



## St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting  
September 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Library

Attendance: F Torti, K Lobsinger, J Matthews, R Hare, T Brown, S Treftlin, T Jones, H Amaral, C Van Barneveld, J Stewart, M Lukenda, M Ladouceur, A Michetti, M Wray, A DiCicco

- **Welcome and Introductions** - F Torti
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - F Torti

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)  
-T Brown, M Wray
- b. Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2023 (Motion to Approve)  
-S Treftlin, J Stewart

- **School Council Elections**

- a. School Council Chair/Co-Chairs  
-S Treftlin appointed with H Amaral (co-chair)
- b. Community Rep - to attend the Parent Involvement Committee (Oct 11, Nov 22, Jan 17 and Mar 20)  
-T Brown appointed with M Wray and T Pound
- c. Council Secretary (to take minutes)  
-no takers

- **Student Council Update** - Davi Monteiro and Chayton Van Barneveld

- grade 9 LINK dance was well-attended
- Fall Fling on October 26 for all students
- Orange Shirt Day this Friday (September 29)
- Grade 9 reps are being recruited to join council
- student council helped to organize the opening liturgy last week
- System-Wide Mass last week - three students attended with Mr. Torti

- **Student Services Update** - J Stewart

- students are all scheduled
- first newsletter shared with families this week
- newsletter outlines opportunities for volunteer hours
- grade 12 visits next week - with graduation information (applications for college and universities, graduation requirements, college and university visits)
- academic awards on December 7 (recognizing academic accomplishments of the past school year)

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. K Lobsinger
  - Health Support
- staff was presented updated information managing medical emergencies in the school: epilepsy, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and asthma
- staff were provided info on students in their class diagnosed with these medical conditions and their plan of care
  - Lunches - cafeteria and service
- 3 lunches that are 40 minutes each
- senior lunch, grade 9 lunch, and grade 10 lunch
- halls closed during lunches to keep students in particular areas to avoid disruption to classes in progress
  - Attendance (School Messenger App - preference)

-all parents are required to call in any absence for their student - School Messenger preferred

-attendance is integral to the success of all students. Completing assignments posted in online learning formats like Google Classroom does not substitute the learning in the classroom

- EQAO (OSSLT)

-all grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test in their assigned grade 10 class

-it is a graduation requirement - students who are not successful this year, may choose to write again in the spring or in their grade 11 year

-tentative dates this year are November 21 and 22 for first semester grade 10s and November 23 for grade 11 and 12 re-writes

b. J Matthews

- Emergency Preparedness (drills)

-3 fire drill and 1 lockdown drill per semester

-we have made a change to the gathering location to accommodate for the track construction. We are now gathering at the football field

-first drill was on September 19 (2 minutes 34 seconds)

-2nd drill is scheduled for tomorrow during period 2

- Rebound (Support room)

-Sonja Hotke is the Rebound worker

-the room is used for a number of things (ie. transition support back to school, uniform assistance, Noelle's gift closet)

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

-Social worker is Dave Ostropolec

-Child and Youth Worker is Victoria Ennette

-Mental Health and Addictions Nurse is Linda Zoccano

-our student success teams make referrals based on our student success meetings that take place weekly

-Mackenzie Nolan is working with international students

-Heather Hagan is supporting students with ESL

-Heather Whelpley is reaching out to families and students who have attendance concerns

- [Bullying and Harassment Form](#) (also found on website)

-we have been encouraging our student and families to use this form

-it helps us to track incidents that occur and helps us to follow up with conversations and follow up that is required

- School Uniform and Spirit Days

-new uniform items have been well received and many student have purchased them

-we are allotted vouchers for students in need and have about \$900 remaining

-Tuesday's are spirit wear days with uniform bottoms

c. R Hare

- Busing and Late Buses

- students have access to late busses that run Monday-Thursday at 5:00 pm
- Late Bus 1 - B Grove, Forest, Arkoa
- Late Bus 2 - Petrolia, Wyoming
- Late Bus 3 - Corunna, Port Lambton
- all other bus inquiries please contact CLASS (Parent Portal)
  - De-Streaming (grade 9)
- Leslie Forbes is the teacher assigned as the Destreaming Lead this year
- the focus is on inclusion - ensuring that all students feel included
- assessment and evaluation - varied for all students
- universal design - teachers are exploring different teaching strategies
- resources available
  - Technology (BYOD)
- the use of technology in the classroom is the teacher's discretion
- students are required to adhere to the expectations of each of their classroom teachers
  - EQAO (Gr 9 Math)
- for all grade 9 destreamed math classes
- students will complete the assessment during the semester in which they are taking math
- the timing of the assessment usually occurs a week before exams
- the assessment covers grade 7-9 expectations
- students will have access to EQAO practice tests and assessments in class in preparation for the assessment

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

- a. [Strategic Plan](#)
- new design this year - 5- year plan with 4 priorities
- b. [SCCDSB Student Achievement Plan](#)
- Ministry determined three priorities for all school boards
  - Ministry is looking for specific data to monitor the achievement plan
- c. SPHS - Staff and Students
- 1388 students - influx of grade 9s (395 grade 9s)
  - 135 staff members
- d. Head Start (August 28-30th)
- elementary schools nominated grade 9 students who would benefit from a transition to high school (focus on numeracy)
- e. Link Day (August 31st)
- most grade 9s participated (over 350 students)
  - senior students tour the grade 9s and help them with their lockers
- f. [Student Support Teams](#)
  - g. [School Year Calendar](#)
  - h. [School Schedule and Lunches](#)
  - i. Clubs/Activities/Sports
- St. Patrick's is offering an extensive list of clubs, activities, and sports teams throughout the school year
- j. [Website](#) (code of conduct, school cash online etc)

- k. Bingos ([lindy.wagner@sccdsb.net](mailto:lindy.wagner@sccdsb.net))
  - parents are invited to volunteer to help run these Bingos
  - money is used to support extra-curricular activities
    - l. New Track - [draft letter](#)
      - currently under construction
      - phase 1 will be done in December
      - 6-lane track to be installed in the spring
    - m. Student Activity Fee
      - optional fee for students (\$50) - goes towards general activities for the school (ie. speakers)
    - n. Yearbooks
      - available to order now in schoolcashonline
    - o. Topics for Future Meetings
      - request for parents to ask for specific information items to come to present a school council meetings
- **Future Meetings 2022-23** - Nov. 21, Jan. 23, Mar. 26 and Jun. 4 (all at 7:00 pm except for June 4th which will begin at 6 pm and include dinner)