

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING



St. Clair Catholic
District School Board



Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

Via: Teams Meeting

Attendance

Members:

Carla Annett, Good Shepherd Catholic School
Sarah Packet, Holy Rosary Catholic School
Krystal Jacques, Holy Trinity 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
Joanne Munroe, St. Elizabeth Catholic School & Ursuline College Chatham
Chantal Dale, St. Joseph Catholic School - Corunna
Jane Pilkey, St. Matthew Catholic School
Janet Chynces, St. Michael Catholic School - Bright's Grove
Dezarae Kemp, St. Michael Catholic School - Ridgetown
Tressa Brown, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Jennifer Sanders, St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
Laurel Pickel, St. Philip Catholic School
Ashlee Brown, Healthy Schools Coordinator - County of Lambton

Absent:

Christ the King Catholic School	Sacred Heart Catholic School - Port Lambton
Georges P Vanier Catholic School	St. Anne Catholic School - Sarnia
Gregory A Hogan Catholic School	St. John Fisher Catholic School
Holy Family Catholic School	St. Joseph Catholic School - Tilbury
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School	St. Ursula Catholic School

Trustees, Administration and Staff:

Amy Janssens	Brian Breault	Catherine Day
Chris Kehoe	David Argenti	Erin Moffat
Ken Ross	Paul Cogghe	

Chair:

Tressa Brown

Recorder:

Josselynn Segeren

1. Welcome

Tressa welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for joining this evening. Tressa led introductions.

2. Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

Tressa led the Land Acknowledgement and opened the meeting with prayer.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Motion: (Anita Hudson, Dezaræ Kemp) That the Meeting Notes for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Monday, December 6, 2021 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

4. Approval of Agenda

Tressa Brown reviewed the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Wednesday, January 19, 2022. There were no changes.

Motion: (Laurel Pickel, Jennifer Sanders) That the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Wednesday, January 19, 2022 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

5. Guest Speaker: Howie Brox, President - CBIO

- Chris welcomed Howie Brox, President of CBIO.
- He partners with LiUNA, and is working on projects coming to Southwestern Ontario.
- He presented statistics such as:
 - In the next 5 years, 48% of the workforce will be eligible for retirement.
 - This will create 1.2 million vacancies; 40% will be skilled trades careers.
 - By 2030, 140,000 new skilled trades workers will need to be acquired.

- He discussed that jobs of the future are already here, we need to break ideas of what a “good job” is. We need to promote “big 3” - skilled trades, college and University. We should be talking about all 3 in the same way, not as a last resort.
- He talked about trades where you receive a Red seal and explained how it works - you can work anywhere in Canada and be compensated and recognized for your licence.
- Howie shared information about LiUNA! Skilled training campuses: there are 10 locals across Ontario, each have training campuses. In total there are 45 across North America.
 - He shared an example: there is an \$800 fee to start in Craftsmanship; if you are successful, the Union will keep paying for your continued training. And in addition to the free training, you are making money along the way in your apprenticeship.
- He shared experiences that they are planning across Ontario share trades with families through his company and through LiUNA!:
 - Motivational: Leaders in Training
 - Ambassadors in the schools - students whose parents are in the skilled trades
 - Virtual reality - bring the trades to the schools/kids
 - Inspirational: THiNK! For a Change
 - Thinking Hard Inspires New Knowledge
 - Breaking stigmas around careers in skilled trades
 - Keynote address - to parents and to students; discuss facts and opportunities
 - Experiential: Take Parents to Trade School; Faculty PD Day; Trial Day
 - 2 hour interactive session at the campuses
 - Bring faculty in to see the campuses, help them build knowledge about the programs
 - Pro Skills Trial Day - bring to the students

6. Pathways

- Brian Breault and Paul Cogghe introduced their roles as pathways to success teachers.
- Their job is to open the eyes of students to how many opportunities there are, how many possible pathways they could pursue.
- SCCDSB uses the program “myBlueprint”.
- Our statistics from SCCDSB show a fairly even split across all 4 pathways - apprenticeship, college, university, workplace.
- Brian and Paul meet with each grade 7 and 8 class monthly to help students prepare for future pathways.

- They discuss a variety of topics with students, including pathways, destreaming of courses, co-op, SHSM, Dual Credit, OYAP
 - By bringing attention to these early options like co-op, SHSM, Dual Credit, OYAP, students will look forward to these, and plan for them in Grade 11 and 12
 - Promoting taking electives that will support keeping pathways open
- SCCDSB is providing student experiential opportunities so they have a well-rounded understanding of the pathways.
- Students are encouraged to join clubs, find ways to get community hours in ways where you can test out different pathways.
- MyBlueprint is used to build each students' individual pathways plan - it starts in grade 7 and is used through to the end of grade 12.

Discussion with Pathways to Success Teachers:

- Do students in elementary schools get opportunities to have hands-on experience?
 - Pre-covid we had tours at the high schools where kids had hands-on experiences in the courses, but this stopped due to Covid. Hopefully we can get this back up and going again as more experiences return to our schools.
 - Head Start programming is 3 days at the end of August - all incoming grade 9 students get to do 3 electives with hand-on experience during these 3 days.
- What are the tech options for students?
 - Manufacturing; welding; woodworking; construction; cosmetology; healthcare; tech design; computer tech; hospitality and tourism; culinary
- There was a challenge presented to parents to bring to their next parent council meeting: "Do you know someone in your community who would showcase a skilled trades career?" Partnerships are always welcomed by Paul and Brian, and parent councils can share these connections with our Pathways to Success teachers.

7. 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, was initiated on November 30).
- She is interested in family feedback from the schools - from this committee as well hearing their school community, their thoughts on the raffle process.

8. Thought Exchange

- Chris Kehoe shared a ThoughtExchange with the BAC members. Parents will use this to input their ideas for future topics of interest to be discussed at Board Advisory Council meetings.
- He encouraged parents to input their thoughts and they will be gathered and presented at the next meeting.

9. Closing Prayer

Chris Kehoe closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.