

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sept 19, 2017

Attendees

Cynthia Blair, Tressa Brown, Rob Cicchelli, Darlene Dunlop, Judy Hubbard, Rob Kardas, Lori Kraayenbrink, Phil Kraayenbrink, Victor Matias, Erin Moffat-Sharpe, Christine Monteiro, Norman Monteiro, Joseph Palko, Nicholas Parks, Amanda Pascavage, Jay Stewart, Frank Torti, Michelle Williams

Welcome (R. Kardas)

Prayer (J. Palko)

Call to Order

Motion to Accept Agenda by: M. Williams; Motion Seconded by: J. Stewart

Motion to Accept Minutes by: R. Kardas; Motion Seconded by: T. Brown

Role and Importance of Parent Council (R. Kardas)

School council handout provided titled School Councils: Making a Difference

Personal advantages of participating and becoming a school council member detailed within the document. Suggestion that agenda items proposed should be thematic to the school.

Council Elections (R. Ciccelli)

Chair – Rob Kardas; Secretary – Amanda Pascavage; Board Advisory Rep – Tressa Brown & Phil Kraayenbrink

Student Council Update (N. Parks)

Beginning of year assembly held. Terry Fox Day raised around \$2,900 with representation at the run.

Oct 6 homecoming day with assembly to be held. Game at 5:30 at Norm Perry Park.

Chaplain Update (J. Palko)

Nov 26 a ceremony will be held officially consecrating the school to Jesus Christ the King. The ceremony will be a celebration of Catholics with Jesus as our leader, a re-dedication to living to his laws and Catholic teachings, act to use us intentionally for the use of God and make us bright lights in our world.

Messaging to students – opportunity for our faith journey, invite all to be part of the journey w us, spiritual journey, renew, revive community and people, to try to make an effort to bring our families.

Mass to be held at 3 pm, rite of consecration following a procession through the halls with a social after.

Life Team.com has tentative start of Oct 13 or by end of the month of Oct. Friday night Catholic youth group with students coming together and a good way to start the weekend. Good peer group. To be finalized but tentative for 7-8:30 pm.
Joe will take question on faith development curriculum.

Committee Reports

Board Liaison (T. Brown)

Making an effort to have more people participate. Mental health may be a focus for the year. Will continue to push for parents to attend.

Safe Schools Committee / Sabrina/Ryan's Laws (C. Blair)

Emergency Response (ER) team is up and running with approx. 14 members. All are trained to respond to many situations including medical emergency code green.

Sabrina's Law – anaphylaxis and epi pens are available.

Ryan's Law – students with asthma may carry inhalers with them.

School has had a fire drill and lockdown drills already this year.

The safe schools committee met with student council and have looked at school climate data.

Results will shape items for the year. 36% feel 'successful' at school. Group has started the conversation about how to change that looking for themes or events. Will tie into chaplaincy efforts.

Student success teacher – completed survey of grad 9 homeroom. Data has been compiled and was shared with staff today. Using the survey to gauge where students are coming in and their need to help target ways to address concerns.

Suggestion to consider reaching out for sponsorship opportunities for training and materials such as for CPR to local corporations.

Uniform Committee (E. Moffat Sharpe)

Contract details are being worked through with McCarthy. Some limitations were placed ahead of the start of year as the goal was to ensure a full set or core set was available to each student to start the year.

Pro Grant Committee (C. Monteiro, C. Prasad, J. Hubbard)

Our application was submitted and approved for \$750. Goal is to do a few events through the year. Discussion on the parent/student My Blueprint event. Suggestion is to try the event again this year. Requested group to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Graduate Acknowledge Committee (M. Williams)

Garden box is beautiful; some harvesting to be done. Total donation \$530 by grads and council; Walmart \$1,000; Home Depot \$100. Next idea is to put a compost program together.

Vice-Principal's Reports

Literacy (E. Moffat Sharpe)

Literacy test results to be published soon. Will start to work on intervention. 2018 test is scheduled for Tues April 10.

Numeracy (F. Torti)

Numeracy assessment grade 9 – will remain 5% of final grade for academic or 15% of applied track to take place of exam; 2 day assessment. Jan 18-19 tentative timing. Results are coming out this week. Students should receive in home room. Oct 2 extra help will start on M/W 2:30-3:30 for any grade 9 or 10 student.

New support teacher will look through data to target key areas. The teacher will work with all math teachers.

Principal's Report (R. Cicchelli)

School start up and culture – start up has been quite good; 1350 students with 349 grade 9's. It has been a smooth transition. The school is growing and 5 permanent teachers have been added. Focus on 'The Golden Rule'. Student council and students are challenged – it starts with you. Be the face, lead with your practice. For our culture – we want the school to be safe, inclusive and respectful. Students should reach out if things should be addressed.

A new email will be coming shortly to address attendance and involvement. The message will be about balance.

Snoozelen room – the Nov meeting can finish in that room with staff to share how the room has evolved. To be determined.

Board mission – faith, student achievement with focus on literacy and numeracy, student wellness. The school improvement plan will be brought to the Nov meeting. Will speak to our strategies. We are aligned to the board.

School council awards update – 12 students nominated during award evening Oct 12. Significant improvement was shown with faith focus.

Motion to Adjourn by: **N. Monteiro**; Motion seconded by: **M. Williams**

Future meeting dates: Jan 16, Mar 27, May 29