



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

September 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Library

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

- DM welcomed all the parents in attendance
- everyone introduced themselves
- Tyler Dillon, Gina Di Sotto, Mandie White, Leslie Vignon, Ann Clarke (Chaplain), Jacqui Matthews (VP), Karoline Lobsinger (VP), Ryan Hare (VP)

Opening Prayer/Reflection

- led by Ann Clarke

Call to Order

- Adoption of Agenda - 1st (Heather), 2nd (Christine)
- Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2023 - 1st (Heather), 2nd (Gina)

School Council Elections

- Heather Amaral brought her name forward in June to be a co-chair
- DM asked if other members would like to assist as co-chair - Tyler Dillon and Sandy ? offered to support as co-chairs
- PIC representative - Tyler Dillon offered to attend the first PIC meeting at the CEC on October 2
- DM suggested that another parent attend the following meeting
- Council Secretary - KL to continue to take minutes for the school

-DM asked if a parent would also be willing to take on this role - no one has volunteered at this time

Student Council Update

-school prime minister is Morley Bourgon and will be joining the School Advisory Council Meeting at future meetings

Student Services Update

-Mr. Stewart will attend future meetings to review what services this department is providing

-academic awards in December to highlight the academic achievements of the previous school year

A. K. Lobsinger

Health Support

-staff was provided a review at our first staff meeting regarding support during medical emergencies (epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, and anaphylaxis)

-KL also reviewed the school's concussion protocol and required paperwork to have students return to learning

Lunches

-an overview of the lunch breakdown was provided

-KL expressed some concerns during the grade 9 and 10 lunches regarding student behaviour

Attendance

-KL explained the preferred method for parents to report their student's absences - messenger app

EQAO (OSSLT)

-grade 10s will be writing the OSSLT in their grade 10 English classes and will be properly prepared by the literacy teacher (Ms. Amanda Cimetta) and the classroom teacher

-the fall window is in November and any student in grade 10 English will write the assessment at that time

-the OSSLT is a graduation requirement and if students are unsuccessful on 1-2 tries, they will be recommended to complete the OLC course which satisfies the graduation requirement

B. J. Matthews

Emergency Response

- we have completed 2 fire drills at this point
- school response was quick - first and second fire drill - building evacuated in just over two minutes
- new location to the football field now that the soccer field is enclosed

Rebound

- Sonja is staffed in the Rebound room and works with students who may have a lunch detention or in-school suspension

Wellness Supports

- weekly meetings with each success team to review student names who have been brought forward
- needs are discussed and action items are clearly outlined to make sure all students are receiving adequate support

Bullying and Harassment Form

- we really want students to be able to come to the office and report if there are issues in the school before they escalate
- form is completed by the student and admin follows up and completes an investigation

School Uniform

- McCarthy's won the bid to continue supporting St. Patrick's and our uniform needs
- there will be more "fit show" dates to have students and families try the clothing on
- school provides financial assistance to some of our families in need
- spirit wear tops are allowed on Tuesdays

C. R. Hare

Busing and Late Buses

- all available in CLASS website
- 3 late buses for county areas at 5:00 Monday-Thursday

De-Streaming (grade 9)

- provides all grade 9s an opportunity to get into high school before they are streamed in grade 10
- at the end of grade 9, students and parents will select a pathway to move forward in future courses
- holistic approach with assessment and the triangulation of data to determine whether a student has understood the concepts covered in the class

Technology

-all classrooms have Chromebooks for students to use if needed

EQAO (grade 9 math)

-worth 10% of overall grade 9 math mark

-students are writing in in their math class with their math teacher in the weeks before the end of the semester

Principal's Report

-reviewed links linked to agenda

-1500 students strong with 150 staff members

-new classroom added over the summer and two new meeting rooms

-potential splits or additional sections added in the coming weeks

-Head Start - enhanced transition for some new grade 9s

-Link Day for grade 9s in the week before school started was well attended

-DM reviewed the school schedule

-school website has a lot of excellent information and links

-BINGOs - always looking for parent volunteers to help run these. Parents asked to reach out to Lindy Wagner.

Any additional items to add or questions??

Nothing brought forward...

Next meeting date: Tues. Nov. 26, 2024 - 7pm