

Saint John Paul II

Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2018



Present: Laurie Kardynai-Bahri, Rob Stecyk, Annalise Yuzda, Stacy Walker, Terri Nixon, Tamara Guenette, Gaylene Dannish, Justine Wright (School Trustee), Maureen Wert

Agenda Item	Outcome
1.0 Call to Order/Prayer	Annalize calls the meeting to order at 6:35. Laurie lead the attendees in prayer.
2.0 Approval of the Agenda	Agenda amended to add items. Gaylene moved acceptance of the amended agenda. All in favor – carried.
3.0 Guest Speaker	<p>Cst. Ahlstrom, the School Resource Officer, gave an excellent presentation of some of the trends both for the youth and for our school communities. The information presented (and more) can be viewed online at http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cycp-cpcj/trend-tend-eng.htm . As well, Google Play has a RCMP Drug Awareness App that you can download for current information. New this year to the community, and potentially lethal, is 'purple drank', a dangerous concoction of various prescription strength cold medications containing codeine and promethazine, benadryl, and robotussin mixed with soda/sugary drinks. Shatter, a butane hash oil concentrate with extremely high levels of THC, that is paper thin, and can be vaped, without the traditional odor of cannabis. Cst. Ahlstrom also touched on the opioids, Fentanyl and Carfentanil, which while in the community but has not been seen in the schools. A picture she displayed exhibited the fact that a unit of carfentanil is 100 times more potent than a unit of fentanyl, 5,000 times more potent than a unit of heroin, and 10,000 times more potent than a unit of morphine. This toxicity explains the mortality rate of opioid overdoses. Interesting fact is that The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, effective May 2017, provides immunity from simple possession charges for those who call 911 in the case of an overdose.</p> <p>Cst. Ahlstrom, indicated that approximately 75% of her time is spent on social media issues, sexting and cyberbullying topping the list. Fact: the police can seize a cellphone, without warrant, and hold for 90 days on the suspicion that the phone contains pornographic material. As a way to encourage awareness, Cst Ahlstrom, has on occasion, given students the option of seizing the phone, or doing a factory reset on the phone, to wipe off all pictures. Emphasis, when appropriate, is on educating the youth to what can be potentially considered criminal or pornographic material, and the extending damaging nature of this activity, if convicted. Popular phone Apps that are being used to relay pictures are Sarahah, Afterschool, and Snapchat. Difficulty with these Apps is the inability to trace the sender. Parents seeking translation of the text lingo/ slang can check out www.netlingo.com and www.transl8it.com. Telus Wise, is an educational program focusing on internet and smartphone safety. Cst. Ahlstrom is waiting on the resource material so that the program can be delivered in the school.</p>
4.0 Approval of Minutes	Tamara moved acceptance of the minutes. All in favor – carried.
5.0 Treasurer's Report	Terri advises that no expenditures were made, and the current balance is \$1,143.27
6.0 Business Arising	<p>6.1 PSC(Parent Student Council) email address: Annalise will be setting up a gmail account for PSC so that there will be continuity with the change over in council members. There will be a PAC tab added to the school website, and all minutes will be kept there, starting with this school year. CORRECTION TO OCTOBER 3 MINUTES: 6.4 CPAC does NOT stand for Curriculum Policy Advisory Committee, it stands for Catholic Parent Advisory Committee. Change will be made to the Minutes, and then sent to the school administration to post on the website, along with all subsequent approved meeting</p>

	<p>minutes.</p> <p>6.2 Guest Speaker for next meeting: Steve Tymko to discuss the new High School, St. Andre Bessette. Laurie thought the parents might like an advance update on the new school. Note: The Open House date is April 18, 2018 for St. Andre Bessette.</p> <p>Add-on 6.3 Prayer Bags: These bags are decorated by the elementary school with colourful drawings and encouraging comments, and given to all Grade 12 students writing the English diploma. (Reason: English is the only diploma that ALL Grade 12's must write). These bags contain, bottled water, a granola bar, a 'life-saver' sweet of some sort. Note: Until now, Annalise has funding and stuffing the bags, but as of next year, she will no longer be on Council, so it will be a matter for the new Council to administer. Laurie will get back to Annalise as to the number of students writing both this semester and next semester.</p>
7.0 School Report	Laurie Kardynai-Bahri and Rob Stecyk
	<p>7.1 New Hire – Christina Boyinton: As previously budgeted for, she will be commencing with the next semester, will be teaching Grade 9 & 10 English and numerous Phys-Ed classes.</p> <p>7.2 Extension of hire – Tiffany Lawrence, will remain for the 2nd semester, teaching CALM and Phys Ed.</p> <p>7.3 Student Unwind Room: Sarah, as the Health Champion, on Wednesday will turn the gym into an 'unwind/mindfulness' space for students as they wrap up their classes and prepare for finals.</p> <p>7.4 Exams/Inclement Weather: Rob reported that regardless of the cold weather and cancellation of all the buses, all students showed up for the various diplomas that were scheduled. Surprisingly all went very smoothly, because on top of that, the Shaw Wi-Fi was down, so only hard-wired computers could be used for the exams. This was the first year that the time restriction was removed from writing exams, and there were a few students who utilized up to six hours to complete the essay portion of the exams.</p> <p>7.5 Valeda House – Grade Challenge Care Packages: this Division initiative, and school challenge was very well received; it started out slowly, but really built momentum towards the end when the rivalry between grades kicked in! Leadership was instrumental in organizing all the donations.</p> <p>7.6 Catholic School Review – Parent Interviews: On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, our school is being reviewed. Staff and students will be asked to complete surveys, and as indicated in the newsletter this week, parents will be able to volunteer to complete the survey, and that can be done in person or on line.</p> <p>7.7 Broadcasting Studio: There were 2 parts to the Classroom Improvement Fund; Part A was the Health Champion/Connectedness Program, and Part 2, which was approximately \$13,000 and had restrictions on the spending, has been utilized by turning the CALM tech lab into a broadcasting studio. Many thanks to Mr. Segberg who was in charge of creating this space. Future hopes that the students will utilize the studio to do announcements/interviews, etc.</p> <p>7.8 Draft 2018-2019 School Division Calendar: Laurie displays the next year calendar, while Justice Wright, School Trustee, explains the changes that were made, in consideration that we share transportation costs with two other school divisions, Elk Island Public, and Battle River (Camrose schools). No concerns were expressed with the changes.</p> <p>7.9 Parking Lot: Rob indicates that for the past 2 ½ months, since the inception of the Parking Lot Committee and change to the policy, he has had only 1 incident to deal with as compared with over 6 incidents in the first 2 months. Parent commented on the noticeable improvement in the parking lot since the new policy was enacted. Thank you.</p> <p>7.10 Overcrowding: Parent concern as to whether anything has been done about the overcrowding, in particular creating a space for the Grade 12's. Sadly, because this will be the last year for the high school in this building, and Grade 12's being the last 'small' class, and the prioritizing of service requests, it was decided that giving the concern to the Leadership Team, would be the most effective and only solution to finding a solution for this concern.</p>
8.0 Set Meeting Date	To be announced when a date is confirmed with Steve Tymko
9.0 Adjournment	Annalise adjourns the meeting at 8:13 pm