



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DATE: Nov. 22, 2022

TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hybrid: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Main Office Board (for those in person)

Facilitators: Amy Fee

Recorders:

- AGENDA -

Attendees: Irene Vassalo, Amanda Wiley, Amy Fee, Cathy Kocevar, Fara Oporto, Katarina Luke, Lynn Brombal, Phil Lehman, Paige Sephar, Gabi Mesa, Stefan L.,

Regrets:

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TOPIC	OUTCOME	FACILITATOR	TIME
Prayer	<p>Land Acknowledgement Opening prayer</p> <p>The schools in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board are situated on the Haldimand tract of land that is the traditional home of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People. We acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous Peoples with whom we share this land today.</p> <p>We seek a new relationship with the Original People of this land, one based on honour and deep respect. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn here and reaffirm our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our community.</p>	Amy Fee – Chair	5 minutes
SAC Report	<p>Shared recent activities (Coffee House, Christmas Cheer, RAK Day, Anti-Bullying Week, Decorating for Christmas, SAC Unity Conference)</p> <p>Questions – dances?? Will they be returning – yes – grade 9 dance already occurred, semi formal coming in February</p>	Gabi & Paige – Co-presidents	5 minutes

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<i>Survey Review/CSAC Next Steps</i>	CSAC Involvement – next steps Presence in the school Implementation of Priorities Social Events Table at Christmas Dinner, Grade 8 parent night, Pathways evening in the new year – share forward other opportunities for their presence at the school	Deanna Wehrle	5 minutes
<i>Guidance Update</i>	Phil Shared signing up for info from Guidance Grade 8 Visits Grade 8 parent night – supports for students and families Post-secondary school visits OUAC/OCAS deadlines, Ontario University Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class visits to share more info and hear student voice Course selection presentations – 2023-2024 courses due March 1 st chosen through My Blueprint (over 400 school offerings) Webpage specific to course offerings	Phil Lehman	5 minutes
<i>CPIC Grant</i>	Event to support students and parents in our community Discussion around ideas – guest speaker Jon Weiss, trade show carousel with mini sessions (Yoga, Meditation, Social) Community partners and resources Time Frame – end of January, beginning of Feb (worries about weather), early spring, during mental health week Supporting students with special needs	Deanna Wehrle	10 minutes
<i>Emergency Situations</i>	Protocol for students/families <ol style="list-style-type: none"> School Protocols, Drills, Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly practiced and reviewed at school To be shared with home School Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will communicate what is possible as soon as they able Encourage students to follow the direction of staff 	Deanna Wehrle	10 minutes

KPL	<p>Library card (SMH library card) – stop in at the desk to get the card set up – many resources and databases</p> <p>Tuesday after school drop in – partnership with the YMCA – many games and activities, connect with other students (most recent had 30 students attend)</p> <p>English Conversation Circle – 6 pm on Tuesday (approx. 15-20 students attend – always room for more)</p> <p>Programs are always free’</p> <p>Many volunteer opportunities at the KPL – many in the summer which will be posted in April</p>	Amanda Wiley	10 minutes
Principal's Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pastoral – Advent 2. SIEP Review 3. EQAO – shared data and dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math (Sem 1 – Jan 11 – Feb 3) • Literacy (Sem 1 – previously eligible - Nov 2 – Dec 7) 4. Christmas Dinner – Dec 1 community Christmas Dinner welcomes 500+ guests 5. Christmas Cheer – staff fundraiser to support SMH families in need 6. Dress Down Days – noted dates and charities we support 7. Uniform – concerns about students that are out of uniform and that not all are sent to the office 8. Transportation – concerns about late and cancelled buses – GRT passes that do not work 9. Smoking near school property – concerns about vaping in the hallways and washrooms – what is the school doing to enforce 	Deanna Wehrle	20 minutes
Future Agenda Items & Questions?	<p>FOS – share CPIC ideas and invite to join, request for volunteers</p> <p>Re-send survey for CSAC school year goals</p>		