

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2018

Attendees

Ryan Bagley, Cynthia Blair, Sam Bedard, Matthew Blayney, Tressa Brown, Megan Eagleson, Zoe Grasse, Dana Heno, Judy Hubbard, Rob Kardas, Chris Kehoe, Karoline Lobsinger, Jamie Majeski, Mick Peckham, Erin Moffat Sharpe, Christine Monteiro, Amanda Pascavage, Chantel Prasad

Welcome, Introductions (R. Kardas)

Call to Order

Motion to Accept Agenda by: C. Prasad; Motion Seconded by: D. Heno

Motion to Accept Minutes by: D. Heno; Motion Seconded by: C. Monteiro

Irish Moments (C. Kehoe)

- Jr. and Sr. girls' basketball at Lambton College – very proud, they played hard and demonstrated great sportsmanship.
- College was proud to host the event, games had great attendance.
- Grade 7 day tomorrow – students excited to come to the school, excited for their future.

Prayer

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

- Irish won at homecoming with lots of people supporting the team; success that many people attended mass, demonstrated good school spirit. Pep rally was a success and gave recognition for other sports beyond football.
- Semi-formal dance to be held Nov 22, entrance fee \$5.

Specialist High Skills Major - Presentation

- Handout provided with more detail on various programs. Embarking on a new branding campaign. Program is ~ 10 yr old initiative from the Ministry of Education. Pathway planning with 7 items listed in newsletter for highest employable fields.
- If 5 requirements are completed, diploma will show they have completed in their sector of choice. Typically apply fall of grade 11 year.
- Website will contain more information. Logos, multimedia, posters around the school will help bring awareness to program availability.
- No cost to students, ministry funded. 2 period co-ops required, encourage summer co-op to take advantage.

Chaplain Update (J. Palko) – No report

Numeracy Report (J. Majeski)

- EQAO Math grade 9 – Jan 21-22
- Presentation given. Encourages student voice, numeracy skills beyond math. Role created to work with teachers to co-plan and co-teach lessons.
- School numeracy goal is to show importance of skills for the future.
- AEAC – achieving excellence in applied courses. Predict student achievement 2x per year, teacher expectations have a large effect on overall student achievement. Positive belief = positive outcome.

Literacy Report (E. Moffat Sharpe)

- Presentation – literacy support teacher
- OCA diagnostic from Ministry of Education, 1 hr, linked to skills and curriculum; gives a sample of writing, not just the answer but how you arrived there. Helps identify gap in skills.
- Intention is to support students and develop lifelong readers, encourage independent reading outside the classroom.
- EQAO data summarized. 94% of students indicate they have reading materials available at home. 93% state they read <1 hr per week for pleasure. Most popular forms of reading material are novels and poetry. 40% of students need to utilize a computer 1-2 times per week.
- Overall, St. Pats is above provincial average. School improvement plan and goal is for Level 3+ work.

Committee Reports

Board Liaison (T. Brown)

- First meeting will be held next week for the board. Pro grants have been cut. February meeting will discuss specialist high skills major. Continuing the goal to encourage more attendance at meetings.

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

- Finished fire drills, moving to lockdowns shortly.

Uniform Committee (E. Moffat Sharpe)

- No update at this point. End of Nov meeting will be held, no issues with quality reported.

Wellness Committee (C. Blair) – No report

Travel for Credit (Erin Moffat Sharpe)

- Partner to offer summer school credit for Grade 10 civics. Combination of online and city tours held in July. Cost \$1700. Filled up very quickly.

Treaty Week and Orange Shirt Day (C. Kehoe)

- Orange shirt day was a success, broadcast over PA. Powerful way to connect, help learn about the community and opens opportunity for dialogue.

Principal's Report

School Improvement Planning

Department improvement plans – new model; departments are creating subject specific goals.

Innovation grants - \$1500 per proposal; make curriculum come alive, will share more detail in the future.

Facility updates – Muskoka Woods visual arts collaboration shown in the cafeteria

Motion to Adjourn by: Group

Future Meeting Dates 2018-2019: Mar 19, (7:00 PM start)

May 28 (5:30 PM start with dinner)