



# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL COUNCIL



**DATE:** Monday, May 28, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Seminar Room 2.1 (beside main office)

**Facilitator:** Bose Blokland & Julie Hofstetter

**Recorder:** Amanda Isley

**Prayer:** Bose Blokland

## - Minutes -

### Upcoming Events for St. Mary's High School:

May 30 – Student Vote

May 31 – Grad Breakfast & Liturgy

May 31 – Prom

June 1 – PA Day

June 6 – Athletic Banquet

June 7 – Arts Banquet

June 8 – Final Assembly(Awards)

June 14 – EQAO Math

June 15 – Gr 12 Uniform Collection

June 18-21 Gr 12 Exams

June 21-26 Gr 9-11 Exams

June 26 – Graduation

August 28-29 Registration and Used Uniform Sale

**Attendees:** John Dietrich, Matt Acheson, Bose Blokland, Linda Tester, Maryanne Cahill, Iveta Voll, Linda Tester, Hilana Madter, Frank Abbinett, Julie Hofstetter

TOPIC	OUTCOME	FACILITATOR
<i>Prayer</i>	Opening prayer	<b>Bose Blokland</b>
<i>KPL Library Updates</i>	No updates provided as Amanda sent her regrets.	<b>Amanda Wilk</b>
<i>Tour of the new school website</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of the board websites are now in the same platform.</li> <li>The school is able to maintain its own slide deck on their site, try to keep the information up to date which results in a large slide deck.</li> <li>There is also a monthly view available that parents and students can always use if they do not wish to go through the slide deck.</li> <li>Eagle vision can also be found on the site.</li> </ul>	<b>John Dietrich</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the length of the presentation at times Julia Horgan is looking at television/monitor for the main foyer to allow students another place to see the announcements.</li> <li>• Career Cruising will be replaced in September by “My Blueprint” for pathway planning. The historical information in Career Cruising will still be available but will no longer be updated.</li> <li>• Hours Republic – is used to track volunteer hours, however at times this information needs to be manually updated. Keep an eye on the volunteer information on report card and if you feel there is a discrepancy can be manually updated through guidance.</li> <li>• You can subscribe to the newswire for announcements – will be going to school messenger which will provide flexibility in way school communicates to parents – text, email, phone call – parents can choose their preference.</li> <li>• The list of our feeder schools are located at the bottom of the site.</li> </ul>	
<b>Multicultural Night</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council members who were able to attend felt it went well</li> <li>• Several members indicated they missed the event because they forgot about it. They did not see any advertising or receive any communication from school, saw it on the billboard the day after the event. If want parents involved should not rely on students need better advertising.</li> <li>• Was indicated the parent workshops were not well attended, again this was related back to the late and limited advertising done for the event.</li> <li>• Linda indicated that she had placed flyers out at the mall about a week before.</li> <li>• The event is on the school calendar again next year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Relay for Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was successful and well run by the students and the teachers who were organizing it.</li> <li>• The goal was \$30,000.00 and it was exceeded raised \$ 46,500.00</li> <li>• SMH will be running again next year and the feeder schools will be sending teams as well.</li> </ul>	
<b>PRO Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After a lengthy discussion the decision was made to submit a grant application Fostering Student Health and the Importance of Minimizing Cell Phone Use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council will host multiple sessions open to those members of the community who have the important role of supporting our students. These sessions will provide an open forum to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Julie Hofstetter &amp; Bose Blokland</b>

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	<p>provide parents with information associated with the growing use of smart phones by young people and the risks associated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sponsor and support "Sharing/Community Table Lunches" where students put away their smart phones for an hour, lunch is provided for these students and they play board games and talk.</li> <li>○ Also the use of resistor cases for smart phones while students are in class to improve the learning of all students. Find something tangible in print to provide parents (discussion guide).</li> <li>○ Provide plague to feeder schools to display messages consistently from elementary to high school.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>PIC Grant</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Banners have been distributed to the feeder schools</li> <li>● St. Mary's is just determining the best place to display their banner.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Items for Discussion</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co – Chair nominations will take place at September's meeting. Members should give some consideration to this position.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Meetings for 2018/2019</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● September 24, 2018,</li> <li>● November 26, 2018,</li> <li>● February 25, 2019,</li> <li>● April 29, 2019 and</li> <li>● May 27, 2019</li> </ul>	
<b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>		
<b>INFORMATION ITEMS</b>		