



St. Patrick Catholic High School
Advisory Council Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 30, 2021
7:00 PM

Welcome, Introductions – C. Kehoe

Prayer – A. Clarke

1. Call to Order - Chantal Prasad and Sabrina Treftlin
 - 1.1. Adoption of Agenda — March 30, 2021 - Motion to Accept Agenda-Tressa moved, Shelly second - passed
 - 1.2. Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2020 – Motion to Approve -Shelly moved, Tressa seconded, passed
2. Student House of Representatives Update - Aliessa Murphy - student council is working hard to plan safe and virtual events: raised \$1887 for women's charities (Women's Interval home and Walpole Island)and handed out flowers for the female staff for International Women's Day, had a door decorating contest for St Patrick's day and jersey day for March Madness
3. Chaplain's Update – Ann Clarke
 - 3.1. Weekly Student Success team meetings
 - 3.2. Retreats have been happening in the classrooms to be in line with Covid protocols, nearly done the ones for this quad
 - 3.3. ThinkFAST-Development and Peace, a Thursday afternoon and Friday - good opportunity to be involved in leadership and promoting Cyclone Aid campaign
 - 3.4. Jersey Jean Day - we collected a donation to Cyclone Aid as well as kickoff to March Madness fun competition, winners will be awarded for both of these activities will be after Easter
 - 3.5. Cyclone Aid March 15-April 9 -donations on School Cash Online as well as Inn Of Good Shepherd's webpage, media releases, parishes and school announcements were done to promote
 - 3.6. Looking Ahead - Fr Matthew will record a mass for the school for part of the graduation plans
 - 3.7. May 2-7 is Catholic Education Week - theme is "Nurturing Hope" - there is a virtual conference for students from each high school that our leadership class will be participating in
 - 3.8. Local Deanery - actively planning to move to a family of parishes, looking for a new name for the family of parishes, new website is coming
 - 3.9. Prayers requested - Father Ray Moss is in palliative care and will be moving to hospice, please pray for him

4. Board Advisory Council Update - Tressa Brown and Sabrina Treftlin
 - 4.1. Minutes were scanned to the parent council
 - 4.2. Mental Health and Wellbeing supports - on board website, very user friendly, has tips and ideas for students and families, way to reach out - if someone is worried about someone - can self-refer to supports - this is an excellent resource and they want the word to get out
 - 4.3. Learning Online on the Parent Hub on the board website - there will be a variety of links on the parent hub, many interesting things to check out, these are recorded
 - 4.4. Thought Exchange - responses were relative to students learning mode and age, big concerns were getting outside & schools are trying to get students outside, daily breaks were another big issue, that is being addressed in classes, another concern was consistency in virtual school. There will be another coming up to gather thoughts and ideas .
 - 4.5. Next year calendar - has been put out in draft to the BAC
5. Vice-Principal's Reports
 - 5.1. Indigenous Leadership - Tamara Johnson
 - 5.1.1. Many leadership opportunities are occurring for the students including creating a piece of artwork that can be made into cards or t-shirts, and April Break Family learning Series
 - 5.1.2. Ojibway Language Course - all of the students who took the course have earned the credit
 - 5.1.3. Land Acknowledgement - a variety of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous staff and students are being recorded to be played frequently on the morning announcements
 - 5.2. Technology and Edsby - Tamara Johnson-we have enough technology prepared in case there is a need to pivot to fully virtual learning. Edsby remains an important tool for parent communication, including delivery of report cards.
 - 5.3. Lockdown drill with COVID-19 protocol Erin-a variation of Lockdown was held, trying to maintain physical distancing and all Covid protocols.
 - 5.4. Signage - Erin
 - 5.4.1. Refreshed as necessary, limiting congregating in washrooms by reducing numbers allowed
 - 5.5. Step Forward, SWAC and Dual Credits - Erin- all are running as usual
 - 5.6. PPE - Karoline
 - 5.6.1. inventory every other Thursday taken so that we have enough supplies, and it is fully restocked the next week
 - 5.7. OSSLT - Karoline
 - 5.7.1. standing pattern right now- this graduating class has the requirement waived, two cohorts, and a few others are in line to write this test, Week of April 26th there will be class meetings, week of May 10th will be our week to write - the test has been updated to one long writing piece, a response piece and answering multiple choice questions regarding items on the test
6. Student Services Update
 - 6.1. MyBlueprint

- 6.1.1. Parental approval feature - email that gets sent to parent, then they can approve or disapprove, then they could be contacted to discuss/change email
 - 6.1.2. Were able to group students and make grade presentation for course selections
 - 6.2. OSAP financial aid presentation- Thurs April 1st. Arep from Lambton College will present to grade 12 students via a link sent to grade 12 classroom teachers/grade 12 students on spare and parents- applies to any student going to post secondary school
 - 6.3. Grade 11 panel presentations
 - 6.3.1. pathways presentation for 6 colleges will present information and then have a Q and A (Conestoga, Fanshawe, Algonquin, Lambton...)
 - 6.4. Academic Awards Assembly
 - 6.4.1. a whole day celebration, dignitaries speeches, students walked a stage to get their award and get a picture taken,
 - 6.4.2. evening - some students who had come back to get their awards or who were virtual
 - 6.4.3. photos were taken (and some were curated from yearbook photos) and presentations were generated and shared, links in the student services newsletter
 - 6.5. Graduation 2021
 - 6.5.1. Covid protocols will be in effect, moved to a Saturday, opportunity to wear gowns and walk across a stage, we will partner with the diocese
 - 6.5.2. All our students (in school and virtual) will graduate as Irish grads
7. Student Success Update: Diane Yurkewich
- 7.1. Student success teams meet once a week, teachers refer students as necessary, the teams follow up with students and families, many more students are absent than normal - teams are busy serving kids to help them succeed
8. Wellness: supports at school-Dave Ostropolec-Social Worker and Linda Zoccano-Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- 8.1. supports for students and staff are available
9. Principal's Report
- 9.1. Academic Awards Update(already spoken about by Jay)
 - 9.2. COVID Protocols
 - 9.2.1. enhanced protocols are similar to previous, some newer ones are that staff are to wear eye protection, students and staff are required to state they have passed screening
 - 9.2.2. recent cases at St Pat's - media sometimes makes something seem more sensational - an "outbreak" just means that two people in the same class got it, and there is a possibility that they might have given it to each other
 - 9.2.3. Covid protocols -we have 4 houses that are separated from each other, separate entrances and washrooms, supervision that is only for a few classes at a time, students are largely complying with the mask protocols
 - 9.2.4. Remember that quarantine is for an abundance of caution, one case can affect two busses and two classes - so the numbers feel like it is really

large, but it is only a small number of cases. Some rumors get out of hand and some people irresponsibly tweet/spread inflammatory information.

9.3. Special Events - Slide Show

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| 9.3.1. Special Education Dance Extravaganza | Jan 29 |
| 9.3.2. St. Patrick's Virtual Open House | Feb 8 |
| 9.3.3. Ash Wednesday Prayer Service | Feb 17 |
| 9.3.4. Grad Photos (will continue at a future date) | March 1 - 12 |
| 9.3.5. International Women's Day | March 8 |
| 9.3.6. St. Patrick's Day | March 17 |
| 9.3.7. Dress Down for Wheels to buy bikes for kids | March 15 - 19 |
| 9.3.8. Cyclone Aid -important, need is greater than ever | March 19 |
| 9.3.9. World Down Syndrome Day and Epilepsy Awareness Day (purple shirt and funky socks day) | March 26 |

9.4. Destreamed Grade 9 Math

- 9.4.1. Mr Majeski will be learning about this as our department head of math, essential level will be in a separate class, applied and academic courses will not occur - there will be one grade 9 math credit that will be an open credit to give students time to grow and learn for a year in grade 9 before deciding on a pathway in grade 10. There was data that the provincial ministry has looked at to support this move to a destreamed course. We have great confidence in our math department staff to be able to implement this change in the fall

9.5. Board Calendar - [new calendar](#)

- 9.5.1. New April/spring break is in this calendar, there is a transition day between quad three and four

9.6. OLG - Jackpot City

- 9.6.1. Tremendous support for our Music Program - new instruments in our music department have been purchased, typically we have volunteers that support, but with covid this has not been happening. St Pat's is very grateful for their support.

9.7. Student Trustee - Grace McCormack - will be the new trustee

9.8. Spirit Wear -question by a parent- is there any spirit wear available to be purchased?

9.9. Boy's uniform pants - looking into a new, more comfortable, modern pant - possibly for September 2022 (trying for something sooner)

10. Future Meetings 2020-2021: June 8

**All meetings begin at 7:00 PM in Google Meet*