



St. Patrick Catholic High School
Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
7:00 PM

Welcome, Introductions, Technology Check-In – C. Kehoe

Prayer – A. Clarke

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. Adoption of Agenda — January 26, 2021 - Motion to Accept Agenda
Tressa moved, Jay seconded, passed
 - 1.2. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2020 – Motion to Approve
Tabled to later - will send them out later this week and approve them at the next meeting, Jenny M will send in her copy to Chris
2. Student House of Representatives Update
Aleshia M was not able to make the meeting tonight
3. Chaplain's Update – Ann Clarke
 - 3.1. Science and Catholic Faith with Brother Guy Consolmango
 - Virtual presentation and Q&A occurred at St Pat's and UCC, all classes, staff and trustees were invited to participate and there were between 80-90 connections. It was a great success.
 - To celebrate our Advent prayer service, we worked with Mr Waliki's classes and they filmed, did transitions, readings. The students worked very well and it turned out to be very beautiful.
 - In collaboration with Sacred Heart, Mr Waliki and co-op student Sydney recorded mass, edited and did an amazing job.
 - Irish Miracle-had to be quite different this year, affording us a unique opportunity to work with the regional office of St. Vincent de Paul. We raised just under \$5 000 and on the St V de P website, \$22 000 - so almost \$30 000 with a few additional donations. A great success with the way that we had to approach it this year. Hope to return to the regular way in the future. A question was raised if this was going to meet the needs similarly to in the past - but it was communicated that it was not easy to quantify if this was greater or less than in the past in that they distributed the gifts/gift cards in a different way.

- Hoping to do all grade levels for retreats during quadmester two, but due to in-person learning being suspended, need to move that to quadmester three (and hope we are in class)
- chaplancy has been preparing reflections for each morning while we are in virtual learning
- Sarnia parishes have been named to move to a different level and some priests will be moved
- Cyclone Aid - there is a tentative plan to do something at the school- but not finalized (need to get plan approved and need to be in school) Cyclone Aid is similar to Irish Miracle but in March, usually tied to Inn of Good Shepherd, and would have students going door to door in part of the city, and all the food would get packed and sorted at the school.

4. Vice-Principal's Reports

4.1. Indigenous Leadership - Tamara Johnson

- Indigenous Leadership group Virtual Google Classroom, activities are happening throughout the year
- Language Course -Ojibway night class

4.2. Firedrill - COVID-19 protocol Erin

- unique covid protocols with the sound of the alarm going so that students know what it sounds like, but the students exited using physical distancing a few classes as a time and then re-entered, sanitized
- announcement made, that if there was a real fire, it would be most important to exit quickly and physical distancing will be less important

4.3. Signage - Erin

- if any are required, will follow direction of public health

4.4. Step Forward, SWAC and Dual Credits - Erin

- these programs are to help students with success, and bridge the gap between high school and post secondary

4.5. PPE - Karoline

- PPE is in good supply
- Ministry said that students will need to wear masks outside/we were already doing this, students have been very good with complying

4.6. Facility changes for COVID - Tamara

- new distribution for items out of the cafeteria for school books/items and materials for classes
- we will accept materials back at the end of the semester and distribute them for the beginning of the new semester

4.7. Technology and Edsby - Tamara Johnson

- we distributed 136 devices between chromebooks and wifi devices through the cafeteria through a safe physically distant procedure
- have given out devices to staff as well to enable them to fully participate in virtual learning

5. Student Services Update

5.1. Timetables

- TT are ready to go for semester two
- want all course selections done in My Blueprint and entered before March Break
- as of Feb 8th, through the beginning of quadmester three, guidance will offer scheduled meetings with classes to help students with choosing their courses, how to use the tools in My Blueprint to help guide them
- parent portal in My Blueprint is available
- parents will be able to get timetables for next year and can look over the summer - appointments are available the last week of the summer

5.2. Virtual School

- about 180 students - they have been included in our events (awards, graduation, yearbook, my blueprint course selections...)
- the VSS is sort of a "separate" school with their own timetable
- a small amount of movement between SPH and the VSS

5.3. Graduation 2021

- planning to have it similar to last year's drive by graduation, build stage, live links to share with families
- June 12 is a tentative date, all depends on what the situation is with covid
- recent newsletter has gone out, reminders of OSSD requirements, pathway information (vocations, workplace, college, university), gown ordering that the students get to keep

6. Student Success Update: Diane Yurkewich

- Mrs Yurkewich is not able to attend
- student success team meetings continue weekly

7. Wellness: supports at school-Dave Ostroplec-Social Worker and Linda Zoccano-Mental Health and Addictions Nurse

- Dave and Linda not able to attend
- they support our student success teams and are very busy being proactive as possible

8. Principal's Report

8.1. Academic Awards

- we were able to have the students receive their awards in a way that valued their achievements
- students were able to cross the stage and be honoured for their achievements, their names were called and pictures taken
- all protocols were followed with physically distancing, cohorting and mask wearing as appropriate

8.2. Diploma distribution

- were distributed to parents and students, some returned from work, college and university using all proper physical distancing protocols
- every student was cheered as they got their diploma!

8.3. Irish Miracle

- update in Chaplain report
- 8.4. EQAO
 - students graduating this year, OSSLT as a grad requirement has been waived
 - we are waiting for more information from the Ministry for details for this year
- 8.5. Technology Update - the "Big Switch"
 - 8.5.1. The Big switch happened - had everything available for the first day
 - on Monday, first day after the break, our IT and admin team had everything ready for families to retrieve and students were ready for classes to begin on Tuesday
 - 8.5.2. Chromebook Deployment
 - continues through the cafeteria with prior arrangements with the VP
 - 8.5.3. Instructional Items Deployment
 - continues through the cafeteria with prior arrangements with the VP
 - 8.5.4. Google Classroom visits by admin
 - learning platforms are shared with the admin that is associated with the department
- 8.6. Grade 8 Classroom Visits - Google meet
 - Mr Kehoe, Ms Kells, Ms Dizon visited all of our Catholic feeder schools to share what makes St Patrick's the great Catholic school it is including programming, activities, course selection
- 8.7. Teachers - contact students and families
 - asked to reach out their families of students that are struggling
 - also will be reaching out their new students in their semester two classes (begin Feb 8th)
- 8.8. OLG Gaming Funds (Bingo)
 - support St Patrick's, usually we have volunteers who support the BINGO, but are not doing that at this time
 - 8.8.1. Football helmet reconditioning
 - supported (approx \$4000)
 - 8.8.2. Supported Operation Christmas Tree with a \$125 donation to the Inn of Good Shepherd
- 8.9. Christmas Assembly
 - began with a prayer celebration
 - Mr Waliki's leadership class, contributed acts, had former and current students contribute
 - produced an excellent assembly using all of the comm tech equipment
 - also raised \$600 to buy gifts for kids in need, they were very creative in trying to get more for the kids in need and did an amazing job
- 8.10. Christmas Celebration
 - 8.10.1. Robert and Ann worked with Fr. Matthew to record a Christmas Mass for parishioners
- 8.11. Virtual Open House - goes live February 8, 2021
 - will be on the school webpage

-question was asked to include current grade 9 parents/students families as they do not know the school well

8.12. Gifts for Kids - Leadership Class

8.13. Facility Updates

8.13.1. Windows and graffiti fixed

9. BAC update - Tressa/Sabrina

-focus on mental health/wellbeing of kids, community, family with all the changes, Christine Preece presented

-lots of resources/many places to get help

-”anti-bullying week”/”suidide prevention” - trying to use affirming words eg Kindness week, Life Affirmation

-excellent resources on the website

10. Future Meetings 2020-2021: March 30, June 8

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