



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

October 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm

SPHS Library

Attendance: F Torti, J Majeski, K Lobsinger, T Brown, C Peace, H Thomas - Student Council, M DeCarolis - Student Council, L Barbato, M Ferneyhough, J Johnston, A Clarke, T Moore, S Treftlin - Chair, T Pound (absent - J Stewart and D Yurkewich)

- **Welcome and Introductions** - Frank Torti
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke

LOVING GOD

Thank You for calling us to share in Your work
through the gift of Catholic Education.
As we walk together in Christ's light
with our families and parishes,
strengthen us as we strive to embrace the call of the Gospel,
and bring new life and hope to our world.

As we work to build inclusive and safe Catholic learning communities,
may we be witnesses to Your love and inspire excellence.

God of All,

Help us serve our young people as we live our faith.
May they grow in their love of learning and love of You.
May they be blessed with courage and perseverance,
Help them to find their true identity in You and
empower them to be good stewards,
building a world of reverence, peace, justice and joy.

We ask this through Jesus,
the One who teaches us how to live and serve.

Amen

- **Call to Order**

- a. Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)

Lori - asked to add fundraising and money management to agenda

Motion - Tressa

Seconded - Julie

- b. Approval of Minutes - June 7, 2022 (Motion to Approve)

Motion - Sabrina

Seconded - Tressa

- **School Council Elections**

- a. School Council Chair/Co-chairs

- Sabrina offered to continue in the role as chair

- b. Community Rep - to attend the Parent Involvement Committee (Oct 19, Nov 23, Jan 18 and Apr 3)

- BAC is now allied PIC (meets 3-4 times a year with other school council representatives)

- Tressa will be attending as the chair

- Tracy offered to attend as a St. Patrick's representative

- c. Council Secretary (to take minutes)

- no one offered at this time - parents asked to reach out if they are interested

- **Student Council Update** - Michael DeCarolis and Hudson Thomas

- Truth and Reconciliation Week - decorated the school and provided a service on the morning broadcast

- update on clubs and activities starting up - basketball, cross-country, volleyball, golf, baseball, football, chaplaincy, etc. School musical will be holding auditions in two weeks

- Link Dance in the second week was extremely successful and well attended

- School liturgy is running tomorrow - two groups at a tie in the gym

- O Canada, Prayer, and Land Acknowledgement runs at 8:08 and broadcast runs at 9:20 at the end of the period

- Council is going to run a Fall Fest Dance on October 19 (7-10:00)

- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart

- returning to "normal" academic awards on November 17 in the gym (evening)

- guidance has visited all grade 12 classes to prep them for application to colleges and universities. They are also sharing info on college/university visits to the school

- students can book a guidance counselor appointment online (through the school website)

- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich

-working with PRTs to support student learning - she is available through the day, including lunch, to help
-meets with the success teams weekly to discuss any concerns from students or parents. The team creates a plan to support the student academically and/or emotionally

- **Fundraising and Money Management** - Lori Barbato

- Lori inquired into repairing the worn track at the school - Mr. Torti reported that Ms. Orrange and a few other community members have started the process and will be meeting in November

- Mr. Torti will share details as they become available and request that a member of parent council be invited to participate on this committee

- timelines and plan are only starting to be discussed

- looking into corporate sponsors to help support the overall cost

- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke

- Be all God Meant You to Be - inspiration for prayer service tomorrow

- retreats started two weeks ago - grade 12 classes are done and halfway through grade 9 classes

- period 2, grade 9 classes will also be celebrating mass in the chapel in the coming months

- Irish Miracle meetings have started - wanting to head out into the community again. All drop-offs will be coming to St. Patrick's this year - December 3

- social justice club has started - water justice was focus last year

- chaplancy is looking to help students find service opportunities - from setting up for school liturgies to serving at the Inn of the Good Shepherd

- started a staff prayer group weekly in the chapel

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. Jamie Majeski

- Indigenous Leadership

- Orange Shirt Day on Friday and service for students on the broadcast

- our grade 11 English classes are going to Chatham to see The Mush Hole

- De-Streaming (grade 9)

- all other compulsory classes have joined math in destreaming (English, science, geography)

- Technology (BYOD)

- grade assemblies on the second day of school addressed proper phone usage in the school

- Attendance

- greatest indicator of student success

- VPs are working to connect with families

- EQAO (Gr 9 Math)

- week before exams - counts for part of their marks

- the assessment is reflective of the curriculum

b. Karoline Lobsinger

- Health Support

-teachers were inserviced on medical emergencies (anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy, diabetes) during our first PD day. Teachers were given access to their students (through Aspen) which identified students with significant medical conditions

- Lunches - cafeteria and service

-food services are up and running

-breakfast club is available every morning for all students

- Busing and Late Buses

-up and running - late bus picks up at 5:00 to county drop-offs

- EQAO (OSSLT)

-grade 10s will be writing this assessment with their grade 10 classes

c. Jacqui Matthews

- Emergency Preparedness (drills)

-3 fires drills and one lock down drill

-3 fire drills already done and lock down will be coming up in the coming weeks

- Rebound (Support room)

-Sonja runs a detention room through the day and during lunch

- Wellness Supports at SPHS (SW, CYW, MHAN)

-VPs can refer students to these supports at any time

- Bullying and Harassment Form (on website)

- **Principal's Report** - F Torti

- a. [Strategic Plan](#) and [Key Actions](#)

-handout provided - board wide plan. School is working on three action items

- b. SPHS - Staff and Students

-over 1300 students this year - 340 grade 9s

-staff of 130 (teachers, support staff, etc.)

- c. [Student Support Teams](#)

- d. [School Year Calendar](#)

- e. [School Schedule and Lunches](#)

- f. [School Screening](#)

- g. Clubs/Activities/Sports

-adding to school culture and climate

-sports run through three seasons

- h. Theme days

-"Be You" mentor text - be the best version of yourself

-Terry Fox - October 12

- i. [Website](#) (code of conduct, school cash online etc)

- j. Aspen - Student Information System (new)

-learning how to navigate

- k. Head Start (August 29-31)

-opportunity for grade 9s to meet some teachers, get a jump on math, and try some elective courses

-over 100 students attended

l. Link Day (September 1st)

-full day for grade 9s to meet high school leaders, tour the school, and access their lockers

m. Bingos (lindy.wagner@sccdsb.net)

-school needs more parent volunteers to help facilitate

n. Student Activity Fee

-using school cash online - it is an optional fee

-\$40 that goes toward assemblies, activities, events, etc.

o. Yearbooks

-have been behind over the last two years

-all caught up and will now start advertising this year's book by the end of the year

-this past year's book was \$55

- **Future Meetings 2022-23** - Nov. 22, Jan. 24, Mar. 28 and Jun. 6 (all at 7:00 pm)