



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/ksc-avwe-kop

- **Welcome** - Sabrina Treftlin/Chantal Prasad (Co-chairs)
 - a. Attendance - F. Torti, T. Johnson, E. Moffat Sharpe, K. Lobsinger, C. Prasad, S. Treftlin, B. DeGurse, J. Majeski, J. Michaud, A. Clarke, J Johnston
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke
- **Call to Order** - Sabrina Treftlin/Chantal Prasad
 - a. Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)
(Jenny / Chantal)
 - b. Approval of Minutes - Nov. 23, 2021 (Motion to Approve)
(Jenny / Chantal)
- **Student Council Update** - Benton DeGurse
 - return to in-person learning - exams reduced to better support student learning
 - e-sports upcoming, back to the beach...
 - looking for activities to build school community
 - before Christmas, activities for students included candy jar guessing, trivia, spirit days
 - approx. 16 members on student council representing a variety of grades
- **Co-Chair Report** - Sabrina Treftlin/Chantal Prasad
 - possibility of a 'grad' project/gift to school from the grade 12's (chairs would like to meet with the student council to think about a possible project)
- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke

- social justice club has done some really good work, and the culmination of their work this semester has been a petition and presentation to Mr. Torti regarding making St Patrick a single use plastic free school. The students did a very professional job and also were able to participate in a media event
- Irish Miracle drive by drop off event went very well, 30 very dedicated students plus staff and community members with lots of energy. The Knights of Columbus provided some breakfast and lunch for the volunteers as well as the collection truck. Over 600 bags of donations were collected on the day of, and there were 580 cans and about \$1200 were collected the week before at the school. Approx \$7500 was raised on the St Vincent de Paul website as well
- Advent prayer service was held before Christmas break and was broadcast from the studio with some great students leading.
- class retreats proceeded before the Christmas break and have been completed

- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart

- semester 2 timetables will be shared via Edsby and email this week
- course request changes (Google Form)
- counsellors are making necessary adjustments throughout the week
- early February, student services will be visiting classes to support course selection for next year (want them completed and submitted by the end of February)

- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich

- Success teams continue to meet weekly to share thinking on how to support students academically and otherwise to succeed. Planning occurs to help students connect with supports, to complete work, to create timetable plans to help students earn their credits.

- **BAC update** - Tressa Brown

- skilled trades update - 24% university - 24% work - 24% trades - 28% college
- board lottery coming soon to help raise funds to support schools
- Thought Exchange coming soon to get insight on board priorities from the community

- **DeStream Grade 9 Math** - Jamie Majeski

- math de-streamed this year and next year, the other grade nine courses will follow
- math received a new curriculum from the ministry - mathematical thinking, number sense, algebra, data management, measurement, and financial literacy
- PD for math teachers in the spring - work on "why" we are destreaming grade 9
- grade 9 math teachers worked together to plan lessons that would engage the students
- teachers determined that student confidence was a key factor for student success (started with measurement and then moved into more challenging units)

-AEAC - in past years, worked to raise the expectations in applied courses
-teachers worked to estimate student achievement - found estimations were accurate or higher than where students were achieving
-explored student work to find common errors and how to clear those up
-EQAO Math was supposed to return this year - canceled first semester with switch to remote learning. This was going to count for 10% of the student's math mark (replace math exam)

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. Attendance - Tamara

- Communication between school and home- timely and accurate
 - Have been working with our Attendance Secretaries to monitor attendance data, make changes and assess the outcomes
 - Current attendance data reporting regarding absences/related to the COVID protocols goes to the school board and if there are situations that need to be reported to the ministry as appropriate

- b. Student Supervisors - Tamara

- 3 full day, 3 part day
 - Support the admin and staff with helping students be successful. Hardworking and have student safety and wellbeing in the forefront.
 - Went above and beyond during the closure to assist with many tasks that came up (eg technology/equipment/learning materials, RAT test organizing, other organizational tasks around the school)

- c. Window Project - Tamara

- Some funding was allotted to SCCDSB to increase the number of windows that open to increase the ventilation to the school - the project began in September and ended in January with the completion of all external rooms now having windows that open. The chapel window was the last installed and the whole project looks amazing and works as designed. There also were repairs to some windows that had been leaking.

- d. Step Forward, SWAC and Dual Credits - Erin

- Step Forward offers flexibility for students who may have had an obstacle to overcome. Students are supported by a teacher and educational assistant. Students are able to work on whatever courses they need to in a supportive environment.
 - SWAC offers our students a space to complete their high school diploma obligations in the same environment as their cohort. Classroom is located at Lambton College. Students are able to access a variety of college credits. This program bridges high school and post secondary.
 - Dual Credits provide students with an opportunity to "try out" college courses to determine their career path and become familiar with the college environment. The credit earned counts towards graduation at St. Pat's and provides a credit on the Lambton College transcript.

- e. Rapid Antigen Tests - Karoline
 - RAT (5-packs) went out to all students on the Thursday before Christmas break
 - RAT (2-packs) went out to all students and staff last Thursday (January 20)
- f. Lockers (Semester 2) - Karoline
 - Have been organized by grade this year and will be shared with students on Friday, February 4
 - Going to create a video to demonstrate how to open locks and explain the process on the first day of semester 2
 - Students will receive an email with their locker information throughout the day by grade - period 1 (grade 12s), period 2 (grade 11s), and so on...

- **Principal's Report** - Frank Torti

- a. EQAO update - grade 9 math assessment has been canceled for semester one. The grade 9 math assessment in the spring is ready to go at this point. OSSLT was written by seniors this fall, grade 10's later in the spring.
- b. Remote Learning (Jan 5 - 14th) The admin team, staff and students have been very responsive to the pivots and deserve thanks for everything they have been doing to make the school work.
- c. End of Semester One - the adjustment of the days for period $\frac{3}{4}$ was needed to balance out the number of days for each period. The 'exam' days this semester will be used for students to either finish up their semester one work or to get themselves ready for semester two.
- d. Semester Two begins Fri. Feb 4th - many students have not had "Normal" high school experiences so we will ensure that we walk through all those high school things (lockers, four courses, lunch times, end of day, buses...). There will be many supports available to students. There will not be lunch in the cafeteria at this time. We continue to ask for this when we have clearance to do so.
- e. Extra-curriculars (clubs/activities/sports) - these are a big part of a high school experience, and we are hoping that these can return early in second semester, but we will wait for approval.
- f. Grade 8 virtual class visits - we have met with our future Irish at our partner schools via a virtual meet during the week of January 10th to share our building, academics, extra curricular activities, etc. We were able to answer lots of great questions they had about coming to high school. Option sheets have been distributed to next year's grade 9's and are due this week
- g. Virtual Open House - goes live Feb 16th, 2022 as we are not able to have an in-person event this year. Staff have prepared information, videos, images to share what our school is about and will go live at 7 pm that night.
- h. Big Events for this year - discussions are being held regarding possibilities and contingencies. Grad pics will be beginning again in March-April.

- **Future Meetings 2021-22** - Mar. 29 and Jun. 7 (all at 7:00 pm)