

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Renita Roxburgh
Principal

Laura Blackmore
Vice-Principal

October 3, 2024

CSAC Meeting

Thursday, October 3 · 6:30 – 7:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qhn-hcpa-svd>

Agenda

- Welcome & Prayer - Renita Roxburgh
- Introductions - all
- Elections of the Catholic School Advisory Council chair/co-chairs & secretary - Laura Blackmore
- Student Trustee Report - Sam Cronin
- Principal's Report - Renita Roxburgh
- Updates & discussion items
 - cell phone update (PPM 128)
 - naloxone update
 - dress code for Civvies day - update/changes
- Discussion of future topics
 - Graduation Breakfast
- Questions
- Future Meeting dates

December 5, 2024

February 6, 2025

April 3, 2025



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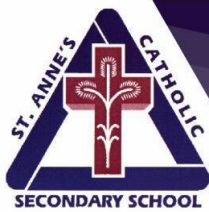
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Minutes:

Present

Mandy B., Wendi S., Sam C., Johanna C., Brenda R., Jo Anne A., Shannon R., Audrey B., Linda S., Ginni B., Laura B., Renita R.

- Renita began the meeting with prayer.
- Welcomes and introductions were held.
- Invitation for volunteering one's own name or nominating a fellow parent for the positions of chair (or co-chair) position and recording secretary were made by Laura Blackmore.
 - Brenda R. offered to continue as chair and invited a co-chair; Johanna C agreed to stand as co-chair; all in favour
 - Jo Anne A. offered to be the recording secretary. All present were in favour.
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- Sam provided an update of the many events that have already occurred at the school from the perspective of Student Trustee. This included the "welcome back" assembly where the co-prime ministers were able to speak to the students about getting involved and the fun activities that were being planned for the year. The Chaplaincy team is running every other week on both junior and senior lunches and the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation classes are being offered at the school on Mondays. SHSM training opportunities are already back in session with working at heights, first aid and CPR and other certificate opportunities running. Sam commented on how valuable he found this training opportunity. A trip to Conestoga College to explore the college programs has occurred for grade 12 students. The welcome BBQ in August had a fantastic turnout, and the co-curricular fair was held September 6. Sam shared that Student Cabinet members were present to encourage people to sign up for things of interest to them. The grade 9 orientation was hosted by Student Cabinet on Sept 13 and a great time was had by all. Our opening Mass was celebrated on September 26 and it was followed up with the Academic Awards assembly, recognizing student achievement from last year.
- Renita shared the Principal's report with identifying that September saw the immediate start up of so many events as already noted by our Student Trustee, Sam Cronin. Students have been fully engaged in getting our athletic teams going including field hockey, volleyball, basketball, 7s rugby, baseball, golf and more.

Our clubs have been active and the Homework club began by the third week in September, running Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week. Our opening Mass was held on September 26 as noted by Sam.



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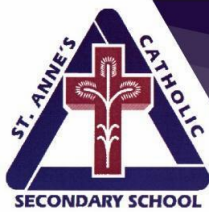
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We are fully into our St Anne's Strides fundraising initiative to help offset the increasing costs of providing the various co-curricular opportunities as well as build even more spirit into the school community. The year has begun well; student attendance is currently at a higher regular daily rate of attendance than in recent years. Our goal is to maintain this higher rate of student attendance and push for even greater increase in frequency.

Our OSSLT (Ontario Literacy test, a graduation requirement) success rate last year was 82% for all first-time eligible. We plan on continuing the reinforcement of grammar and paragraph writing structure that we began last year as we are seeing positive results in our students' general work as well as the OSSLT. Diagnostics will begin later this month so we are able to provide focused scaffolding until the April 9 writing day. As semester 1 continues, please expect interim reports home October 29 and an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers on October 30.

- Renita asked Brenda & Johanna to continue the current meeting as co-chairs, welcoming them to the position.
- Laura provided an update on PPM 128 with respect to cell phone use and social media platforms. Cell phones are not permitted in the learning spaces and for the most part, students are accepting of this policy. Laura shared that we can even see students talking to one another during class change times, rather than texting each other. Students are encouraged to leave their cell phones in their locker, but there remain cell phone holders in every learning space (shoe holders). PPM 128 also pertains to social media platforms being restricted in the school and this has occurred through the IT department. Laura noted that students are still able to access their social media if they have data plans, but social media platforms, except X and Facebook which are used by the Board, are restricted on the Board's internet system.
- Naloxone update - Renita simply noted that a naloxone kit is available on school premises in the event of an emergency and is accessible for any group using the school building.
- Laura and Renita addressed changes in the dress code and civvies day attire and events. A few changes that were noted are the width (three fingers) of the shoulder straps rather than enforcing sleeves, ensuring that undergarments are covered; ripped jeans as long as the rips/tears are below the knee; the length of the shorts being minimum 4" inseam rather than measuring from the knees up. These changes used input from CSAC, students and staff. The frequency of civvies days will remain at minimum one per month with no fundraising attached, but not necessarily the last



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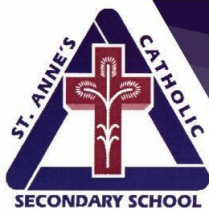
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Wednesday of the month. This change is to align some of the equity plans and promote awareness campaigns. Parents requested a few times to ensure thorough means of communication was made to both parents and students about when civvies day would actually take place. Admin assured that various methods of communication including newsletters, announcements and the Student Cabinet sharing through student information channels.

- Graduation Breakfast
 - Brenda reviewed the intent of the grad breakfast, which will be held the morning of Thursday, June 26, 2025
 - review from last year noted information needs to get out sooner - it was decided that by February CSAC meeting we would have the volunteer info ready
 - Brenda explained the various donation groups who continue to support the graduation breakfast and the request for donations, either in smaller food items or through monetary support, from grade 12 parents
- CPIC inquiry - Brenda indicated she would continue as the CPIC representative for St Anne's; first meeting is October 29 in Dublin
- An inquiry was made about topics for presentations for future meetings; another Google survey will go out to parents for input
- Future meeting dates were accepted
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- Renita closed the meeting in prayer.



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