



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting

March 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm

SPHS Library

Attendance: W. Seton, D. Mancusi, R. Hare, J. Matthews, K. Lobsinger, C, Van Barneveld, S. Treftlin, J. Stewart

Regrets: H. Amaral

- **Welcome** - S Treftlin/H Amaral (Co-Chairs)
- **Opening Prayer ([We Are Called To Love](#))** - A Clarke
- **Call to Order** - S Treftlin/H Amaral
 - a. Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)
-J. Stewart and R. Hare
 - b. Approval of Minutes - Nov 21, 2023 (Motion to Approve)
-J. Stewart and R. Hare
- **Student Council Update** - Davi Monteiro and Chayton Van Barneveld
 - Back to the Beach Day on the Friday before March Break. All students were invited to “buy-out” for period 4. The event raised money for future council events.
 - Cultural Coffee House with student council and Mr. D. Sonier
 - on May 9, there is a Spring Fling dance
 - Palooza in June
- **Chair Report** - S Treftlin/H Amaral
 - ”Bring a Friend” challenge to all parents on school council
 - on February 7, chair and co-chair set up a table at the Open House - spoke to parents to advocate for involvement on parent council moving forward. There was an excellent turn-out. Hoping to transition parents from their elementary school parent councils to our secondary council.
- **Chaplain's Update** - A Clarke

-Easter Liturgy on April 4 for all our students

- **Student Services Update** - J Stewart

- My Blueprint presentations are wrapping up
- counsellors are now working with smaller groups with students to complete course selection
- English as a Second Language session to support our families with this process
- OSAP presentation for our future graduates (by Lambton College)
- Summer E-Learning courses are being offered to support student learning
- Summer co-op will be offered in the near future
- Saturday, June 8 is Graduation (at PASA)

- **Parent Involvement Committee update** - T Brown/T Pound/M Wray

- no update provided
- D. Mancusi - January 17 the group met to discuss Indigenous perspectives with some talking points. Requested to table a group discussion regarding this to our June meeting.

- **OYAP/SHSM** - W Seton

- co-op is the cornerstone for these programs to demonstrate their knowledge and help make decisions regarding future pathways and careers
- OYAP focus is to get students into the skilled trades
- Ministry of Labour provides funds to the board to provide opportunities to our students - any student co-op placement in one of the trades can access fund for excursions and safety equipment
- just under 40 students registered in the skilled trades (just over 60 students enrolled in co-op)
- Specialist High Skills Major started as a model to increase graduation rates - students interested in an economic sector. The students complete several credentials and certifications to complete the program. The Ministry offers 19 sectors and St. Patrick's has 7 of them.
- many SHSM students are provided opportunities for field trips and certifications (first aid and other related certifications).
- some post-secondary institutions are providing bursaries for students who have completed SHSM programs

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. [Open House](#) - K Lobsinger

- well attended - many students from our feeder schools, but also many students from the public board.
- students and parents met in the cafeteria for a brief information session and then toured freely to explore our specialty rooms. Student services provided space for many community partners to set up tables in the main foyer and hall to meet with our families and promote connections in our community.
- uniform table set up for families to view
- tours of speciality areas ie. tech, PE, the arts

b. Arts Dept (school visits) - K Lobsinger

- initiatives that are coming Martina Austin and Dan Sonier went to elementary schools (4-500 students)
- they took senior leaders to grade 7 and 8 classes and led activities
- Spring concert is coming up in May
- April 10th and 11th show, tickets are available through school cash online

c. OSSLT - K. Lobsinger

- grade 10 English students will write booklet one on April 16 and booklet 2 on April 17 with their English teacher
- all students get time and a half
- Amanda Cimetta got results for semester one writers
- students who were not successful in the fall can try again on April 18
- any grade 11 or 12 that still needs the requirement can write again as well
- many students have been moved into our Step Forward classroom to complete the OSSLT course (8 students)

d. Shelter in Place (Jan 17, 2024) - J Matthews

- Sarnia Police asked St. Patrick's to Shelter in Place while there was a fire down the street
- school's ERT were at all entrances and exits to keep students inside until we were given the all-clear
- reaction time for the school was extremely fast in response to the emergency
- Mr. Torti and Ms. Matthews were included in a debrief with board personnel

e. Uniforms - J. Matthews

- McCarthy's uniform contract is wrapping up
- our board joined a procurement group with other boards to explore a future vendor
- Ms. Matthews has been scoring the potential vendors on behalf of our school. The members from all the boards included met to evaluate the company who should get the future contract. There were 5 vendors who put in for the contract.
- will roll out January 1, 2025

f. EQAO Math - R Hare

- semester 1 scores will be reviewed by school team
- semester 2 grade 9s will write in June with their math class. It is 10% of their culminating portion of their grade

g. SEL - R Hare

- Mr. Hare is on a small team at the school board to coordinate resources in our learning and administration of SEL
- group is working on partnering with principals to visit other schools for a half day to see how SEL is implemented in the school
- teachers need to be reminded that they are already doing SEL in their classrooms - they are simply being asked to make it more purposeful and regular

- **Principal's Report** - D. Mancusi

a. Enrolment - 2024-25

- grade 9 enrollment for the fall (2024) - 377

b. Bingo (L Wagner)

-Ms. Wagner is still looking for volunteers to support in running these

c. Track Update

-expected to be completed by mid-April

-the track will be deep green

-elementary track meet is scheduled in mid-June

-fundraising committee has now started to support this

d. Europe Trip

-leave on Wednesday this week and will return on Monday, April 8

- **Future Meetings 2023-24** - June 4 (@ 6 pm - dinner)