

Ursuline College School Advisory Council Meeting Tuesday, Oct 6, 2020

- 1.0 Welcome - Ray Power (Principal)
- 2.0 Prayer - Thomas Dula (Chaplaincy Leader)
- 3.0 Introduction of Administration Team:
Rick Baggio (Vice Principal - Gr. 9/10 students)
Lisa Harnarine (Vice Principal - Gr 11/12 students)
Mary Ann McCrae (Vice Principal - Special Education / Wellness)
- 4.0 SAC Nominations: Please contact Ray if you are interested.
 1. Chairperson - Melissa Jackson
 2. Board Advisory Rep. - Joanne Munroe
 3. Community Rep. - Renee Handsor
 4. Secretary - Jen Chickowski
 5. Safe School Rep. - Michelle Kosik
- 5.0 SAC Meetings - Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm (last Tuesday of specified months). Meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

Future Meeting Dates:

 - Tuesday, Nov 24 2020
 - Tuesday, Feb 23 2021
 - Tuesday, Apr 27 2021
 - Tuesday, May 25 2021
- 6.0 Enhanced Safety Protocols: Mr. Power explained the additional safety precautions UCC has implemented this year. These include:
 - Frequent **hand washing / sanitizing**
 - Custodial staff are **cleaning high touch points** twice a day
 - Signage / arrows added to hallways to **promote physical distancing** (traffic flow)
 - Extra furniture has been removed from classrooms where necessary to create more space
 - **Mandatory masks** (staff and students) when indoors
 - Tracking **contact tracing**
 - Outdoor breaks / lunches are staggered (2 groups) resulting in less congestion in washrooms/hallways
- 6.1 Covid Related Information:
 - 2.5 students per day go home ill (with Covid related symptoms)
 - It is imperative that families and staff use the Ontario Self Assessment Tool prior to attending each day.
 - Isolation areas are used if a student becomes ill throughout the day, until a family member can pick them up.
 - Additional staff has been added to assist with new protocols and illness (3 teachers and 1 EA)
- 7.0 Enrollment -
 - 1220 FTE students (Total)
 - 998 FTE students (in class)
 - 223 FTE students (online)
 - *Some older students decided not to return this year

- 8.0 Summer Projects -
- Over the summer a new video security system was installed.
 - 45 classrooms had whiteboards installed.
 - The Denomy building was outfitted with portable air conditioners and air purifiers (temporary solution) to improve the air quality. (2 shop classes excluded)
- 9.0 Staffing:
- Due to retirements last year there have been 3 new teachers hired to replace (Ms. Chacon, Mr. Teeuwen, Mr. Rizzo)
 - 6 Teachers have moved to virtual teaching this year.
- 10.0 Retention (Gr. 9): 2019 - 309 students
 2020 - 300 students
- Virtual orientation/tour was offered to Gr 9s at the end of the summer
 - No use of lockers this year
 - First day more staggered start was a relaxed entry for Gr 9s (only them in school)
- 11.0 Principal Update: - Last week the school participated in a Terry Fox Walk and recognized Orange Shirt Day which raised awareness about residential schools.
- 11.1 Upcoming Events: School wide Prayer Service - Oct 9 (virtually in classrooms)
- 11.2 Oct 14 - Post Secondary Information Night (Virtual Meeting). Representatives from Fanshawe College and University of Windsor to present.
- 11.3 Midterm Reporting: Oct 19 (not a report card). These will include grade updates and teacher feedback.
- 11.4 Oct 20 - Paul Davis (Internet safety Consultant) will be presenting to Gr 9 students (virtually). He will discuss internet safety, precautions and safe use of social media.
- 11.5 Oct 29 at 7pm - Virtual Academic Assembly (Gr 10-12 students). Honour Roll students will be recognized.
- 11.6 Activity Fees (Voluntary) - They are reduced to \$25 this year. They are still needed to provide extra opportunities on behalf of student council, Chaplaincy, guest speakers, etc.
- 11.7 Open Door Policy - If problems/concerns arise don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher first, then Vice Principals. Mr Power is always available and can be reached via email or appointments (virtual or in-person). Arrangements can be made through the office secretaries.
- 12.0 Parent Questions:
1. Can a 5th year student return next year instead of this year? **Each case would be cautiously considered taking into account the age/experience and pathway requirements. There are differences between 14 yr olds and 19 year olds within the school.**
 2. Will there be Sports teams/ Extra Curriculars this year? **School will take advice from the Board and the Medical Officer of Health; Currently postponed. Class excursions are also very limited for safety.**
 3. Will Music classes be offered and how will they be different? **There are restrictions on playing wind and brass instruments. Classes are encouraged to be held outdoors. This will be challenging with colder weather approaching. Teachers may choose to use different instruments.**
- 13.0 Next Meeting Date (tentative); **Tuesday, November 24, 2020**