

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 2018

Attendees

Mathew Blayney, Tressa Brown, Nadine Cervi, Rob Ciccelli, Rob Kardas, Chris Kehoe, Victor Matias, Erin Moffat Sharpe, Christine Monteiro, Norman Monteiro, Joseph Palko, Amanda Pascavage, Chantel Prasad, Frank Torti, Michelle Williams

Welcome (R. Kardas)

Prayer (J. Palko)

Grace prior to dinner.

Rob Ciccelli thanked everyone for their time and service as he transitions out of his position as principal and welcomed Chris Kehoe to St. Pat's school.

Call to Order

Motion to Accept Agenda by: V. Matias; Motion Seconded by: C. Monteiro

Motion to Accept Minutes by: T. Brown; Motion Seconded by: C. Prasad

Special Presentation (Nadine Cervi)

Nadine is with Lambton College as a Centre for Educational Pathways/Pathways research consultant. She provided an overview of her job and service for current and prospective students. Lambton College has articulation agreements with various educational providers with options for students to continue to further degrees with confidence of transfer credits. Students can transfer into year 2 of programs saving money as well as allowing for transition time between high school and college or university. Lambton can track students and provide advice or guidance option beyond a 'linear' pathway. Nadine familiarized the group with various options from the college.

ONTransfer.ca is a government funded site that houses all articulation and multilateral agreements. It can be accessed by students or counselors. It shows college and university credits that can be transferred. Great resource to students and parents to be explored.

Approximately 3,200 students attend Lambton. They continue to grow information to support students. A high portion of students go to college vs university. French immersion numbers are increasing. The college will keep considering what fields they choose to pursue to serve the increasing need.

Suggestion to St. Pat's – consider and revisit opportunities to use Lambton College to help support school efforts.

Student Council Update (M. Blayney)

June 1 Palooza-lite is coming with an adjusted school schedule of 40 min assembly. It will be video-heavy, other events to have fun such as yogurt truck, singing with the event ending with a large group photo.

New microwaves are coming to the cafeteria 'brought by you' at a cost of ~ \$111 each.
Suggestion to put information into daily announcements this week that the Palooza event will go forward rain or shine.

Chaplain Update (J. Palko)

Education update to help parents understand teachings. Sunday is Feast of Corpus Christi. Want to show practicality of our faith. Give students the mind of God so they can see the world his way. Show students how to form a healthy individual – ie focus on mental health. Place a positive spin on what our faith teaches us; receive the Eucharist.

Ontario Catholic graduate expectations – 7 main things we want to emphasize going forward; put a name to what we are trying to form.

Consideration is being given to combine the 7 items on a medal – to consider presenting to graduates along with their diploma. Examples were shared. Cost is \$6 each; could fundraise to help make the effort possible.

Item was tabled until the next school year.

Motion was passed that council supports the concept to be discussed subsequent school year.

Motion to Accept by: M. Williams; Motion Seconded by: C. Prasad

Joseph volunteered to give presentation on this next year.

Updates

Literacy Test Update: (E. Moffat Sharpe)

Grade 10 written results expected in early June.

Starting to look at grade 9's to target as they moved into grade 10. Consider strategies to fill gaps. EQAO page is given to students through their report cards in the mail.

Numeracy (F. Torti)

June 14, 15 EQAO tests (grade 9). Not a graduation requirement but does count as a portion of their grade (5% academic, 15% applied.) After school help on Mond/Wed continues. No results are given until fall. Multiple choice section is marked by teachers to get information for grade calculations.

Committee Reports

Board Liaison (T. Brown)

Met for final meeting of the year. Focus on mental wellness. Mind Up curriculum – scientific basis and approach to mental health; physical literacy, power of play.

Board wants to encourage more people to participate.

Safe Schools Committee / Sabrina/Ryan's Laws (C. Blair)

No report.

Uniform Committee (E. Moffat Sharpe)

July 17, 18 fit show being held at school by McCarthy. No pricing change expected next year. Swap days will be held around the end of exam times. Swap items will come from new grads. Continue with dinner and movie incentive. June 4 is the end of exams.

Pro Grant Committee (C. Monteiro, C. Prasad)

Successful event held. Thanks and appreciation given to Jay and Judy for their assistance and organization of the event. Good response from parents. Survey was conducted before and after the event with an improvement shown in level of knowledge.

Presented summary statistics on survey results to council.

Pro-grant needed to give more detail on budgeting within their submission. Something to consider for next application. Next application is due in early June. Label where the money is going.

Discussion to take place offline via email to finalize details.

Suggestion to create a 'tool' kit.

Keep details in application more high level then finalize details in the fall. Guidance can run program similar to MyBlueprint workshops and then use funds to cover another event expense.

Principal's Report (R. Cicchelli)

Introduction of New Principal – Chris Kehoe

Introduction to Chris Kehoe to council.

Rob has had a great experience and indicates he will miss the school. Council led by Rob K. thanked Rob C on behalf of all parents and students.

Student Achievement and Programming

Next fall – good conversations should continue around balance. Emphasize importance of parents and students making decisions. Living faith and achievement. Continue to reflect and ensure achievement remains top priority. Input is needed to ensure school focus in there. Always keep balance in mind.

Fall email reminder on balance will be sent.

First summer – careers in civics, other online course options (dual credits granted through Lambton College. ~ 10 students are pursuing this)

August/September Transition Items

Linc day is Aug 30. Aug 27, 28 and 29 is the head start program for grade 9 applied mathematics, tech, phys and arts. Program makes students more comfortable on day one.

Ending Prayer

Motion to Adjourn by: Group

Future meeting dates: Sept 18, Nov 13, Jan 15, Mar 19, May 28 (5:30pm start)