Ursuline College School Advisory Council Meeting Tuesday, May 25, 2021

- 1.0 Prayer Mr. Power
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda Melissa Jackson (absent)
- 3.0 April 27 Minutes located at UCC Website
- 4.0 Correspondence .
- 5.0 SAC Reports:
 - 5.1 Board Advisory Rep Joanne Munroe

~Joanne provided the group with a summary from the past two BAC Meetings. Destreaming was the focus of one meeting. Scott Johnson, Superintendent slideshow for streamed math are linked here: <u>Planning for Destreaming</u>

~One concern that arose was that the board stated that UCC's enrollment is lower than expected. This is not the case. Years ago projections were made which showed that the physical building of UCC was too big for our needs. Some of the rooms have been closed and re-purposed for various reasons (maintenance, I.T., itinerante offices, storage etc). Our current population/enrollment is higher than projected which is very exciting. We are maintaining a strong student body and teaching staff which allows us to provide many opportunities for student growth/learning.

- 5.2 Community Rep Renee Handsor (Information will be shared electronically)
- 6.0 Principal Update Ray Power
 - 6.1 Remote Learning Update

~The Ministry of Education will determine our return to face to face. The current stay at home order will be reviewed by June 2nd. A local Board team Educators bring information to the local Medical Officers of Health and make decisions for schools (in class vs remote learning). We will continue to take our lead from the Medical Officers of Health and our school board administrative team.

 \sim We know how difficult this is for our students. We are focusing on Mental Health and safety, all while balancing the teaching/instructional piece.

6.2 School Climate Survey

~Invited 28 staff and their students from all grades to participate. It gives an overall consensus about how individuals have been affected throughout this school year. Some feedback that Mr. Power has received is that many of the questions did not accurately represent/include the changes we experienced this past year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

 \sim The goal of the survey is to guide our School Mental Health leads to plan ahead and to be able to implement future programs to help address some of the identified concerns.

~Seeking SAC input.

~Parent Survey Link :<u>https://www.questionpro.com/t/ANluHZlhLd</u>

6.3 Smart APPetite

~Western University is conducting a research project wherein they are seeking input from teens about healthy eating/living. If interested please register your teen before May 31st. Participants

receive \$10/\$15/\$15 Amazon Gift cards if all three surveys are completed. See attached pamphlet here: <u>Smart APPetite</u>

6.4 Student Photos - Service Agreement

~Lifetouch has held the contract for many years, but Mr.Power is open to hearing from other local companies. We discuss renewal annually, but generally are looking for a commitment for 2-3 years. Opportunity for other vendors to present at our September meeting so parents can make an informed choice.

~If parents have any suggestions please contact Mr. Power to discuss a future presentation.

6.5 September Plans

~The Minister of Education is expecting school boards to create three models of delivery to be possible and to be prepared to deliver any model at any time.

- 1. Cohorts with some mixing (of 50 people). Quadmester Two periods a day for 10 weeks then switch to two new periods a day for 10 weeks. Repeat semester 2.
- 2. Current Model (1 week in one class, next week in 2nd class)
- 3. Plan that is prepared to move to full virtual learning.

 \sim There are many questions regarding lunch, library usage, extra curricular activities, etc. \sim A final decision will be announced later this year. It may even be closer to the end of the summer.

6.6 Staffing

 \sim 23:1 class size is the ideal size for September. This was agreed upon last year between teacher unions and The Ministry of education. There may be classes that operate lower than this due to lower enrollments in specific classes (eg. a specific Math class). There may also be classes with higher enrollment if the need is there. The overall system remains at 23:1, but that does not guarantee that all of our classes will be 23 students.

~With the upcoming implementation of destreaming, the goal will be no more than 23 students in each Gr. 9 Math class. Other caps may include Gr 9 Tech - safety concerns

~Mr. Power is currently organizing classes/staffing for next year.

~Projected enrollment is 1219 students (average from 1st semester and 2nd semester this year)

6.7 Retention Projections:

 \sim 83.4 % of the Grade 8 students in SCCDSB elementary schools (252 of 302 available) \sim The total projection for feeder and non-feeder enrollment is 319.

~Our staff works very hard to promote Catholic Education in our Elementary schools and retain students each year. We continue to provide Open Houses for Gr 8s moving into highschool. This was done virtually this year.

6.8 Graduation Update

~Class of 2021 (260 students) Recognition will be virtual. The decision was postponed as long as possible to see if our current provincial situation would change.

 \sim Awards, bursaries and scholarships will still be given out to graduates.

~20 Hours of Community Service Required (changed due to pandemic)

~Waive OSSLT Requirements for graduates only

~Grad Fee of \$25 (that will include a cap and gown each student will keep and other memorabilia)

6.9 Graduation Agenda

Tuesday, June 28, 2021 – 7 pm Formal Virtual Graduation with Awards and Scholarships

6.10 Important dates

~Progress Report Cards –will be shared on EDSBY on May 31. If you would prefer a paper copy please request one with the school secretaries.

 $\sim\!\!OSSLT-Cancelled$

~Head Start Program - August 24-26 (registration May28)

~Reach Ahead Program - Grade 8 summer course towards their grade 9 / 10 curriculum.

***Students must contact guidance if interested.

~Orientation in June (contact Guidance for more info)

~Lancer Link - Transition program wherein senior students are matched with Gr 9 students and mentor them through this new transition/school. Gr 9 Orientation.will be on Thursday, September 2, 2021

***All above mentioned programs are subject to approval from Public Health Unit to be face-to-face programs

QUESTIONS:

1. Do graduating Gr 12 students (who will be returning for a fifth year) apply now for bursaries or wait until after the 5th year?

 \sim Yes, students apply after Gr 12 as long as they have completed the OSSD requirements. They do NOT have to wait until after 5th year.

7.0 Lancer Proud Moment

~Gratitude to SAC members and participation. Mr Power thanked the group for their time, opinions and dedication given at our meetings, especially those parents who have been involved for multiple years.

- 8.0 Future Business Suggestions
- 9.0 Future Meeting Dates (tentative) Tuesday, September 28, 2021