

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING



St. Clair Catholic
District School Board



Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

Via: Teams Meeting

Attendance

Members:

Carla Annett, Good Shepherd Catholic School
Jacqueline Rowe, Holy Family Catholic School
Sarah Packet, Holy Rosary Catholic School
Krystal Jacques, Holy Trinity Catholic School
Jen Chickowski, Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Jenn Stewart, Sacred Heart Catholic School - Sarnia
Anita Hudson, St. Angela Merici Catholic School
Pam VandenHengel, St. Anne Catholic School - Blenheim
Aimee Legroulx, St. Elizabeth Catholic School
Heather Torres, St. Joseph Catholic School - Corunna
Dezarae Kemp, St. Michael Catholic School - Ridgetown
Tressa Brown, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Shawna Ward, St. Philip Catholic School
Joanne Munroe, Ursuline College Chatham
Ashlee Brown, Healthy Schools Coordinator - County of Lambton

Absent:

Christ the King Catholic School	St. John Fisher Catholic School
Georges P Vanier Catholic School	St. Joseph Catholic School - Tilbury
Gregory A Hogan Catholic School	St. Matthew Catholic School
Sacred Heart Catholic School - Port Lambton	St. Michael Catholic School - Bright's Grove
St. Anne Catholic School - Sarnia	St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
	St. Ursula Catholic School

Trustees, Administration and Staff:

Chris Kehoe
Catherine Day

Lisa Demers
Erin Moffat

David Argenti
Courtnee Goure

Chair:

Tressa Brown

Recorder:

Josselyne Segeren

1. Welcome

Chris Kehoe welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for joining this evening.

2. Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

Cortnee Goure led the Land Acknowledgement and opened the meeting with prayer.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Motion: (Dezarae Kemp, Sarah Packet) That the Meeting Notes for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Wednesday, January 19, 2022, be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

4. Approval of Agenda

David Argenti reviewed the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2022. There were no changes.

Motion: (Carla Annett, Heather Torres) That the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2022 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

5. Guest Speaker: David Robertson, Norway House Cree Nation

- Cortnee welcomed and introduced David Robertson.
- David introduced himself and provided the audience with his background and experiences growing up.
- He works to ensure accurate texts are brought forward to our children.
- David said the goal is to have good representation.
- He commented that parents and teachers need to educate themselves first before we educate our children.

- David said we need to ensure children can see themselves reflected in the stories, and we need to ensure books in the classroom reflect the diversity in the world around us. The more we learn about each other, the more we respect each other.
- He discussed that we all share one commonality - we are all people. He explained that this is not “Indigenous History” it is Canadian History, and we are all Canadian.
- David said he has two important goals
 - 1. Children have a book in their hands where they can see themselves reflected.
 - 2. Each child has a book that teaches them about somebody else who is sitting beside them.
- He left the group with two questions: What can you do to contribute and make a difference? What can you do to make the world a stronger and better place?
- Cortnee Goure closed the presentation by sharing the SCCDSB Indigenous Education Website and showed parents how to navigate the site. She also shared resources that are available in our schools.

6. Foundation

- Catherine Day, Manager of Financial Services, presented an upcoming raffle draw.
- This will be to raise funds for items not covered by the Ministry Grant for Student Needs.
 - I.e. Support technology, outdoor classrooms, Collaborative learning spaces
- A lot of research has been done to learn how to do a 50/50 electronic raffle.
- If this is successful, this could be used in the future at the school level for their own school-based fundraising.
- We are still waiting for the raffle licence (currently 6 to 8 week wait for the licence, it was initiated on November 30).
- She is interested in family feedback from the schools. This committee is welcome to bring forward comments from their school community on their thoughts on the raffle process.

7. Student Census Data Collection

- Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Education, presented that SCCDSB is going to be collecting a voluntary census from students.
- This Census will help us understand how to remove barriers, and create school environments that welcome all students.

- Data gathered is a piece of a puzzle to help us understand how these barriers impact success.
- This is a voluntary survey to be completed with a parent/guardian.
- SCCDSB has been working in collaboration with Indigenous partners, Diocese of London, and working with other local Catholic boards as they put together this survey.
- Results will be used to inform planning, make decisions, and resource allocation - results will be reported in the Fall. Information will be shared as trends, and not as specific information.

8. Diocesan Synodal Process

- Chris Kehoe presented the Diocesan Synodal Process and shared a link to the Individual Synod Reflection Form. Everyone is encouraged to fill out this form.

9. Thought Exchange

- Chris Kehoe shared a ThoughtExchange update. Parents had input their thoughts following the last meeting. There were some main themes that came out of the feedback. They included Mental Wellbeing, Parent Council Supports, STEM, Careers & Pathways, and Student Engagement & Extracurriculars. These themes will be used to guide the meetings for the next school year.

10. Closing Prayer

Chris Kehoe closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.