

**ST. PAULS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA  
November 23, 2022**

1. OPENING PRAYER – MADONNA HOWELL
2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Cathy Pye  
Seconded: Elva Strome

3. TREASURER’S REPORT  
Parent Engagement grant received \$500  
Used Clothing sale \$10  
Current balance: \$6213.48
4. GUEST PRESENTATION – Christa Ray, speaking about Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program & Skilled Trades
  - Four different pathways for students after secondary school: Workplace, Apprenticeship, College, University
  - Students who choose the apprenticeship pathway can: 1) get paid to learn, right out of school; 2) graduate without debt; 3) have high job security; 4) experience rewarding work, and 5) develop transferable skills
  - To participate in OYAP, students must be at least 15 years old and must have acquired 14 credits
  - ALCDSB had 175 students participating in OYAP last year. Of those, 70 enrolled in one of the “top six” trades - plumber, cook/assistant cook, hairstylist, auto service technician, electrician, carpenter
  - OYAP participants can still attend college or university, using their OYAP certificate as a resume builder. Some even finish college or university programs and then come back to the trades and are able to use their accumulated hours from OYAP toward their trade requirements.
5. PRINCIPALS REPORT
  - School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Wellness (SIPSAW)
    - Faith – connecting Catholic Graduate Expectations in all areas of the curriculum; monthly focus to help build awareness in students
    - Achievement – Inquiry-based learning in grades 7+, focused on “How do we solve hunger in Trenton?” – community connections, fundraisers, etc. connected to this work and across all different areas of the curriculum
      - St. Paul had the highest result in the board for the OSSLT, and had the second highest result in the Gr. 9 math assessment
      - Working on how to reach all learners in the fully de-streamed grade 9 courses

- Fall sports just wrapped up for secondary, soccer for grades 7 & 8; a variety of winter sports starting up now, including swimming, girls hockey, and volleyball in grades 7 & 8
- Grade 10 English students are currently working on their literacy assessments (those with English in their first semester)
- Hot lunches starting up again for grade 7 & 8 students – Pizza Pizza and wraps from Tasteful Trends
- Christmas dinner for the whole school is in the works for December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Electronic sign out front is out of date and no longer works
  - Requesting financial support from Catholic School Council toward the cost of new sign
  - Motion: Cathy Pye, seconded by Lori McCaw
- Request from Murray Centennial to partner for a Human Trafficking event. They would like to use our space. Council is in favour of partnering for this.
- Applications are open for Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants. Council agreed to submit an application to run an Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program parent night with the support of Christa Ray

## 6. TEACHERS REPORT

- Volunteer fair took place at the school this week. Tracy from Volunteer & Information Quinte is coming in to speak with students about the benefits of volunteering not only to meet the criteria for graduation, but to build transferrable skills, experience a variety of sectors, learn about what you love, and for the personal mental health and wellness that comes from giving of our time
- Ms. Reed and Mr. Prato classes are going on a pilgrimage tomorrow re: community health and wellness, addictions, mental health, etc., stopping at the food bank, police station, warming centres, etc.
- Vertical learning is happening everywhere in this building
- Band is back with Mrs. Love! Christmas Concert Dec. 21 at 7pm in the cafeteria
- Choir is also back with about 10 members so far
- 82 grade 9 students participated in “Take you
- Students enrolled in dual-credit courses in collaboration with
- Students in the Health and Wellness focus of the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Health recently went to Ganaraska for some team building and learning
- Students in the Non-profit focus of the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) recently went to Old City Hall in Toronto, to visit the mental health court, speaking with judges about equity in hearings, among other things.
- Upcoming career fair at Loyalist College
- College and University applications are in full swing, keeping the Guidance office hopping with requests for information and support

## 7. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Sarah and Makaylla

- Halloween assembly was a great success – games, costume contest; lots of great feedback from students in every grade, as well as ideas for improvement in the future
- Halloween spirit week – some days had much more participation than others
- Communications officer taking photos around the school, sharing through video at the assemblies
- Buy out on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> to wear purple and yellow in support of pancreatic cancer and cancer research. Bake sale took place this week and EVERYTHING was sold out. Baked goods were supplied by Student Council members and some staff members. Next year, triple the amount will be needed, based on this year's sales. Total ~\$1300 which will be donated in December, along with the proceeds from a popcorn day that will be held in December.
- Announcements and videos about bullying awareness were put together for Bullying Awareness week this week, with grade 9 Student Council members sharing these each morning
- Student Council is planning an assembly, a spirit week, and candygrams for the Christmas season
- Student council is working on some ideas to be proactive about exam stress in advance semester one exam season; thinking about therapy dogs, stretching, breathing exercises, etc.
- Bacon & Eggers breakfast Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> in support of the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation. The donation will be made by the Student Council President, Ethan, on Giving Tuesday.
- Planning is in the works for some type of guest speaker; hoping for something participatory, rather than someone to just listen to, in order to suit the needs of all students, grades 7-12

## 8. CSC BUSINESS

- None

## 9. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Annual Conference will be held on April 22nd, 2023 at Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS in Kingston, Ontario – More information will be shared as it is received.

## 10. NEXT MEETING – February 15, 2023 at 6PM