

Ursuline College School Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

- 1.0 Prayer – Melissa Jackson
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda
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- 4.0 Correspondence – Melissa Jackson - Goodfellows / Community Living
 - Letters of thanks received from both Community Living and Goodfellows for donations given from Dress Down Day contributions. The donations affected many families within our community, as over 1000 Teen Packs were purchased with this money and will be distributed throughout the community. Thank you for your generosity.
- 5.0 Reports:
 - 5.1 Parent Council Reports Chairperson – Melissa Jackson
Community Rep – Renee Handsor
 - Renee updated the group about various community events. **Additional email will be forwarded for more details.
 - Board Advisory Reps – Joanne Munroe, Colleen Janssen, Erin Bourdeau
 - There has been no meeting held yet. Future dates will be forwarded when they are made available.
 - Safe Schools Reps – Becky Arnold, Colleen Janssen
 - Upcoming meeting will be scheduled soon. Ms. McCrae will notify SAC volunteers when the date has been determined.
 - 5.2 Principal Report
 - 5.2.1 Special Presentation Follow Up – School Photo Contract (Edge Imaging / Lifetouch)
 - After some consultation with parents it was decided we will support Edge Imaging this year for school photos. The group selected Edge while some really wanted to see the vendor with the lowest prices. School photos have been approved for this year and will be scheduled soon. Mr. Power will share info as soon as it is available.
 - 5.2.2 The UCC Lancer Indoor Learning Commons area is currently being constructed. The library has been temporarily displaced while the work is being done. Mr. Power shared some photos with the group. The project is on schedule and should be completed by the end of November. An Outdoor Learning Space (5000 sq ft.) with a partially covered classroom with seating will also be created to engage classes outdoors. Teachers will be able to schedule time in this space. This space can also be accessed by students for lunch time. This project will be confirmed after the indoor project is completed.
 - 5.2.3 Uniform Update - Ms. McCrae updated the group about uniforms. Usually there is a mobile store that comes to the school throughout the summer for families to purchase uniforms. Unfortunately this has not been possible throughout Covid. All uniforms have had to have been ordered online at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca . Our feeder Elementary schools offer a program which helps families purchase needed uniforms. The uniform company also donates back to the school to help support families. Some items offered from McCarthy's have been discontinued due to lower purchasing volumes. Families are encouraged to donate gently used uniforms back to UCC to assist students in need.
 - 5.2.4 Charitable Donations - Committee (of teachers) discusses options and chooses local charities that can benefit our community. Student voice is encouraged through the Student Council. It was suggested that students be made aware of how they can share their ideas when passionate about a cause, even when they are not part of Student Council.

- Dress down day contributions last year accounted for \$6,000 of donations raised from Dress Down Days. Charities include: Hope Haven, Refuge, Community Living, United Way, Chatham Goodfellows, Women’s Shelter.
- UCC participated in the Terry Fox Walk in October and raised \$1757 for cancer research. The grade 11 class was the largest donating group, raising over \$700 for that grade alone.

5.2.5 Upcoming Events

- Student Council Hallowe’en week - A new group consisting of student representatives and staff volunteers has been created called “UCC Cares”. The group is encouraging students to bring in canned donations this week in place of the “We Scare Hunger” program we have organized in the past. They have planned fun activities this week to raise morale also.
- Virtual Academic Assembly – Thursday, Oct. 28 - Recognizing honour roll students from last year’s Gr 9-11.
- UCC Cares Can Food Drive – in house grade level collection
- Gr 9’s Take your Kid to Work Day, Wednesday, Nov 3
- Remembrance Day Virtual Service, Thursday Nov. 11
- We have returned to sports this year (some sports). Indoor sporting events have also returned, wherein we are approved to have 50% spectators (approx. 200 people) in the gym, all patrons must show proof of vaccination and provide info for contact tracing upon entry. Guidance and regulations will continue to be provided from local Public Health.
- Mid Term Report Cards - Friday, Nov. 15 - Progress reports spoke to Learning Skills (how students are progressing). Formal Report Cards on Nov 15 will assess all aspects of achievement.

6.0 Future Business - Mr. Power asks that parents reach out to him with any ideas for upcoming parent information nights.

6.1.1 Public Health Unit – Substance Abuse Prevention / Vaping

6.1.2 My Blueprint

7.0 Next Meeting and Future Meeting Dates:

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| Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2020 | Tuesday, Feb 22, 2022 |
| Tuesday, April 26, 2022 | Tuesday, May 31, 2022 |