

ST. PAULS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2022

In attendance: Elva Strome, Lori McCaw, Cathy Pye, Donna Power, Karin Sulan, Madonna Howell, Lisa Romano, Phil Carney, Nickie Harrison, Ethan Gadon

1. OPENING PRAYER (below) – MADONNA HOWELL

2. PRESENTATION BY JULIE PARENT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

- Updates on changes to public health protocols
- Families are more responsible for monitoring for COVID symptoms
- Families are not obligated to inform the school of COVID positive cases
- Any cases that become known to Administration will be communicated to school community with the last date the person was in attendance in the building as a courtesy to the community

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Balance is \$4025.48
- \$1000 Parent Engagement Grant was deposited

5. PRINCIPALS REPORT

- Uniform Review Committee
 - Meeting Tues Feb 16 at 10:55 in LC and online
 - Send ideas via email
- CSCA Guest speaker series - [St. Paul Catholic Secondary School - St. Paul Catholic Secondary School \(alcddb.on.ca\)](https://www.alcddb.on.ca)
 - On board and school website
 - SO Faught is looking for someone to do introduction
- Synod Online Survey (Phil)
 - On board and school website
- Human Trafficking Awareness Day – Feb 22
 - New initiative of MOE which includes a PA Day for staff in the fall as well as mandatory Board policies
 - Upcoming Gr 7-12 classes there will be resources shared to raise awareness about human trafficking including some 1-2 min videos that are aimed at youth, called **Beh1nd the Scr3ens** with a 1 and 3 to replace the “i” and “e” and students will be invited to write “13” on their masks on Feb 22 to recognize that the average age that someone enters the sex trade in Canada is 13 years old!
 - The youth of HPE would like to invite you to attend the Youth2Youth Q&A about Human Trafficking on **Thursday, February 17th at 6pm**. Please find the full youth invitation and details below and please feel free to share with your networks. To coincide with National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on February 22, Youth2Youth HPE has partnered with United Way

Hastings & Prince Edward's Women United™ to share an upcoming awareness campaign around human trafficking in our community. To launch this campaign, Youth2Youth HPE will be hosting a live Q&A session between local youth and executive director of the Three Oaks Foundation, Sandy Watson-Moyles on February 17th. You can register for the webinar here: <https://bit.ly/y2yhumantrafficking>

6. TEACHERS REPORT

- Some sharing from classes:
 - Mme. Terry did speeches with her grade 11 and 12 extended French class, they made them in the style of Ted Talks, where students had to present to the class and have a visual presentation to go with it. The students did very well and the topics were very informative, interesting and the students were very well prepared! Topics ranged from the future of technology and the Metaverse, Artificial intelligence, why learning an instrument is good for your brain, different types of education systems, how positive affirmations affect your life, and laws of attraction to name a few. It was a great end to Quad 2. They also got a chance to read *Phantom of the Opera*, and the students seemed to really enjoy it and appreciated its cultural importance, hopefully making them lifelong learners and lovers of the arts
 - Ms. Taylor- Grade 11u/12c physics course: Students started off the course with an engineering task; to make the tallest free-standing tower using raw spaghetti and marshmallows. They enjoyed collaborating as a team and working together to complete the task. Then they had a wonderful group discussion on different strategies and what worked/didn't work throughout the process.
- Skilled Trades Presentation
 - Skilled Trades Presentation put on by makers of the Skilled Trades Report- students can log in through their Virtual Commons page into the Guidance D2L page. In the announcements is a link to the presentation. This can only be advertised in secure ALCDSB spaces, so parents and their children can listen and watch together.
- **Grade 9 Parent Information Night**
 - Parents of grade 8 students coming to St. Paul in the fall are invited to an information Night on Tues. Feb 15 @ 7:00 p.m. A virtual presentation link will be shared with parents ahead of time and they are encouraged to join us for a live, virtual meeting Q & A session about the entry to St. Paul, courses, uniform, etc. Members of the Administrative and Guidance team will be available to dialogue with parents.
- **Course selection**
 - Course selection will be starting next week. It has been decided that pre-recorded videos will be sent to each class. Teachers can decide when they view this video with their class (at a time that suits them) within a given time frame. Guidance

will then be available for scheduled visits to classrooms to answer any questions for students and to help with the course selection process. Course Selections are due to be submitted through myBlueprint by **Friday, March 11** (the Friday before March break). By sharing this information virtually, copies of the presentations can be posted to the school's website, the Guidance D2L page and parents and students can watch them as many times as needed to get the information they need. Parents and students are encouraged to contact Guidance for any questions regarding this process, post-secondary planning, etc.

- **Changes to grade 9 programming/curriculum**
 - The Ministry of Education is moving towards de-streaming the grade 9 year. Math is de-streamed this year (2021-22). The only available options are de-streamed math or Locally Developed. Next year the Ministry will provide curriculum for a de-streamed Science curriculum making it available only at the de-streamed or Locally Developed. English will only be offered at the Academic or Locally Developed level (until de-streamed curriculum is developed). Further to this, direction has been given to only offer Academic French and Geography (there is no Locally Developed curriculum for these subjects) as compulsory credits while Religion and elective courses will remain as Open. This is a way to give students additional opportunity in high school to develop their learning and academic and learning skills before making a recommendation about the level they should pursue. After grade 9, teachers will make recommendations to students and parents/guardians about an appropriate and recommended level of study for grade 10.
- **OSSLT**
 - will be written by 3 cohorts this year- grade 10, 11 and some grade 12 students that are returning for a 5th year of study. Grade 12s this year are exempt from the OSSLT requirement.
- **Community Service Hours Updates**
 - Grade 12 student also need **20 hours of community service** (reduced due to Covid). There are also opportunities to get hours in a variety of ways that are not, traditionally accepted. One of these ways is through paid work that serves the community in some way. Students need to write a reflection and submit their volunteer form, signed by an appropriate adult that has overseen the experience.

7. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

- Starting back up now that restrictions have lifted and had meeting today after school
- Upcoming events:
 - red, white and pink day for Valentines
 - Candy Grams sold Feb 18
 - Pink Shirt day Feb 23

8. CSC BUSINESS

- LIVE THE GARDEN LIFE (ELVA)
 - Elva brought forward national initiative to plant red flowers
 - Elva is going to look for sponsors and to get cost

9. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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12. NEXT MEETING – TBD

**God, the source of every good gift,
You have called us together as servants to do Your will.
Grant us the light of Your Spirit
To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.
May we work together in harmony for the common good.
May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.
May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.
May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.
May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.
May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.
God of Love,
You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good.
May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.
We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. AMEN.**