

**Ursuline College School Advisory Council Virtual Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

1.0 Welcome - Ray Power (Principal)

2.0 Prayer - Melissa Jackson (SAC Chair)

3.0 Correspondence - Melissa Jackson

4.0 Agenda and Minutes of October 26, 2021

5.0 SAC Executive

**Chairperson** - Melissa Jackson

    -Melissa shared a Thank You note from The Chatham-Kent Women's Shelter for the \$1000 donation collected from dress down days. Thanks were also sent on behalf of the Outreach For Hunger for the food drive donations which were collected by the school community. It was a substantial contribution which definitely helped our community.

**Board Advisory Rep.** - Joanne Munroe, Colleen Janseen, Erin Bourdeau

    -no meeting cancelled - rescheduled for Dec 6

**Community Rep.** - Renee Handsor

    -no formal report

**Secretary** - Jen Chickowski

**Safe School Rep.** - Becky Arnold, Colleen Janseen

    -no formal report

5.0 Board Advisory Council Report - November meeting cancelled - **\*New Date Dec 6**

6.0 Guest Presentation - myBlueprint - Warren Seton

Warren walked our group through a presentation on how our students navigate **MyBlueprint**. In 2016 the Ministry Education created the platform to enhance students' involvement in career research/pathways. Our students (Gr 7-12) use **My Blueprint** to explore and choose their highschool classes. The students all have links to their accounts. Parents have two options to become part of the process: Parents can actively link to their child's account or they can explore/test it out. The students complete a variety of surveys to identify their individual learning style. Then study tips and feedback are given to help improve the study habits. **My Blueprint** can be used throughout highschool to modify/adjust their original career path. The program is also very helpful to ensure Post Secondary program requirements are met. Grade 7 & 8 students are introduced to the platform at elementary school by their classroom teachers. The students are then invited to redo the surveys in Grades 10 & 12 prior to completing their class selection sheets. There is also a parent portal in which parents can independently explore the program or they can join their child's account and explore it simultaneously. Here is the direct link [www.myblueprint.ca/stclair](http://www.myblueprint.ca/stclair). It is a very comprehensive tool for career planning. The UCC guidance team will be "blitzing" the student body next week wherein ALL the students will be entering the site and exploring.

7.0 Uniform Discussion - Mary Ann McCrae

Ms. McCrae shared that the administrative team has been having discussions with the students and understands that many students have shared that they are not comfortable in their pants, specifically. Administration is working closely with McCarthy's and are asking for parent volunteers to be a voice and help approve some upcoming potential uniform changes from McCarthy's. Volunteers include Melissa Jackson, Erin Bourdeau, Carrie Cook. Please email Ms McCrae if you are interested in joining this

committee ([maryann.mccrae@st-clair.net](mailto:maryann.mccrae@st-clair.net)). All parents are asked to have discussions with their children to remind them that they must dress appropriately based on the weather. \*\*Reminder: Classes often take 'breaks' outdoors throughout the day with their classes, so pants are necessary during the winter/cold months. Wearing non-uniform pants over uniform shorts is not approved. Administration is trying very hard to reach common ground with the students. McCarthy's is very motivated to listen to the concerns and possibly create new pieces which will be more comfortable and stylish for the students.

#### **8.0 Principal Report - Ray Power**

**Semester 2 Changeover** - Local Public Health and our Board will ultimately decide on the upcoming model of delivery of classes. (quadmester vs. regular 4 classes per day model)

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - Report Cards are posted on EDSBY

**Internet Safety Presentation Discussions - Cyber Bullying / Harassment** - Today's conference focussed on social media usage and its effect on students (cyber bullying/harassment). There were also discussions regarding vaping inside the school building (washrooms/changerooms).

**Library Access for Staff and Students:** Limited to small groups.

**Student Council Christmas Activities** - Leadership classes & Student Council promoting activities to promote a positive school culture, school participation and sharing the Christmas spirit..

**UCC Learning Commons** - Date set for January for completion.

**January Exams Update** - The school will send home an updated schedule to parents in January

#### **9.0 Covid Related Updates:**

**Update on Positive Cases and Isolation** - UCC has had 7 positive cases since September. Close contact tracing has required about half of each class to isolate however with more students vaccinated that number is dropping. We also average about 3 students per week being sent to isolation for families to pick up their child. To date, the work of UCC staff and students have been outstanding in preventing greater spread.

**Safety Protocol Expectations** - Frequent hand washing / sanitizing, cleaning high touch points, promoting physical distancing, mandatory masks (staff and students) when indoors and in Main Driveway bus loading zone.

It is imperative that families and staff use the Ontario Self-Assessment Tool prior to attending each day.

**Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test - Course / EQAO / Community Service Hours** - OSSLT for grade 11 students was written Nov 24 and the grade 12 non graduates wrote Nov 25. Grade 11 students will write in the spring. Literacy support for both staff and students is provided by Ms Magliaro.

EQAO grade 9 math test will be held in mid January. A portion of the test will be used towards the Grade 9 math mark.

Community service hours have been reduced to 20 for 2021-2022 graduates.

#### **9.0 Upcoming Events:**

**Nov. 23-25 and Nov 29 to Dec 2** - Parent Teacher Interviews - Semester 1 Report Cards

**Nov. 30 - Youth Wellness Conference - School Wide** - Discussions centred around our school climate and school culture based on school climate surveys that were conducted in the fall.

**Dec. 9 - Community Outreach Dinner;** UCC Cares and the UCC staff will host a community outreach dinner by pre-packaging meals for those in need in our community. Food will be served "drive by style" through the Foods room window. It will provide a Christmas takeout meal to all those who want to participate. Start time is 5pm.

**Dec. 13 - Advent Liturgy** - There will be a school wide Advent prayer service before the Christmas break.

**Dec. 13-17 - Student Council Christmas activities / Grade level challenges**

**TBD - Health Canada Virtual Tour - Vaping / Substance Abuse**

**10.0 Next Meeting Date** - Tuesday, Feb 22 from 6-7pm.

- Meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**Tuesday, Apr 26 2022**

**Tuesday, May 31 2022**