



## St. Patrick's Catholic High School

School Advisory Council Meeting  
September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm

**Meeting Link:** [meet.google.com/ggq-vcik-bpg](https://meet.google.com/ggq-vcik-bpg)

- **Welcome and Introductions** - Frank Torti
  - a. Attendance - F Torti, E Moffat Sharpe, K Lobsinger, T Johnson, A Clarke, D. Yurkewich, E. Arsenault, J Michaud, S. Goodhand, S. Treftlin, C. Prasad, J Johnson, T. Brown
- **Opening Prayer/Reflection** - Ann Clarke
- **Call to Order**
  - a. Adoption of Agenda (Motion to accept agenda)
    - Jenny M - motion to adopt agenda
    - Chantal P - seconded
  - b. Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2021 (Motion to Approve)
    - Sabrina - motion to approve minutes
    - Jenny M - seconded
- **School Council Elections**
  - a. School Council Chair/Co-chairs
    - Chantal and Sabrina put forward as co-chairs
  - b. Community Rep - to attend Board Advisory Council Meetings (Nov. 17, Jan. 19 and Apr. 20)
    - Tressa Brown offered to continue attending BAC meetings as rep (Sabrina offered to continue as well)

- c. Council Secretary (to take minutes)
  - VPs to continue in this role

- **Student Council Update** - Ella Arsenault
  - last year, Terry Fox, Halloween, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day events last year
  - started with 16 students and ended with 5
  - this year, Mr. W started Google Classroom for students interested in being on Student Council
  - wanting to have specific reps for specific events this year. More information will be provided to students by the end of the week
- **Student Services Update** - Jay Stewart
  - grade 12 graduates will be able to pick up their diplomas starting next week
  - next week student services will be visiting classes - starting with grade 12s (university/college planning, etc.), then move onto other grades monthly
  - student services has opened to in-person appointments
  - Dec 8 will be academic awards this year (similar to last year)
- **Student Success Update** - Diane Yurkewich
  - over the summer, incoming grade 9s were called by teacher, CYW, indigenous lead, social worker, etc to create caring connection
  - head start was at the end of August - 3 days with 130 grade 9s (half math and half elective)
  - last two years have been challenging for many of our students - school is trying to connect with students and families
  - many students with social anxiety after being away so long - trying to connect them to school and our community
  - teachers are referring students to support team
  - lunch support available
  - CYW to run small groups in regard to anxiety, grief, peer issues, etc.
  - weekly student success meetings are continuing this year - action plans for students whose names come up
  - clubs and sports are starting up again
  - grade 9 destreamed math - math teachers are working to identify students who are struggling early to get them supports quickly
  - credit recovery, stepping forward, SWAC are alternate programs that we have to help students attain credits and get caught up
- **Chaplain's Update** - Ann Clarke
  - LINK day on August 30 - welcoming our grade 9s. Senior students took on leadership roles.
  - school liturgy (class in chapel and live broadcast to all other classes) on Thursday, October 7
  - religion retreats will be taking place in the chapel
  - retreats starting next week and ongoing throughout the semester

- family of parishes has shared a video with their staff to welcome our students back to school
- Ann has been working on youth-related initiatives in the parishes
- Ann working with board on mini-retreat for staff at the next PD day (October 8) - "Stronger Together"
- Chaplaincy Team will re-start - meeting with a group of students interested in social justice (starting tomorrow). Looking to connect this group with Development and Peace partners

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- a. Tamara Johnson

- Indigenous Leadership E-maadooiwag

- in June, the Special Education class created a display that we left up for the summer and the beginning of the school year - Every Child Matters
    - our indigenous medicine wheel garden was freshened up last week
    - community partners came on Friday and brought lunch for our indigenous leadership group

- Facility Updates

- Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations (banners/flags) to be posted in the school
    - special education gained a new room for programming of students close by
    - rebound room for struggling students moved to first floor by support services and learning centre
    - basketball posts and nets to be installed at back of school
    - lines to be painted to outline courts

- Technology (BYOD)

- most borrowed technology from over the past year has been returned at this time
    - Edsby continued to be used by staff, students, and parents

- Attendance

- Ms. Durnez following up with all student absences - parents need to call or email their child's absence

- b. Karoline Lobsinger

- Health Support

- on first staff meeting, we review major health conditions that might come up in a school to make sure that staff are able to recognize signs/symptoms and are able to be responsive to situations that might arise. Ms Wagner assists us with this medical portfolio/student medications/paperwork that is needed/notification of staff

- PPE

- same as last year, staff and students wearing masks, students are provided a three ply mask if they forget theirs

- Late Buses

- have been activated for students involved in afterschool activities, three buses that go to various locations that are farther from the school, they leave at 5 pm

- EQAO (OSSLT)

-moving forward with grade 9 EQAO math from October to June while they are taking their math courses

-OSSLT are going to be for all grade 10 and 11, and some grade 12's (if not on track to graduate this year) for the months of November and April. These will be done on computer this year for everyone and are in two segments - the plan is being worked on for this.

c. Erin Moffat Sharpe

- Emergency Preparedness (drills)

-Fire drills are being held again so that students can hear and see the alarm, but follow covid procedures so that not everyone is out at the same time - this has been helpful with our special education students helping them be less stressed and also meet and learn about the fire department

-the school community is aware that in a real alarm, we do not worry about distancing, we all exit together

-two successful drill so far

We will have lockdown drills when it is cooler out so that students know what to do in a situation like this

- Covid Signage

-remain in place for this this year

- Rebound (Support room)

-in school support room with a Rebound staff member

-Sonja is our support staff this year

-new location in room 155

-work with academic supports and with some ideas about how to deal with what might have gotten them there

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

Dave Ostropolec, Victoria Ennett, Linda Zoccano, Ann Clarke

-work together to assist students with issues, can be self referred, by staff or by parents

- **Principal's Report**

a. **Strategic Plan**

-review of key actions and their link to the four priorities

b. SPHS - Staff and Students

-115 staff (teachers and support staff) 1270 students (45 virtual and the rest are in-person)

c. **Board/School Schedule**

-moving away from quadmester model - modified semester system (2 courses one week and 2 courses the following week)

-period 1/3 is 150 minutes in the morning and period 2/4 starts at 10:50. Seniors have the first lunch and juniors have the second lunch

d. Lunches

-lunches outside have created some issues - supervision spread out. Cafeteria is not yet permitted by local health unit

e. School Houses

-used to help prevent congestion on entry and exit - designated door for each house

f. **School Screening**

-students need to complete screening before they get to school

-staff completing daily screening through a Google Form

g. Student Becomes Ill at School

-parents are directed to follow the guidance in the screening tool to determine next steps

-we have a small isolation room if someone is not feeling well, and have two larger spaces if there is a need for a large cohort to be sent home

h. Clubs/Activities/Sports

-starting, students seem very happy to be back to clubs, teams and activities

-we are continuing with protocols in place from public health and we will do so for now until we are instructed differently

-practices are going on, game/competitions are on pause for the moment

i. Learning Platforms

-teachers are regularly updating a digital platform

j. Head Start (August 24-26)

k. Link Day (August 31)

-successful day - students did some activities outside and were provided tours of our indoor facility

l. EQAO - Math

-has been used toward a student's grade in the past (10%)

m. Federal Election - Student Mock Election (Sept 20)

-Mr. Morrison and Mr. Burke ran mock election in each house at a "polling station"

- **Future Meetings 2021-22** - Nov. 23, Jan. 25, Mar. 29 and Jun. 7 (all at 7:00 pm)

-Mr. Torti - motion to adjourn at 8:32