



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting
June 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm

- **Welcome** - Sabrina Treftlin/Chantal Prasad (Co-chairs)
 - Attendance - Mr. Majeski, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Moffat-Sharpe, Mr. Walicki, Ms. Lobsinger, Ms. Matthews, Mrs. Kells, Mr. Stewart, Sabrina Treftlin, Shelley Goodhand, Julie Johnston, Melissa Wray, Tressa Brown, Chantal Prasad, Grace McCormack, Annabelle Rayson, Benton DeGurse, Ayla Goodrow
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke
- **Call to Order** - Sabrina Treftlin/Chantal Prasad
 - Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)
 1. Jay
 2. Tressa
 - Approval of Minutes - January 25, 2022 (Motion to Approve)
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 2. Jay
- **Student Council Update** - Rob Walicki, Benton DeGurse and Ayla Goodrow
 - open mic concerts, many students come and listen and it is successful, next one is Thursday (June 16) and will also have a BBQ that day
 - debate and election will be held tomorrow by digital vote
 - Mario Kart e-sports tournament will be held next week
 - Back to the Beach was the day before March Break, Raised over \$1500 for the Ukrainian church
 - Mr. Walicki praised the work of the council this year that they have worked very hard and are proud of their contribution to Irish Community
 - Mr. Walicki was thanked for his service to the Student Council as he is moving on to a new position at the Catholic Education Centre as the Secondary Catholic Curriculum Consultant
- **Co-Chair Report** - Sabrina Treftlin/Chantal Prasad

- Report that is required at the end of the year - shared that the School Council was thankful for the virtual open house, the Edsby tool for communication with parents
- For engagement of parents - one big challenge is how do you draw parents to the School Council as a 'position' or as a member/listener - all members of parent council are encouraged to talk it up as welcoming and enjoyable as well as encouraging parents to be part of Irish Miracle or Cyclone Aid
- Encourage collaboration between parent council and student council
- Encourage parents from feeder schools to attend SPH Parent council meetings
- The school student trustee (Grace McCormack) spoke about being happy to get to know the parents and introduced the new student trustee (Annabel R for next year
- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke (absent, presented by T. Johnson)
 - All religion classes in all grades were able to have their retreat in the chapel this semester - yay!
 - Holy Week - Stations of the Cross (three or four stations each morning) 10 students and 4 staff readers
 - Cyclone Aid - April 9 Drive by (St. Pat's; Real Canadian Superstore Sarnia; Foodland Brights Grove) very successful; good media coverage; great community participation
 - Diocese of London Synodal Listening Sessions with 10 classes (grades 9-12). This is a world wide initiative from Pope Francis for the church to better listen to ALL voices in the church. The response from our students has gone to the Diocesan office to be included in their report to the Pope!
 - Parish Family BBQ here at St. Pat's on May 17th; 800 hotdogs and many cans of pop were sold to students and staff with all proceeds going to support Ukrainian families.
 - Social Justice Club - Relay for Water Justice school wide event during Catholic Education Week highlighting the education campaign on Water Justice for Canadian Indigenous Communities, especially those with Long-Term Drinking Water Advisories. Letter sent to MP Gladu asking her to hold the government accountable to ending these water advisories (Over 400 signatures in support from our students and staff). Video montage (1min14sec)
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fNr5vfUeprUOs2f_5GLPQyEQOYEhuqfH/view?usp=sharing
 - Year end celebration at Hi-Way Bowl last Friday.
 - Plans for a school year-end prayer service are in progress.
 - Happy Summer Sabbath to all!
- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart
 - Graduation this Saturday at the arena, students had rehearsal today and picked up their gowns, stoles and caps, no restrictions on attendance and will be live streamed, many more family members will be able to watch, staff will interact with the staff as they go to their seats

- New information system is being implemented and hopefully will allow us to give students their timetables before the end of the year as well as to our grade 8's
- Danielle Kells is joining the Guidance team
- November 17th will be the awards presentations in the evening next year
- Community partners are returning to the school for visits (eg Lambton Public Health was here today, last week had the Sarnia Lambton Job Workforce)
- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich
 - Weekly success meetings (Monday-Wednesday) with each alpha team. Students are identified who need support and plans are put into place.
 - Outstanding assignment lists are sent to students who have not submitted pieces to classroom teachers - 687 assignments have been supported.
 - Students are having conversations with staff to discuss pathway planning - field trip to SWAC.
 - Students are accessing the learning space to get help or need a break
 - Life Skills class opened up the Shamrock Shop (continued with Coffee Cart) in the cafeteria to develop employable skills and create an inclusive environment. Money raised is going back into the program (Snoozelen Room) and other perks for the students (ie. pizza day).
 - Life Skills and student leaders went to Woodedden for a camp experience - emphasizing Catholic values.
- **Literacy Update** - Danielle Kells
 - Administered OSSLT this year (about 650 students) - after being cancelled for two years
 - Re-vamped assessment this year - entirely online, access to accommodations, unlimited time, etc.
 - Assessing cross-curricular skills
 - Weekly grammar challenges for classes for donuts
 - Results to be in late June for spring writers
- **Numeracy Update** - Jamie Majeski
 - Focus on the grade 9 destreamed program - 7 staff taught the course and worked on strategies to implement the new curriculum.
 - High success in semester 1
 - EQAO cancelled semester 1, but semester 2 math students will write (no penalty in regard to marks)
- **Destreaming Update** - Karen Lauke
 - The purpose of de-streaming is to address systemic discrimination and help break down barriers for Indigenous, Black, and racialized students, students from low-income households, students with disabilities, and students with special education needs. De-streaming will help to ensure that students have as many opportunities as possible to make good choices about their future. The new Math curriculum began this year in September 2021 and the Science curriculum was released in March 2022, and is available on the Ministry of Education website. Not much content has changed in Science but there is an addition of coding and more

focus on environmental sustainability, and careers & pathways. English, Geography, French, and French Immersion students will follow the current grade 9 Academic curriculum. We have begun to work collaboratively with departments to develop resources, tasks, and assessments to aid students through the de-streaming of Grade 9 Science, English, Geography, and French courses.

- **BAC update** - Tressa Brown

- April 20th, Indigenous program presentation - invitation to cooking with Chef Francis (online cooking class). Parents were sent \$30 to buy the items and then had to follow the instructions to prepare a meal.
- 50/50 draw for the board - \$3500. A new one has started for May and June...
- Technology and outdoor education emphasized
- Census completed by students to get information on student backgrounds and cultures (results to come in the fall)
- Thought exchange completed
- 4 meetings every year - 2 in-person and 2 virtual
- New name Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- **Erin**

- Lockdown and Fire Drills - 1 lockdown and 3 fire drills each year. First responders come to the school and create scenarios to work through solutions for the next one. Staff review the expectations with their students so that they are aware of evacuation procedures.
- DELF - for students in core French or French Immersion (Diploma for Students of French Language). 8 of our students completed the assessment this year.

- **Karoline**

- PISA - Program of International Student Assessment - 53 students were randomly selected by EQAO to write the PISA. 41 students completed the assessment which covered content in math, science and language arts.

- **Tamara**

- Indigenous Art Installation was opened May 30, a collaboration between students, staff, community partners, elders, Indigenous Education Lead
- Facilities Improvements - cement pad has been installed outside our Life Skills/Medically Fragile room for two ADA compliant tables to be installed. Painting of lines for 'games' as well as lines for basketball and floor hockey are also being completed this summer.

- **Principal's Report**

- **Bingos** - need parent volunteers needed to volunteer in order to raise funds for school activities, need to attend an online training, wear the school shirt (supplied) and sign in so that the school is able to maintain our funding from this partner

- **Extra-curricular Activities** - return of clubs, teams, activities has been very beneficial for students and for Irish school culture
- **Code of Conduct** - has been updated and is on the school website
- **Thank you to our parents for all your support throughout the year and look forward to seeing you back in September.**
- Tentative Date for September meeting: Sep 20, 2022