

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2018

### **Attendees**

Cynthia Blair, Tressa Brown, Paul Cassin, Sebastien Demers, Zoe Grasse, Dana Heno, Judy Hubbard, Rob Kardas, Chris Kehoe, Lori Kraayenbrink, Phil Kraayenbrink, Aaron Lao, Dan McBride, Erin Moffat Sharpe, Christine Monteiro, Norman Monteiro, Joseph Palko, Amanda Pascavage, Chantel Prasad, Frank Torti, Rob Walicki, Tracey Whitcomb

### **Welcome** (C. Kehoe)

### **Prayer** (J. Palko)

### **Call to Order**

Motion to Accept Agenda by: R. Kardas; Motion Seconded by: T. Brown

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

### **Role and Importance of Parent Council** (C. Kehoe)

### **Irish Moments** (C. Kehoe)

- Knights of Columbus moment
- Grade 9/10 basketball moment – supporting each other.
- Chaplaincy address to football team; available online.
- Walking in and seeing returning faces provided a warm, welcoming atmosphere.
- Link Team welcoming our Grade 9 students.

### **Council Elections if Required:**

- School Council Chair – Rob Kardas
- Community Representatives attending three BAC meetings (Nov. 6, Feb. 27, May 21 @ 7:00 pm start) – Tressa Brown, Dana Heno, Phil Kraayenbrink
- Council Secretary – Amanda Pascavage

### **Student Council Update** (Z. Greene & S. Demers, A. Lao)

(Z. Greene)

- Homecoming - Last year we had a parade before homecoming. Clubs came together on the field – diverse group represented.
- Christmas Assembly - We sat in a circle and touched on current issues, how to be loving and sang spiritual songs.
- Council size was reduced. Teach Team is not part of Council now and some positions were eliminated.

(S. Demers)

- Elections - They were opened up to students and did not require prior council experience. We are considering if candidates should only run for one position. During April 5th mass, council said vows and were publicly sworn in during ceremony.
- Back to The Beach Day – A volleyball tournament was created with the students who made teams as a fundraiser for Student Council. A bracket system was used to determine the final student team who then took on the teacher team.
- Christian Music Coffee House – It was a nice time and a great showing.
- Pie in The Face Day Fundraiser – One-half of funds went to charity. Tickets were put in a box to vote for the teacher who would receive the pie in the face.
- SPF 2018 Event – Every area had activity. There were games and food; it went well. Photo booths were available and the students got to be themselves.
- Color Blast event – We had a short assembly and then a frozen yogurt truck. New microwaves for the school were unveiled.
- Year End Mass & Goodbye to Rob Ciccelli – Family members and council read from the books from their respective year. Rob C. read a book for each year to the students. A nice tradition to continue.
- Homecoming October 5 – Planning Homecoming with a parade, will celebrate with other clubs and parts of the school to strengthen and bring together our Irish Family. Goal was to build spirit and excitement that leads to the game, award day and alumni night.

(A. Lao)

- New Committees – Homecoming and communication, more social media and photoshop flyers and advertisement for homecoming and types of games. Keep the students informed. Homecoming mass.

### **Board Mission/Board Strategic Plan/School Improvement Plan**

Mission Statement 2018-2019 – Living our faith component – strengthen use of Catholic graduate expectations. Chris Amand was special guest.

WE Schools – St. Pat's is part of this effort.

K-12 focus on active community involvement.

<https://www.we.org/we-schools/program>

4 steps of WE Schools <see handout>

Campaigns – for example – we scare hunger; Trying to get a campaign in each school in the system.

(S. Demers) “We Stand Together” could be a good suggestion.

Examples given to spark ideas.

### **Empower Program (T. Whitcomb)**

Empower Reading Program – three levels of reading curriculum are Academic, Applied and Locally Developed/Essential.

Focus is to help progress reading levels. The program was brought to the school <presentation>. This program is used across ON and beyond, crosses all grade levels.

There are two main parts:

Decoding & Spelling (word & text reading)

Comprehension & Fluency (text patterns)

There is a specific target audience with scientifically designed guidelines.

Implementation last year was all Grade 9 Locally Developed participated. Some hand-picked grade 11/12 also participated. This year we will be finishing with Grade 10 (last year's Grade 9 that participated). Feedback from the students was very positive with examples shared. This program increased their overall confidence.

### **Chaplain Update (J. Palko)**

Theological Theme – Welcome to the Revolution

Goal is to understand love and be considerate of others, not self-satisfying; live for others.

New Facebook page – Irish Chaplain 2.

Catholic graduation expectations.

Re-consecrate the school after Homecoming.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Board Liaison (T. Brown & P. Kraayenbrink)**

Next meeting is in October.

Waiting for pro-grant result. Application to support parent councils.

Superintendents changing over.

Feel free to pass on any suggestions.

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

Getting underway. New school climate results – very positive feedback.

Sabrina/Ryan's Law is related to anaphylaxis and using epi pens or breathing aids.

Administration staff ensured all were trained which also included information on epilepsy and diabetes.

Had our 1<sup>st</sup> fire drill which was not a surprise drill. Next one will be more spontaneous.

Concern raised over response to nut awareness and allergies.

Chris Kehoe indicated that awareness is there with the students; have had conversations with the families.

Consider a reminder on the school website.

Indigenous Leadership Group – Building partnerships and momentum. A support person is in the school once a week. An elder came to speak on residential schools. 16 students came. September 30 will be Orange Shirt Day where students can wear an orange shirt to school to increase awareness.

**Uniform Committee** (E. Moffat Sharpe)

Uniform Fit Show – Given the feedback received, we tried to set it up like a store. We will work on efficiency of processing people through that know what they want or need. We will meet Oct/Nov to give feedback. 94% of the orders were met prior to first day of school. Spirit Wear Days will continue on Tuesdays.

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

Application and report from last year were submitted. Waiting on results.

**Graduate Acknowledgement Committee** (M Williams)

No report.

**Updates**

**Literacy Test Update:** (E. Moffat Sharpe)

Identifying and pre-assessing for support. Results not public yet.

**Numeracy** (F. Torti)

Support role continues, one-half day a week with other teachers.

EGAO score results are grade 9 academic (5%) or applied (15%) for final grades. Two-day assessment, written the semester they take math.

Results from last year coming out soon.

After school math has started. Mon/Wed 2:30-3:30, Room 152. Geared to Grade 9/10.

Assessment fits the curriculum.

**Principal's Report**

**School Start Up**

Went well.

Very few transportation issues. Has gone smoothly since.

Head Start Day – students came for three days to get acquainted with teachers and the school.

Grade Assemblies – Book of The Year continues. Has been a tradition Rob. Cicchelli started. Focus is to change the way we see. Shared with students.

**Demonstration of Learning**

75% mark <12. Eligible to write but it is NOT an exam. Goal is engagement.

**Facility Updates**

Phone added to dressing room; used during lockdown.

Muskoka Collaboration info hung in cafeteria.

Front Gardens – less is more approach.

**Ending Prayer**

**Motion to Adjourn by:** Group

**Future Meeting Dates 2018-2019:** Nov 13, Jan 15, Mar 19, (7:00 PM start)  
May 28 (5:30 PM start with dinner)