jacques

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
-To help families feel more connected to the school in the midst of a pandemic a monthly slideshow showcasing the inside of the building and a virtual walk into each classroom, highlighting key learning and important events	Completed
-To help our parent community understand education more deeply meetings are structured around the same goals of the Strategic Plan and SIP (ie. Learning and Innovation, Faith and Well Bring, Learning and Innovation, Partnerships) and include information/learning/school activities that address how we are working toward these goals	Completed
-To help our families continue to feel hopeful during a pandemic hold the Christmas luncheon, with restrictions	Completed

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Continue to hold the annual Christmas luncheon.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

- Important events system wide, such as speaker series

Important changes to curriculum/programming

Principal's Signature:

Date: 4/2021

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School: Monsignor Uyen School Council Chair: \_Tracy Kovar/Ron Male\_\_\_\_

List two or three goals undertaken by your	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
school council in 2020-2021, to increase	
parental involvement and engagement.	
<ul> <li>Planning for our School move in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parents have been given input</li> </ul>
Sept 2021, input into New	through Virtual Meetings and we
Technology, Playground, Peace	have engaged parents via online
Garden	platforms such as EDSBY and
	CASL and Social Media
<ul> <li>Understanding how the Virtual</li> </ul>	
Platform will work for their child	<ul> <li>Parents have received information</li> </ul>
and how they can see teacher	through emails, EDSBY, CASL,
assignments, student work and	from teachers on Google Classroom,
communicate with the school team	the office on updated forms of
virtually	communication and guidelines
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What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

• A S.T.E.M related school team/club led by parents/staff
Another Family night where parents and their children are engaged in learning more about
STEM and the related career paths

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

- Encouraging parents to be guest speakers or leading learners for a STEM related class/activity
- OYAP Presentations
- STEM Career opportunities around the world and the academic path to get there

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School: Sacred Heart Port Lambton School Council Chair: Nicole DeRoeven

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Continue to use EDSBY as the communication platform      Christmas Dinner by Black Goose	<ol> <li>99% of families have at least one parent engaged on Edsby. Many videos and presentations were shared through EDSBY this year to engage parents, especially since they could not come into the school (For example, virtual met the teacher slide deck, Remembrance Day Assembly Video, Christmas read-aloud, Wellness Wednesday's, etc.)</li> <li>PAC paid for our individual Christmas Dinner this year. Normally parent volunteers come into the school to help prepare; due to COVID, PAC paid the invoice as a way to stay connected and engaged.</li> </ol>

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

- More information needs to be shared to the parent community regarding school council, what it entails and what meetings look like. This will increase engagement and involvement if more parents knew what council truly looked like
- Planning for math/literacy/wellness nights and family event nights will increase engagement with the parents at Sacred Heart once COVID restrictions are lifted

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

• EDSBY troubleshooting; Wellness strategies

Principal's Signature: C. Wellow Date: June 1st, 2021



#### **Sacred Heart Catholic School**



Appendix A

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Director -DebCrawford Superintendent – Lisa Demers Principal – Mark Renaud Secretary – Tina Green/Julie MacDonald Board Chair – John Van Heck Trustee – Jennifer McCann/Linda Ward

School: Sacred Heart Catholic School School Council Chair: Mrs. Jenn Stewart

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-21, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Technology	-ensure that all students have a chromebook to take home during the classroom or school closure
Communication	-ensure all parents are receiving information about Bd and school

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

- council would like to enlist further parent support to help organize and run the fundraising activities
- council plan to be present and available during school gatherings so that other parents will see how and what we do to help support various school initiatives

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order r to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

• summary of the engagement initiatives that have worked successfully with other schools

Principal's Signature: Date: May 18, 2021

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School: \_\_St. Angela Merici\_\_\_ School Council Chair: \_Anita Hudson\_\_\_\_

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.	
This was a year of building connections with our parents between the three schools  1. Introduction of Minds Up Program, wellbeing supports  2. Creating our new Bullying Prevention Plan	<ul> <li>Continued work in this area as we move to a "reopening" of our schools post pandemic</li> <li>This goal has been completed. We will continue to look next year at ways to increase awareness of equity and inclusion in our school community</li> </ul>	
What goals would you recommend to next ye involvement and engagement?	ar's school council, to increase parental	
We know that our open house for our school community is going to be important and we will work together to create an experience that is inclusive and Fun!		
What topics would you like the board to provour Board Advisory Committee, in order to emore effective in increasing parental involver	nable your School Advisory Council to be	
Math and language supports for struggling students		

Principal's Signature: \_\_Juli Faubert\_\_ Date: \_\_June 4, 2021\_\_

Wellbeing supports

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	Council Chair:Pamela Vandenhengle & Lindsay Waken
List two or three goals undertaken by your	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
school council in 2020-2021, to increase	
parental involvement and engagement.	
<ul> <li>As a school we would like to build excitement and funds for a School Yard Rejuvenation Project.</li> <li>It is also a goal to focus on communication between home and school, especially during this year when we may need to switch to online learning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Presently, our school has a good financial start to fundraising for our School Yard Rejuvenation. We have gathered data from parents, staff and students, we are applying for a wide variety of grants, we are working with Facilities services about timelines and we are beginning to plant some trees in area #6.</li> <li>Home and school communication has been noted as positive and acceptable by our SAC members. We will continue to work on this goal into the next year.</li> </ul>

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

- To continue to increase parent involvement through more parents on SAC, Parent/students events and staying the course with online communication.
- To fundraise and raise excitement about our Outdoor Yard Rejuvenation project.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Continued focus on Well-being, for both our students and our parents.

Principal's Signature:

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School: St. Anne Catholic School

School Council Chair: Heather Johnson

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
(most of these have been put on hold for this current year due to the limits of COVID)	(most of these have been put on hold for this current year due to the limits of COVID)
<ul> <li>Establish an enthusiastic council with parents willing to help and give ideas about how to improve our school.</li> <li>Create future opportunities for more visibility of our Parent Council (at Pasta Fest, parent/teacher nights etc.)</li> </ul>	Our planning is still there and have added more areas, we have met and have decided to adapt where needed to continue putting these plans into motion.
- Create a plan to encourage fundraising within implement this plan throughout the year.	
- Create a focus for fundraising (CLS, Musical Instruments, Playground) and ways Parents can volunteer to help both financially and through volunteer time.	

# What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Stronger appeal to have other parents/volunteers join council and volunteer for various events. Now that we are organized and have set out the plans we would like to accomplish, we have the information to explain what our goals are which will help with volunteers.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

- Organize virtual meetings with other parent councils to share ideas.
- -How will the board provide for the gaps created during the COVID period.
- More information with respect to what this coming year will look like so we can plan

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effectively.

Principal's Signature:

Date:

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School:St Elizabeth School	School Council Chair:Aimee Legroulx
List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
• Understanding how the Virtual Platform will work for their child and how they can see teacher assignments, student work and communicate with the school team virtually	<ul> <li>Parents have received information through emails, EDSBY, CASL, from teachers on Google Classroom, the office on updated forms of communication and guidelines. Google meet meetings support.</li> </ul>
Supporting students and teachers in the classroom and on the playground during the pandemic.	Council used fundraised money to allot each classroom money to purchase items to enhance the school year experience and to allow all students to participate in art & explorative play activities at no cost to the student or parent
Technology support	• Ensure all parents are aware that chromebooks can be borrowed from the school for virtual learning and to feel comfortable requesting them (eg some were using IPADS and phones until we were able to reinforce the chromebooks were here to borrow
Provide opportunities for increasing family engagement in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic restrictions	• Family Engagement evening planned with Grand Illusions Virtual Show on June 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Families participated in activities leading up to the evening for a chance to win prizes that reinforce numeracy skills with family games

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Provide opportunities for Family Engagement Evenings. Utilize EDSBY and Facebook to

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invite, engage, offer prizes and interact with families leading up to the event. Invite parents in for Literacy day as readers, and for occupation awareness guest speakers, art activities, school events & assemblies.

Continue with fundraising goals when safely possible and permitted. We are currently planning a school garden!

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- -More about the specifics of St. Clair Catholic District School Board mental healthsupports and how resources are being utilized, maximized and how they are impacting support to students following Covid-19.
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Principal's Signature:

Date: 1/ine 4/21

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School: St. John Fisher School Council Chair: Beth Vardy &

Scott McCullough

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Promotion of the Virtual Sessions available for Parents through SCCDSB's Mental Health Strategy Speaker Series.	This goal is continuing to grow. At each meeting, at least one member has an opportunity to share some reflections regarding one of the Speaker Series that they have joined. This has started to spread the interest and uptake in these sessions.
The limitations from this year with respect to parents not being able to come into the building has been a challenge. In order to try to keep this connection, at each meeting, we share some good things going on in the school through photos or video.	This goal is still in progress, however, we also see a way to leverage this goal moving forward for parents who cannot attend meetings in-person. This is a way to keep the connection with the physical environment and the activities within the school.

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Strong communication is key to parent involvement and engagement. Continuing and building the communication lines would be beneficial.

Also, how can we incorporate some student involvement that may boost parent engagement?

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Continuation of a strong focus on Mental Health and Well-being strategies. Provide some information about how important the connection between Mental Health and Learning is.

Principal's Signature: Date: 2021 06 04



School: St. Joseph (Corunna) School Council Chair: Ed Powell, Kelly Gibson

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-Briefly describe the status of each goal. 21, to increase parental involvement and engagement. 1-To engage families in developing strategies to promote a love -unable to offer an event due to COVID-19 pandemic, of mathematics and fun and engaging ways to support their child restrictions on gatherings at home. -family nights with a focus on mathematics for junior / intermediate students - with a possible connection to pathways -Family Math for K to grade 1 (if being offered) 2-To build a sense of community within our Catholic school -unable to offer many of the traditional events that bring a between staff, students, parents, parish and the larger sense of community due to COVID-19 pandemic, community. restrictions on gatherings -Meet and Greet BBQ in September; parent community part of -by rethinking, we were able to do offer some family Terry Fox Run; Christmas Luncheon; parish, school council and engagement opportunities and bring about some sense of agency support with kinderSTARt; masses with the parish, etc. community through: virtual Christmas carolling; virtual bedtime story time with author Connie Whitely; supporting poppies for the Legion and money donations for Operation Christmas Tree; participating in K of C Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and Coats for Kids project; parish connections through a few virtual masses and Ask Father Dan and Deacon Chuck 3-To promote active <u>parental involvement</u> in the school -this year, school council consisted of 20 members and community through involvement in school advisory council, other meetings were held virtually committees and child's Catholic education. -fundraising and food day committee - unable to do this -Catholic school advisory council - promotion to join and due to pandemic and restrictions on fundraising participate in regular meetings (as a member or guest) -osnp committee - only a couple mothers supported the daily preparation of fresh fruit and vegetables, along with -fundraising committee -food day committee dairy or grains -Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP) committee -positive saints safe schools and well-being committee --positive saints safe schools and well-being committee was able to modify the approach and offer virtual -invitation for any parent to participate in special events meetings with intermediate student, parent, child and -use of technology to engage parents to be involved in their youth worker and staff involvement – theme of well-being / child's education and the school community kindness of body, mind and spirit -invitation for parent participation in special events - less opportunity this year due to restrictions -use of technology to engage parents to be involved in their child's education and the school community - use of Edsby newsriver and calendar, social media and newsletter, as well as parents engaging in Google Meets

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

-to continue to focus on above goals:

1-To engage families in developing strategies to promote a love of mathematics and fun and engaging ways to support their child at home.

(synchronous learning) with their child

-although this was put on hold, the goal is to implement something as soon as ministry of health and pandemic protocols allow for it to happen - may have to reconsider past format and offer virtually

-next year hope to offer for primary and junior / intermediate grades (apply for a PRO grant if available or use school funds); possibly connect with pathways and trades; possibly run Family Math for K to grade 1 - in order to have parents and children see themselves as mathematicians, understand that math is all around us in the environment and realize that math can be fun

2-To build a sense of community within our Catholic school between staff, students, parents, parish and the larger community.

-although many events that bring about a sense of community were put on hold this year, the goal is to re-introduce them as



soon as the ministry of health and pandemic protocols allow for it to happen – may have to reconsider past format and think of offering differently – may include Meet and Greet BBQ in September; parent community part of Terry Fox Run, Christmas Luncheon, parish, school council and agency support with kinderSTARt, parish masses, Christmas connection evening, etc.

3-To promote active <u>parental involvement</u> in the school community through involvement in school advisory council, other committees and child's Catholic education.

-school advisory council – promote more parents becoming involved and when able to join face to face again, continue to offer virtual option for parents that can't make it into the school

- -fundraising and food day committee start back up when possible
- -osnp committee promote parent involvement to volunteer to support the daily program
- -positive saints safe schools and well-being committee continue the theme of well-being / kindness of body, mind and spirit with the support of student, parent, child and youth worker and staff involvement
- -invitation for parent participation in special events when possible, continue to provide opportunities to bring community together; possibly showcase parent engagement in these committees and special events through Edsby newsriver and social media (twitter)
- -use of technology to engage parents to be involved in their child's education and the school community continue to use Edsby newsriver and calendar, social media and newsletter, as well as consider other ways to leverage technology to support parent involvement
- -to add in the goal of promoting 4-Care for the Common Home
- -encouraging school community involvement in reducing our waste (garbage-less lunches, use of reusable water bottles and dixie cups, etc.) brainstorm other ways to promote caring for the common home

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

-effects of the pandemic on the mental health and well-being of students and families, cultural shift to less structured environment in family life due to the pandemic, changes to education as a result of the pandemic

Principal's Signature: Colleen Cogghe Date: Monday, May 24, 2021

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School: St. Joseph Catholic School School Council Chair: Kristy O'Neill

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Togetherness: Encourage togetherness with all students including online students.	Each student registered to St. Joseph received a school spirit T-shirt.
Parent Connection: Since Parents were not able to come into the school due to the Pandemic, parents wanted to be able to see what the students were up to via pictures and updates.	Several slide presentations were posted to Edsby and Facebook with the students and pictures of activities. There was also a video of a dance posted with all students participating. A year end video will be posted as well as the Grad video.

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Continue working toward parents feeling included even if they cannot enter the building in person. Parent Council would like to see some outdoor events that allow us to gather while following rules for the Pandemic. Planning for an "ice cream social" with prepackaged ice cream. Parents also wanted to offer "freezie" treats during September and warmer months when we gather as a school family/community.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

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Date:

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School: St. Matthew Catholic School

School Council Chair: Abby Spadafora

List two goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
-To promote active <u>parental</u> involvement in the school community through participation in the school advisory council.	-Continue to promote active parental involvement next year  -we were able to establish a strong and committed core of parents that provided essential support to the school advisory council  -we will continue to work on expanding the size of this group next year as COVID restrictions slowly begin to ease
-To build a sense of community within our school between staff, students, parents, parish, and the larger community.	-Continue to build a sense of community next year -families have demonstrated that they want to come together for school functions -the hope is that as COVID restrictions slowly begin to ease, we will have an increasing number of opportunities to come together as a school community and rekindle those relationships that have been limited due to the pandemic

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parental involvement and engagement?

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase

- capitalize on the skills developed this year with regard to virtual meetings to make the School Advisory Council accessible to more families
- continue to use technology to build family engagement and parental involvement
- leverage the Edsby platform by connecting all families, providing PD and technical support, and expanding its use as a communication tool

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

#### Edsby

Many parents have expressed having challenges engaging with the Edsby platform. PD for our parents with regards to Edsby would be an important step towards ensuring that all parents are well connected to the school and receiving all relevant communications.

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Principal's Signature: \_

Date: May 76, 202 (



School: St. Michael Catholic School

School Council Chairs: Danielle Kennedy-Neely and Stefanie Hammond

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-21, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
For School Council to be present at as many school events as possible and to increase communication with the school community to promote school related events.	<ul> <li>Due to COVID, parental involvement, volunteer opportunities and engagement was limited and restricted</li> <li>Virtually in September, email was sent to all Parents of students to invite them to participate in Parent Council</li> <li>And before each virtual Parent Council Meeting, parents who wished to participate were invited to send their email address to be included in the Google invitation</li> <li>The "Parent Weekly" continued to be sent out by School Principal to communicate weekly happenings in the school via email and EDSBY</li> <li>School Spirit Days were conducted weekly and school spirit wear sales continued throughout the year</li> <li>Community Partners worked with Parent Volunteers to create a safer environment for children of St. Michael's to walk/bike to school via the 'Safe Transportation' initiative. This resulted in a new sidewalk to be built running from Hamilton Road to St. Michael Catholic School</li> </ul>
Continue to strengthen the relationship with the Parish Team as well as the local service groups associated with St. Michael Church.	<ul> <li>Due to COVID, monthly masses and school celebrations were cancelled</li> <li>However, Father Matthew pre-recorded masses and led blessings for special events – Christmas and Grade 8 Graduation</li> <li>Father Matthew also visited with classrooms virtually throughout the year to speak with students</li> <li>School Administration emailed weekly Parish bulletin to all parents to keep them up to date on Parish news and activities</li> </ul>



<ul> <li>Principal emailed school parents about new YouTube link to watch St. Michael Sunday Mass celebrations online</li> <li>Once regular meetings can be established again (hopefully in September 2021) between the Principal &amp; Parish, we will continue to discuss further opportunities to make connections with the church and local community – especially as we move to being a 'Family of Parishes'. Doing so will help ensure that significant school happenings are shared in the church bulletin (maybe a monthly insert)</li> </ul>

# What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Continue to build the relationship with the Day Care Program at the school. Many of the students in the PELP program are potential students for our school.

Complete a review of school grounds to come up with a fundraising plan to address the following goals:

- To purchase a shed to store outdoor play equipment
- To fundraise to purchase Armour Stone Seating
- To have lines and games repainted on the pavement
- To purchase an LED Display Sign for the front of the school to advertise school events.
- To create an outdoor learning area directly off the Collaborative Learning Space
- To create a "meet and greet" area at the front of the school.

Parent Council and Principal to explore having a section in the weekly church bulletin to celebrate the wonderful happenings at the school.

Parent Council and Principal to work with Parish Team to explore having additional Parental Involvement/Volunteers assist the Parish with student preparation for Sacraments of: Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

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• We have a challenge in our school community with securing a parent volunteer to travel to Wallaceburg to attend the meetings. While the virtual format does address this issue, it is our hope to have a parent fill this role next year.

Principal's Signature: \_Steve DeGurse\_\_\_ Date: \_June 3, 2021\_\_

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School: St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown

School Council Chair: Natali Trepanier

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
To engage parents in more family oriented fundraising events to help raise more monies in school and local community.	1. We planned a community, discount card fundraiser to raise monies for outdoor winter activities for each class cohort. This card also supports local businesses and helps our school families to save monies.
Continue to use Edsby as the school's main communication platform.	2. We have tried to increase parent engagement by submitting many school activities on Edsby throughout the school year. For example, virtual meet the teacher slide show, Remembrance Day posters video, Virtual Christmas Concert slideshow etc.)

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Continue to use Social Media (EDSBY, twitter) to promote school activities and to increase community/family engagement.

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What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Adult based learning so parents do not feel unsure of or intimidated by technological advances in the school and board (i.e.: EDSBY Info session, Google Classroom Info session, Flipgrid, Jamboard, online safety etc.)

Principal's Signature: Kelly VanBoxtel Date: May 26, 2021

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School: St. Patrick's

School Council Chair: Chantal Prasad and Sabrina Treftlin

Principal's Report – increase parental awareness of the many academic and school life events at St. Patrick's by celebrating these initiatives publically and inviting

teacher representatives to speak share about

these events at School council meetings

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase

Pandemic protocols and school closures greatly impacted school life at St. Patrick's. That being said, numerous virtual activities took place throughout the school year and were archived and celebrated at the school council meetings.

Briefly describe the status of each goal.

Student Council Report – Increased student voice at our meetings by inviting the Student Council and other student representatives to present at School Council Meetings

Student Council attended each meeting and provided a detailed report about student led events such as Indigenous leadership, Terry Fox, Remembrance Day, Irish Miracle, Christmas Assembly, St. Patrick's Day and Cyclone Aid to name a few. Reports were delivered by members of our student House of Representatives

On-Line Meetings – meetings continued on-line to ensure adherence to COVID Protocols

Meetings were very successful with our largest attendance to date. Parents were able to easily follow along with agendas, guest speakers were easily able to attend and participate and students were able to access the meetings as well. Consideration will be given to continuing with a a compliment of on-line meetings post-pandemic.

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What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

I would recommend continuing with on-line meetings other than the first (election) and last (social) meetings of the year. The November, February and March meetings have historically had very low attendance – the on-line format allowed more people to attend and contribute their voice.

I would recommend we focus on celebrating events in the broader school community through the use of Edsby River and formal notifications to parents.

We also intend to share polished media productions with our School Council and broader school community through Edsby and formal notifications (emails).

We want to continue to provide learning opportunities for parents at all meetings, in order to promote stronger parental engagement which we know leads to stronger student engagement and achievement. Past presentations have included Irish Green Team, Student Council presentations, Student Trustee presentations, Catholic Graduate Expectations, Me to We, My Blueprint, Irish Miracle, Cyclone Aid, Pathways, Literacy Support, Numeracy Support, Demonstration of Learning, Empower Program for students with reading difficulties, Student Council Reports and presentations, an Art walk, SHSM presentation, Travel for Credit, Wellness Update, Orange Shirt Day and FNMI initiatives, Innovation Grants, Edsby, Thought Exchange, The Mayor's List, Special Olympics and many more.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Continue to offer BAC meetings in a virtual format whenever advantageous to do so to increase accessibility and engagement.

We are encouraged and interested in future conversations about Pathways for students leading them to post secondary work, apprenticeship, college or university.

Continue with Mental Health and Wellness information and best practices.

We are interested in continued conversation and supports for Indigenous students, and learning the indigenous Canadian history and perspective to promote strong acceptance

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and inclusivity.

Enhanced opportunities for faith formation to be offered to BAC and School Council members in a virtual format outside of meeting times.

Principal's Signature:

Date:

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# School: St. Philip Catholic School School Council Chair: Nina Vandenberghe

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
Due to the Pandemic situation resulting from the Covid Pandemic, School Council Goals were severely limited. However, we did have a couple of initiatives to support parent engagement (involvement).	
Guest Speakers at School Advisory Council Meetings, (Chris Preece, Mental Health and Wellness Lead, Superintendent Scott Johnson – De-Streaming Gr. 9 Math)	Guest speakers were well-received and appreciated. The plan is to enlist a guest speaker from the SCCDSB at other meetings for parent information.
School Council sanctioned funds to be used to increase yard activities such as snow toys and giant 4-in-a-row games.	Funds were used early in the year and throughout the year.
Bring a Friend to School Council to increase membership.	Occurring on the Final School Advisory Council evening, June 7, 2021 along with guest speaker, Superintendent, Scott Johnson

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

- Wellness/physical literacy event once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted
- Development and fundraising initiatives to create a walking path around the partial perimeter of the school yard so that students have an alternative yard activity especially in light of climate change. Developing resilience and responding creatively to a challenge as a life-long learner.
- Enlisting the support of community agencies (Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus and The Optimists) to help in the completion of this project and with the augmentation of it with trees and benches.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of

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our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

- Wellness information is well-received
- Curriculum information more on the new math curriculum

Principal's Signature:

Date: June. 3, 2021

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School: St. Ursula\_\_\_\_\_ School Council Chair: Candi Schepanowski

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase	Briefly describe the status of each goal.
parental involvement and engagement.	
PRIORITY  Strengthen communication between home & school.  STRATEGY	In the fall, there was an increase in parents signed onto Edsby and are using it to communicate. Secretary has worked with families to assist in connecting them in signing up for EDSBY.
Encouraging parents to visit their child's Google Classroom, using Edsby and email as alternate forms of communication and to keep apprised of what their child(ren) are learning at school.	Using EDSBY as a primary tool to broadcast information from the school office and broadcasting to a specific parent groups.  Training the intermediate students on EDSBY for messages and mode of communication with teacher(s) especially during virtual learning.
Creating videos and instructional literature to assist parents in learning how to use the different platforms.	Directing and educating parents re: SCCDSB Parent Hub

What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

Continue to reimagine and rethink parent engagement in post COVID world. What are the positives we have learned from the pandemic and what do those look like at St. Ursula?

- What role does virtual meetings play?
- How do we ensure we are addressing equity issues to ensure all families feel welcome and included?

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What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Strategies for families in fostering good mental health

Principal's Signature:

Date: May

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School: Ursuline College Chatham School Council Chair: Melissa Jackson

List two or three goals undertaken by your school council in 2020-2021, to increase parental involvement and engagement.

Briefly describe the status of each goal.

#### Promotion of S.A.C Meetings:

Parent participation throughout the year(s) varies regardless of the efforts to promote meetings. Working in the virtual model certainly allowed the possibility for increased access due to being able to log in from home.

The school continues to promote meetings through the school website, direct parent email, and via school messenger. These message reminders are give one week prior and the night before council meetings. We have encouraged bring a friend meetings and even shared the meeting presentation topics in advance to capture their interest.

#### Parent Interest Presentations:

The principal seeks input from parents at the end of each meeting to identify what topics might be engaging in the future. Guest presenters are included in our meetings to outline different learning opportunities and supports available in the school. Student Council Reps are invited to present on our agendas to keep families informed of the monthly activities at the school level. Efforts have been made to invite parents; friends and alumni back to meetings and attend activities at the school.

#### Promotion of S.A.C.

Despite the efforts to promote meetings through various mediums and the varietiy of guest presentations scheduled throughout the year, parent involvement remains small intimate group.

New comers have joined and that is encouraging to see interest from families that haven't had a chance to attend the school in any capacity in 2019-2020 0r 2020-2021.

#### Parent Interest Presentations:

With moving to the remote delivery model all guest presentations involved specialty assignment staff connected to UCC the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. Parents are interested in learning about the opportunities for their children. The principal report provides a brief overview of important dates, updates and information related the daily operations of the school.



What goals would you recommend to next year's school council, to increase parental involvement and engagement?

We will continue to promote School Advisory Council in every opportunity we have. The virtual format that was conducted due to Covid 19 restrictions has a successful turn out so there is a possibility of repeating this format next year to see if parents will attend virtually.

What topics would you like the board to provide PD or information on at our meetings of our Board Advisory Committee, in order to enable your School Advisory Council to be more effective in increasing parental involvement and engagement?

Parents have been extremely interested in Pathways and specialized programs such as SHSM that the Board and school offer to increase post secondary opportunity for their children. Learning about MyBlueprint always captures parent's attention, as it is an activity that parents can explore with their children. Leaning about the future job market, options students have at high school to prepare and experiential learning to enrich the classroom curriculum are all of interest.

The presentation on destreamed math was very interesting and parents are interested what the implementation and success of the program. In addition, the conversations that will help determine if more destreaming course offering will be planned for future years.

Parents would like to hear more about the budget and how it relates to making improvements for UCC. In particular, spending to modernize and update our facility. This has been an ongoing discussion for years however no major changes or plans been put in place. Parents are interested in knowing how a school and board can fund the extras in a school without having to participate in fundraising activities.

Principal's Signature:

Date:

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