



## St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting  
January 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
SPHS Library

Attendance: F Torti, K Lobsinger, J Majeski, J Matthews, S Treftlin, R. Walicki, J. Stewart, J. Verstraten, H. Thomas, M. DeCarolis, T. Moore, T. Pound, T. Brown, J. Johnston, L. Barbato

- **Welcome** - Sabrina Treftlin (Chair)
  - Welcome to Jessica Verstraten
  
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke
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- **Call to Order** - Sabrina Treftlin
  - Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)
    - Motion: T. Brown
  - Approval of Minutes - Nov 22, 2022 (Motion to Approve)
    - Motion: J. Johnston
  
- **Student Council Update** - Michael DeCarolis and Hudson Thomas
  - Christmas Concert was going to be good, but the snow day let us down
  - Open Mike in the cafeteria - more and more students sign up
  - Candy-grams - about 300 sold before Christmas
  - Gr8 Day - Interviewed students - What does it mean to be Irish?
    - Unlocking students was a highlight of the gr8 day
  - Semi-formal dance to be planned for end of March
  - Second semester activity planning is just beginning
  - Begin to prep for next years student council towards the end of May

- Chair Report - Sabrina Treftlin\
  - Deanery Meeting
    - Importance of partnership for our schools and parishes
    - Students from both panels shared with the group (SJC - pollinator garden at the school) & (SPH - Social justice club)
    - SPH students presented ideas around water and sustainability involving water & banning the sale of plastic water bottles in the school, poverty awareness and food security (think globally, act locally)
      - Some elementary principals shared how well the students did and are hoping to have the group present at their schools later
    - Walking together prayer card shared
  - Ministry of Education Website - Importance of parent engagement
    - Tools for parents on website
    - Policy informs and supports many forms of engagement that helps students succeed
    - Parents can get involved in many ways, including positive learning environment at home, conversations with teachers, school activities, school council and involving with school information
    - A little bit goes a long way
    - Challenge: Bring another parent to the next parent council meeting - many benefits to being involved
  
- **Secondary School Consultant** - Robert Walicki
  - Kinderstart - Some of our SPH students will be involved in kinderstart in partner elementary schools
  - Exchange students - Students can sign up for this again post-COVID
    - Students will be able to earn 1 or 2 credits
  - Travel for Credit
    - This has returned post COVID - information on school website
    - Students take an online course that involves some travel
    - Civics & Careers (Grade 10, English & French) - Montreal, Ottawa & New York
    - Indigenous Governance Course (grade 12 Mixed Course) - Vancouver, Whistler, Victoria
  - Entrepreneurship Education
    - Launch Pad 23 is an entrepreneurship challenge (similar to dragons den) where students from SPH and UCC will complete
    - One submission has already been done by SPH students
  - Youth Vision
    - Grade 7 & 8 students met virtually with adults from Chatham-Kent regarding skills and future jobs with students
    - This will be done with SPH students in Sarnia-Lambton
    - This will happen on March 7

- Panel will include some former students from SCH, owner of Planet Stitch, Singing Barber, CEO of county of Lambton, Warden of Lambton, HR representation from County and Bluewater Health
    - Promotion video was shared
  - Numeracy & Structured Literacy Plan is being developed for SCCDSB
- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke
  - Huge success - over 60 000 lbs of food was collected
    - Every group was covered
  - Cyclone Aid - Saturday, April 1
  - Social Justice Club - 4 students represented us at the Deanery meeting
  - Retreats are ongoing and most first semester ones are complete
  - Pastoral care plan is being worked on with local priests
  - Staff prayer will continue again after exams
  - Kinderstart - Some SPH students are helping out at their elementary schools
- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart
  - Starting to look at next school year
    - Presentations starting at the beginning of 2nd semester
    - Workshops will be provided for students who need more support than presentations
    - Individual students will be met with afterwards
  - Graduation planning has begun
    - Estimated date - June 10
    - Grad gown orders will be starting soon
  - Lambton College free applications
    - Many students took advantage of this program and had their applications paid for
    - LC is coming back to talk with students about financial aid that is available
- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich
  - Quite busy supporting students during the exam time completing exams and assignments
- **Parent Involvement Committee update** - Tressa B/Tracy P
  - November
    - Presentation from Robert Walicki
    - eLearning
      - students will be required to take 2 elearning credits to graduate moving forward (slowly being implemented with grade 11 students only requiring 1, younger requiring 2)
      - Lots of ongoing discussions around future eLearning courses
      - Options for next year will still likely be grade 11 & 12



- d. Uniform Items (additions) - Jacqui M
  - New Uniform pieces
    - Boys Pants
    - Dry Fit Golf Shirt - short sleeve
    - Dry Fit Golf Shirt - long sleeve
  - Motion to adopt - passed
- e. Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on Jan 12th - Jacqui M
  - 2 staff members organize a tournament against other schools
  - 3 teams from SPH
  - Vibe in the gym was outstanding
  - Showcase of our athletes and special needs students
- f. Cocoa and Cram - Jamie M
  - 15 link leaders and about 40 grade 9 students worked on study habits and techniques
  - All organized by grade 12 leadership course
  - Students helping students succeed
- g. EQAO Math - Jamie M
  - All 1st semester grade 9 math students 'wrote' the EQAO math assessment
  - Results will be known soon
  - 10% of final mark

- **Principal's Report** - Frank T

- Irish Miracle
  - Completed in Chaplain's Report
- Grade 8 Class Visits
  - All partner elementary schools were visited
  - Spent about 1 - 1.5 hours with each group
  - Introduce ourselves and talk about all of the opportunities available to students at SPH
  - Grade 8's have already visited on TOKTWD
  - Grade 8's are excited about coming here next year
  - Open house on Feb 8
  - Grade 8 Option sheets are due on Feb. 17
  - 370 grade 8 students
  - 348 grade 9 students this year
- Exams
  - Many students are unfamiliar with Exams
  - Messaging has gone out to students about exams
  - Students are nervous about exams because many have not experienced exams
  - Just over half of classes are running exams
- Semester Two
  - Monday, Feb 6

- Updated schedule will be sent out (likely January 31) with any changes that had to be made
- Reports for Semester One
  - Frank met with UCC principal and Chris Kehoe to solidify reporting dates for the rest of the year
  - Feb 10 is the likely date for report cards on Edsby
- Admin change (Semester Two)
  - Jessica Verstraten will be joining as VP
    - Will be taking over Jamie Majeski's families and role
  - Jamie Majeski will be returning to the classroom
- Course Selections for 2023/24
  - Students will be submitting option sheets by March break
  - Hope to have timetables in students' hands by the summer
- Retirements
  - Maureen Bradley - 22 or 23 years with the board
    - Tina Green has joined the team in the office
  - Denise Chaulk - 30+ years with the school
- **Future Meetings 2022-23** - March 28 and June 6 (all at 7:00 pm)
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