



ST. MARY'S ADVISORY COUNCIL



DATE: February 24, 2020

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

LOCATION: Seminar Room 2.1 (beside main office)

Facilitators: Linda Tester / Sherry White

Recorders: Michelle Willis / Amanda Isley

Attendees: J. Dietrich, L. Tester, S. White, Amanda I., L. Goodyear, M. Grominsky, F. Abbinett, L. Alves, M. Cahill, B. Drobot, A. Quinn

- AGENDA -

Upcoming Events for St. Mary's High School:

<p>Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday Liturgy Feb. 26 Pink Shirt Day Mar. 2-6 Innovation Week Mar. 9-13/23-27 Grad Photos Mar. 16-20 March Break Mar. 31 Gr. 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT) Mar. 25 Immunization Suspension Day Mar. 25 Dress Down Day Mar. 25 Progress Report Card Distribution Pd 1 Mar. 31 Literacy Test</p>	<p>Apr. 2 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences Apr. 3 P.D. Day Apr. 10 Good Friday (school closed) Apr. 13 Easter Monday (school closed) Apr. 15 Dress Down Day Apr. 16 Term 2 Begins (<i>Careers and Civics Turnaround Day</i>) Apr. 29 Mid-term Report Card Distribution Pd 1</p>
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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS		
Topic	Presenter	Notes
Chaplain	Annabel Q	<p>Meet Annabel Quinn - she's been St Mary's school chaplain for 13 years. She gets involved with the students and appreciates all the support the school receives from the Priests in our school community. We have a multicultural school with many different faiths and she is understanding and accepting of them all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is a very strong pro-life advocate She is joining 17 students, Fr. Toby and the principal on a trip to Rome in April for a religious retreat Fr Toby is the parish priest at St Mary's parish and he's running an outreach program to feed the homeless youth in Kitchener with authentic homemade pizza prepared by youth in our community. Mass is held at St Mary's school parish every Friday alternating between 3rd & 4th lunch - 11:50 or 1:10 During period 5 every Thursday loose change is collected from students to send to various charities in need She facilitates and attends Gr 10 full day retreats as well as running a Gr 12 Grad retreat in Goderich

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She coordinates the making of Rosaries with students and the Rosary Guild
Student Council	Max G, Liam G	<p><u>November Events:</u> Dominican Encounter Trip, Pink Shirt Day for Anti-bullying awareness, Multicultural Mondays, OSLC - conference for SAC students with over 2000 students in attendance in Niagara Falls</p> <p><u>December Events:</u> Dress Down Day in support of Christmas Cheer, Community Christmas Dinner, Christmas Assembly for entire school</p> <p><u>January Events:</u> Dress Down Day, Cookies & Cram to assist students with exam studies, Semi-formal dance held at Bingemans - 2010's theme</p> <p><u>February Events:</u> Dress Down Day in support of Kids Ability, Valentines Day Roses, Co-Pres's of SAC attended the Special Olympics</p> <p><u>Upcoming Events:</u> Pancake Tuesday, Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, Community Living & Special Education Semi-formal - all WCDSB secondary school students would attend one fun-filled event, Coffee House - March 26th (date pending), Spring Semi-Formal - April Prom, Innovation Week - a week dedicated to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) with workshops & guest speakers (date pending)</p>
KPL	Beverly D	<p>Volunteer Opportunities - information available on KPL website</p> <p>Youth Cafe run in conjunction with the YMCA - Every Friday from 3:30-4:30</p> <p>Therapy dog in the library to help with exam stress June 16th 3:15-4:15</p> <p>KPL website has several information databases available for students to utilize</p>
Labour Updates	John D	<p>Job action - stage 1 - no administrative work, EQAO, staff meetings, professional development, etc - there was no significant impact to students</p> <p>Stage 2 - withdrawal of 'on-call' supply teacher coverage. Impacts field trips, sports teams, etc. Events have been cancelled that require optional supply coverage and several events have been postponed or are on hold.</p> <p>Gr 10 literacy test - the scheduling and logistics to prepare for the test takes a minimum of 6 weeks. We can't adequately prepare for it with the current job action.</p>
Parent Volunteer Opportunities	John D	<p>Used uniform collection date - Friday June 12th</p> <p>Relay for Life - St Mary's has raised over \$100k in 2 years - the event is on hold right now</p> <p>Grade 8 Night</p> <p>Parent/Teacher conferences</p> <p>Personal Care Items for youth - would traditionally be collected in December, but it was over looked this year. It was suggested that the school run the collection campaign over the Lenten season and deliver the personal care packages to St. Mary's church the week of Easter Monday.</p>

Community Service Hours	John D	<p>Less than 1/2 of Gr 12 students have submitted proof of completing the 40 hours required to graduate, common among the five secondary schools.</p> <p>Community service hours are the responsibility of students/families to complete, record and submit to the guidance office, student don't have to complete >=40 before handing the form in, submit what you complete repeatedly until done.</p> <p>Synervoice, parent emails, guidance face-2-face w/ students <40 to complete by April 30.</p> <p>Incentives are being explored to encourage students to submit them as they complete them in Gr 9 or 10 - possible suggestions are additional dress down day or dress down for exams</p>
Other Business	John D	<p>The school is beyond maximum capacity and John has repeatedly expressed his concerns to the Board and Superintendent. Parents are encouraged to bring the matter to the attention of our MP, requesting a boundary review or information with regards to the construction of a new secondary school.</p>
Tour	John D	<p>Chapel and chaplaincy rooms, grad hallway.</p>
Future Agenda Topics	<p>Coop placements, IEP supports, PIC</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Monday, April 27th @ 6:30pm</p>	