



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

June 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

SPHS Library

Attendance: S. Treftlin, F. Torti, J. Matthews, J. Verstraeten, M. DeCarolis, H. Thomas, J. Stewart, L. Roeszler, K. Lobsinger, J. Johnston, M. Wray, T. Pound, T. Moore

- **Welcome** - Sabrina Treftlin (Chair)
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke
- **Call to Order** - Sabrina Treftlin
 - a. Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda) - approved
 - b. Approval of Minutes - March 28, 2023 (Motion to Approve) - approved by Jay Stewart
- **Dinner**
- **Student Council Update** - Michael DeCarolis and Hudson Thomas
 - Palooza was last Friday (June 2) - live music, dunk tank, inflatables, basketball tournament
 - Spring Fling semi-formal - sold many tickets across the grade levels (April 30)
 - Wrapping up the school year with a multicultural day and/or a pathway merch day
- **Family Engagement Facilitator** - Laurie Roeszler
 - Invite to meet to discuss parent engagement - what it looks like and what are some barriers?? Transportation, childcare, work, etc.

- How to help support parents who may be intimidated by parent council? Let parents know that there are all sorts of ways for parents to engage in parent council.
- Parents are encouraged to come and listen
- Instead of parent involvement, make it parent engagement
- Encourage parents to use their gifts and skills to support school initiatives
- Use this time to re-set - as parent survey are completed to collate info and find new ways to engage our parent community
- This position is hired on contract and Laurie is attending events at schools to reach to school events throughout the board
- To reach out to high school parents - schools are not only places of learning for kids, but also for parents

Parent Interests from Survey:

#1 - internet safety

#2 - mental wellness

#3 - volunteer opportunities

- **Chair Report** - Sabrina Treftlin

- Ministry of Education continues to emphasize the importance of parent engagement
- St. Patrick's will continue to reach out to parents so that all parents feel welcomed to come to the school to see and learn what is happening at the space where the kids attend every day
- St. Patrick's goes above and beyond to support all students - there is help available and tools for them to use

- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke

- Year-end service with Deacon Chris
- Chapel masses with all grade 10 classes - students were then able to ask the priest questions after mass
- All religion classes have participated in a retreat
- Social justice club ran a water relay
- Priest assignments will be changed next year

- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart

- Grade 11 college panel presentation in the caf last month - students were surprised by the number of degree and apprenticeship programs that are being offered at college now
- Grade 9-11 presentation - Live Different to speak about Altruism
- Students attended a program with the union hall - 3 full-day sessions (working at heights, confined space, safe fit)
- Graduation on Saturday, June 10 - 12:00 - school team is well-prepared. 301 graduates. At PASA, there is no limit for families who wish to attend.
- Scheduling for September is well underway

- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich
 - **Parent Involvement Committee update** - Tressa B/Tracy P
 - Speakers discussing programs: dual credit, co-op, OYAP, family life education program, STEM/coding, pathway, student voice
 - **Vice-Principal's Report**
 - a. School Climate Survey - Jacqui M
 - Put out to parents, staff and students due on May 26. The school had all period 3 classes complete the survey
 - b. [Exam Schedule](#) - Karoline L
 - Period 1 exam starts on Friday, June 23
 - Period 2-4 continues the following week
 - Back-up day on Thursday, June 29
 - c. [Bussing 2023-24](#) - Jessica V
 - Parents will be able to access CLASS on August 25 - courtesy seats and be requested starting August 9
 - **Principal's Report** - Frank T
 - a. Grad (Sat. June 10th @ 12:00 pm) - Progressive Auto Sales Arena
 - b. Scheduling - Student Timetables (2023-24 School Year)
 - Ready to lock schedule and load students. Transfer to Aspen has been a challenge to scheduling. The goal is to have timetables in students' hands heading into the summer
 - For next year - Grade 9 class will be 355. 1325 total number of students for 2023/24. There are 80 students enrolled from out-of-board
 - c. Head Start (August 28, 29 and 30th)
 - Many Grade 8s are invited to help with the transition to high school - focus on numeracy and experiencing some of our elective programs
 - d. LINK Day - Grade 9s (August 31st)
 - For all grade 9 students!
- ***Report cards will be accessible in Edsby at the end of the first week of July.
- e. Thank you
- **Future Meetings 2023-24** - September 26, 2023 (also Grade 9 Parent Night) @ 7:00 pm