

Ursuline College School Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 24, 2020

- 1.0 Welcome - Ray Power (Principal)
- 2.0 Prayer - Melissa Jackson (SAC Chair)
- 3.0 Correspondence- Melissa Jackson: Thank you letter from Chatham Goodfellow's and the Women's Shelter for 2019-2020 Dress Down Day Donations.
- 4.0 Agenda and Minutes of October 6, 2020
- 5.0 SAC Executive
 - Chairperson - Melissa Jackson
 - Board Advisory Rep. - Joanne Munroe

From the meeting was held last Thursday:

 - 1. Thought Exchange initiated from our Director of Education, Deb Crawford. The board is looking for parent feedback on successes/challenges thus far in the school year. All parents are encouraged to participate. The survey should take 15 minutes. Here is the link: [Thought Exchange Survey](#). All parents are urged to participate.
 - 2. Chris Preece (Mental Health Lead) provided wellness resources with tips on how to support ourselves and our children during Covid.

Community Rep. - Renee Handsor

 - The Canadian Pacific (CP) will be hosting a virtual concert in lieu of the typical CP Holiday Train program this year. The event will raise money and awareness to help local food banks collect much-needed donations. Email outlining details will follow the meeting.

Secretary - Jen Chickowski

Safe School Rep. - Michelle Kosik (No formal report at this time)
- 6.0 Guest Presentation - myBlueprint - Warren Seton

Warren walked our group through the MyBluePrint program our students use. In 2016 the Ministry of Education put emphasis on the importance of students Gr.7 - Gr.12 being more actively involved in their career research. This is how the program was created. Students are introduced to the tool in Gr. 7 and will use it throughout their highschool years to assist in course planning and selection, resume building, pathway planning, career investigation, budgeting etc. Students will complete a variety of surveys to help identify their learning styles. Study tips and feedback are then given to help improve study habits. All students have links to their accounts. Parents are able to actively link to their child's account. There is also an option for parents to explore the site independently (mirror). This is also very helpful to ensure Post Secondary program requirements are met. The program can be accessed after highschool also. The UCC Guidance team works with students to promote and assist with MyBluePrint.

- 7.0 Principal Report - Ray Power

- Quad 2 Changeover - For the November 17 change over 45 students in total moved from either face to face or online learning.
- Report Cards - EDSBY (Lisa Harnarine) - Ms. Harnarine walked us through the EDSBY communication tool. It is used by teachers to communicate with students and parents. Parents were provided with info for login and use.
- Internet Safety Presentation - Paul Davis presented virtually to grade 9 and 10. Paul is an internet safety expert. He spent an hour discussing privacy, social media safety and implications about online bullying and appropriate use.
- Vaping Tour Booking - UCC is seeking to book a virtual presentation for grade 9/10 and 11/12.
- Library Access for Staff and Students - Enhanced safety protocols to use the library have been approved. Effective November 30th, staff and students will be able to have limited access to the library.
- Student Council Activities - Wacky Wednesday, Pink Shirt Day (Anti Bullying), "The Gift" - important for students to feel the life in our school. Gr 11 class won a dress down day today because they brought in the most donations for "The Gift"
- Chaplaincy Activities - Liturgy of the Word Virtual Service, Virtual presentation from Brother Guy on Faith and Science

8.0 Covid Related Updates:

- Update on Positive Cases and Isolation - third positive case, all identified outside the school and were introduced into the school community by contact. Public Health identified plan of action (parents contacted, students removed immediately, teachers advised so they can help support learning digitally). Mr. Power will continue to work on a plan with staff to maintain communication and support for all affected. UCC takes direction from Public Health and continues to practice enhanced safety protocols throughout the school.
- In November, averaged 1.0 student per day go home ill (with Covid related symptoms)
- Enhanced Safety Protocol Expectations - Frequent hand washing / sanitizing, cleaning high touch points twice a day, promoting physical distancing, mandatory masks (staff and students) when indoors and in the Main Driveway bus loading zone.
- It is imperative that families and staff use the Ontario Self-Assessment Tool prior to attending each day.
- Daily Ministry Reporting - UCC provides the Ministry of Education DAILY with the number of students in attendance and number of illnesses.
- Ontario Literacy Course and EQAO requirement exemptions have been approved due to Covid. The Ministry of Education will not let graduating students be negatively impacted.

9.0 Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 27 - Quad 1 Report Cards sent home via EDSBY (hard copy upon request)
- Dec. 7 - School Virtual Liturgy of the Word Prayer Service
- Dec. 9 - Br. Guy Consolmango Virtual Presentation on Science and the Catholic Faith
- Dec. 10 - Community Outreach Dinner (drive by takeout meal - TBD)
- TBD - Student Council Christmas activities / Grade level challenges

- 10.0 Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, Feb 23 from 6-7pm.
 - Meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

Future Meeting Dates: Tuesday, Apr 27 2021

Tuesday, May 25 2021