



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT
BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL
NOTES**

**Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting: Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Tory George – Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
Colleen Janssens – Holy Family Catholic School
Sarah Packet – Holy Rosary Catholic School
Jordan Lane – Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Jenn Stewart – Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
Anita Hudson – St. Angela Merici
Pan VandenHengel – St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Stephanie VanderPol – St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Heather Johnson – St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
Chantal Dale – St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
Jane Pilkey – St. Matthew Catholic School
Sabrina Treftlin – St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
Tressa Brown – St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
Andrea Jones – St. Philip Catholic School
Melissa Jackson – Ursuline College Chatham
Joanne Munroe – Ursuline College Chatham

Absent:

Christ the King Catholic School
Georges P Vanier Catholic School
Good Shepherd Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
St. Elizabeth Catholic School
St. John Fisher Catholic School
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
St. Michael Catholic School, Bright’s Grove
St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
St. Ursula Catholic School

Trustees, Administration and Staff Present:

Deb Crawford	Scott Johnson	David Argenti
Amy Janssens	Derek Morrison	Erin Moffat
Lisa Walker	Chris Preece	Luana Sfalcin

Chair: Tressa Brown
Recorder: Josselyne Segeren

Tressa Brown opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Tressa Brown welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from May 11, 2020

Tressa Brown, Chair

Motion: (Anita Hudson & Melissa Jackson) That the Meeting Notes for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Monday, May 11, 2020 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted

3. Review of Agenda for November 19, 2020

Tressa Brown, Chair

Tressa Brown reviewed the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2020. There were no changes.

Motion: (Melissa Jackson & Anita Hudson) That the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2020 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

4. Thought Exchange – Parent Input

Deb Crawford, Director

- Scott Johnson introduced Deb Crawford, Director of Education.
- Deb presented the question “*As we continue to operate our schools in face to face and virtual modes, what changes could be made to make it a better experience for students and parents?*”
- The link to the ThoughtExchange was provided to all BAC/PIC members to share with their School Community Council members for feedback on behalf of the school communities.
- Those in attendance were given the opportunity to share their thoughts regarding this question. Parents shared ideas such as kindergarten families getting to see a tour of their child’s classroom; high school families getting to see “a day in the life” at the high school; ways to incorporate the virtual families into the face-to-face school to still feel part of their home school; ways to incorporate mental health into the schools; incorporating more movement/meditation time for students in class.
- Mrs. Crawford said all the ideas shared would be taken back to the board.
- All ideas shared through the ThoughtExchange will be part of looking forward to the next part of the school year.

5. Supporting Wellness During a Pandemic

- Christine Preece, Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, presented how St. Clair CDSB is supporting wellness during the pandemic.
- She highlighted the resources available on the St. Clair Parent Hub, including a video *Supporting Children who are Returning Back to School 2020*
- A variety of videos and activities were shared with parents highlighting ongoing activities taking place in our schools.
- Chris Preece discussed the Minds Up Support, Drop In Support, and Self Referrals that are ongoing supports for all SCCDSB students.
- She completed her presentation by leaving parents with a few links to resources from School Mental Health Ontario.

6. Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8:06 p.m.