

St. Mary's Advisory Council

"Rooted in Faith, Learning in Love, Dedicated to Excellence"



Meeting Agenda

Date	Time	Location	Facilitator	Recorder/Timer
April 21, 2026	6:00-7:00pm	Main Office Conference Room	Steven and Ashley	David Jaeger

- AGENDA -

Attendees:	Regrets:
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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

TOPIC	OUTCOME	FACILITATOR	TIME
Call to Order		Steven and Ashley	
<i>Prayer</i>	<p>Land Acknowledgement</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 and the land cared for by 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>	Deacon Ed	

TOPIC	OUTCOME	FACILITATOR
Attendance and Introductions		Steven and Ashley
Guests to CSAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relay for Life guest speakers - Raised \$315,000 for cancer research - Goal is \$55,000 - May 28, 2026 - Games, educational components, Survivor Walk - \$20 to register (fee for shirt, lunch and Canadian Cancer Society administrative costs) - \$50 minimum fundraising goal, feel free to raise hundreds or thoudands! - - - YMCA Settlement Worker Program - -Elementary and Secondary Schools - Challenges coming from different culture - Confusion for some parents, different education systems - YMCA – focus on youth development, community integration, social services - Immigration and settlement related services - Translation services, assessments for Level of English language - Early years services, childcare - Youth camps, Spring, summer and during school breaks - Health and fitness EG swimming lessons - Employment services, gambling awareness, financial management - Settlement Worker program in all the secondary schools - Help parents navigate Ontario education system – usually different than home country - Helps with school registration, orientation to graduating, school culture - Helping students navigate relationships and friendships, one to one advice - Refer families to community supports – vaccinations - Legal aid for different issues, housing, Ontario Works - Youth leadership and engagement, parent engagement evening - - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milka, Askema, Maya - Kulubrehan Abraham

<p>Student Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vibrant school life at SMH! - Easter bingo, Easter egg hunt and painting - Jersey day - Dress down day – YPI local charity - Spirit Week – fun events - Co-Presidents voting is coming up - Mental Health Week, Diversity Week, Catholic Education Week 	<p>Student Council reps Lexi and Brayden and Mr. Kueneman</p>
<p>Principal's Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduation Awards: 7 x \$200 last year - OSSLT – just finished - Immunization Suspension – over 100 to start, now single digits- school message is to get off Public Health's list - Report Cards – May 1 - Convocation – June 11 – Discussion - Final Evaluations – June 18 to 23 with Credit Rescue - Semester 2 Report Cards available for pick up July 9 - 	<p>David Jaeger</p>
<p>Review of Meeting Dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tues. May 19 	<p>Steven and Ashley</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Steven and Ashley</p>