



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

November 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm

SPHS Library

Attendance: F Torti, J Stewart, T Moore, J Johnston, M Hammond, K Lobsinger, J Majeski, J Matthews, T Brown, L Barbato, S Treftlin

- **Welcome** - Sabrina Treftlin (Chair)
-introductions of the group

- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke

- **Call to Order** - Sabrina Treftlin
 - a. Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)
-motion by Tressa
 - b. Approval of Minutes - Oct 4, 2022 (Motion to Approve)
-motion by Tom

- **Student Council Update** - Michael DeCarolis and Hudson Thomas
Not present

- **Chair Report** - Sabrina Treftlin
-presented info regarding school council and parent involvement committee to encourage parent involvement. The goal is to improve student achievement and ask for accountability.
-effective school councils prioritize student achievement and wellbeing. They encourage positive and ongoing communication with our parent community.

- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke
-update provided by Frank Torti

- grade 11 retreats in December and grade 10 retreats in January (grade 9 and 12s are done.)
- all grade 9 classes have celebrated a mass
- chapel time for staff after school on Tuesdays for staff for 15 minutes
- social justice club presented a seminar yesterday and today to discuss water justice and global poverty
- Advent Liturgy on Tuesday, November 29 (2 masses) during period 2

- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart

- academic awards last week
- university and college applications coming up
- Lambton College coming to present to grade 12 classes - Why College?
- promoting new bridging programs at Lambton (Friday morning)
- My BluePrint blitz this week which encourages students to complete some background work to lead up to course selections in the new year
- question by Lori B regarding scholarships and bursaries - Jay S guided the group through the school website to access the financial assistance that is available

- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich

Not present

- **Parent Involvement Committee update** - Tressa B/Tracy P

- mental health and wellbeing presentation by Chris P to the PIC group - provided info on the struggles that the students are experiencing and supports that the board is providing.
- human trafficking presentation as an awareness piece
- The Chaos Machine (book) suggested for parents
- tomorrow (Wednesday, November 23) is the next meeting - Thought Exchange, e-learning, travel for credit, etc.

- **SHSM information** - Jay Stewart

- ministry initiative to improve sector-focused learning: arts and culture, construction, information and communication technology, manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, health and wellness (fitness or medical focus)
- focus is to get students to explore skilled trades
- 5 required components: course bundle, certifications, experiential learning, reach ahead experiences, sector-partnered experience
- co-op is a mandatory requirement for a completed SHSM - to test drive a future career path. St. Patrick's has regularly offered summer co-op in July to help students complete this requirement.
- OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program allows students to start accumulating hours towards their apprenticeship
- SWAC - school within a college - high school students finish their diploma on a college campus. Students are supported by a high school teacher while they complete their remaining credits needed for their OSSD, but they are also required to complete dual credits that earn them a college credit and a high school credit. Ms. Davis is the teacher

at Lambton running this program with 15 of our students. The students must be a minimum of 17 years old and have a minimum of 21 credits.

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. OSSLT (Karoline L)

- Wednesday and Thursday next week for grade 10s (with their grade 10 English class by period)

- next Friday for rewrites (starting at 8:30)

- students have been divided into classes for monitoring (accommodations for students who require them)

- b. Grade 8 Day - Nov 2nd, 2022 (Karoline L)

- the 325 students were divided into two groups and then switched at the halfway point. One group toured our specialized classroom spaces and the other group had a presentation in the library lead by student council

- c. Open House - Wed. Feb 8th, 2023 (Karoline L)

- an evening program that will allow future students and their parents to tour the school and meet teachers, coaches, advisors around the school

- d. Lockdown Drill - Jacqui Matthews (Jacqui M)

- on November 16 - students and staff had a lockdown drill - exterior doors were locked and 6 officers were present

- e. Step Forward, Dual Credit, SWAC (Jacqui M)

- Step Forward is a classroom (perids 2, 3, and 4) - students who are at-risk are registered in this class to work at other credits and make up for lost credits. It is an alternate learning program for students who are struggling with regular programming.

- Dual Credit - HVAC, woodworking, ECE, criminology, makeup/hair, baking, electrical, e-sports, etc.

- f. Academic Awards Night - November 17th (Jacqui M)

- held last Thursday - excellent attendance by students and parents

- we reviewed the criteria for the different types of awards and the committee that makes the selections

- g. EQAO Grade 9 Math (Jamie M)

- January 19-20 - 40 minutes in length. The assessment is online and mostly multiple choice

- counts as 10% of their final mark (20% is the exam) in their grade 9 math class

- h. Health and Safety Walkthroughs (Jamie M)

- monthly walkthrough at the end of the month - check for items that needs to be fixed or modified for safety

- **Principal's Report** - Frank Torti

- a. Midterm Reports

- released to students and parents on Monday this week (in Edsby) - print copy coming...

- b. Parent Interviews

- Thursday this week from 4:00-7:00 by appointment

- c. Bingo

- need more volunteers - the school benefits greatly from this income

d. Yearbook Sales 2022-23

-2022-23 book is on sale (\$50)

e. Take Our Kids to Work Day

-on November 2 - our grade 9s (282/331) went out to work

-great feedback from the students who participated

f. Remembrance Day

-20 minute presentation over the broadcast

-Mr. Morrison and Mr. Burke took a few classes to the Cenotaph

g. Fall Sports Recap

-junior boys volleyball, junior boys football, and senior girls basketball made it to the city finals

-senior football, junior girls soccer, and junior girls basketball won city championship

h. After School Math Help

-available for grade 9 and 10 students on Monday and Tuesday after school

-available for grade 11 students on Thursday after school

i. Irish Miracle - Saturday, December 3rd

-this Friday is the pep rally to promote Irish Miracle

-students will then have the opportunity to sign up

j. New Track - Committee formed

-first meeting was held - representation from elementary and secondary staff, school board, French board, etc.

-discussion over the ultimate design - including sponsorship and donors

-maintenance and upkeep

-looks like it will be presented to the board in the near future (next meeting in early January)

Travel for Credit - civics and careers (English and French) and Grade 12 First Nations Governance and Leadership

- **Future Meetings 2022-23** - Jan. 24, Mar. 28 and Jun. 6 (all at 7:00 pm)