



# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Renita Roxburgh  
Principal

Laura Blackmore  
Vice-Principal

## December 7, 2023: CSAC AGENDA

Hybrid meeting: In -person location is the Library; Virtual option please use the link below.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fht-goiv-prv>

- Welcome - Brenda Roth
- Opening Prayer - Laura Blackmore
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Review of previous minutes - Brenda
- Adolescent Mental Health Supports presentation - K Westbrook, S Beuermann
- Student Trustee Report - Kiersten Ryan
- Principal's Report - Renita Roxburgh
- New Business
  - PRO grant (Parents Reaching Out)
  - Grad breakfast - commence organization structure
  - Possible uniform piece "unisex jogger"
- Closing Prayer - Renita
- Next Meetings:
  - February 8, 2024
  - April 4, 2024

### Information Items:

- Midterm Report Cards went home electronically November 21 in both hard copy and through the student portal
- Parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers at any time with concerns, next steps.
- Continue to let parents know that the school has a Facebook page and a Twitter page.  
All of the information can be found in the weekly newsletters



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## Minutes of Meeting:

Present: Keirsten R., Brenda R., Othmar R., Dawn H., Shannon R., Johanna C., Amy L., Mary-Adele O'C D., Mary M., Cheryl H., Russell H., Allison P., Catherine V., David W., Deborah D., Katie W., Sally B., Laura B., Renita R.

Brenda opened the meeting welcoming everyone and inviting introductions.

Laura began the meeting sharing an audio-visual Advent prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Johanna C. and seconded by Amy L. No objections.

Motion to accept the previous minutes was made by Johanna C. and seconded by Amy L. No objections, additions or deletions.

Kaite W and Sally B provided an information session on Supporting Student Mental Health focusing on the HPCDSB and specifically St. Anne's.

Questions were answered and ideas shared by parents throughout the presentation. Please see the presentation as a pdf attachment sent out with these minutes.

Keirsten provided the Student Trustee report sharing the following:

- Grade 10 retreat was held on November 3rd, 2023 which was mental health focused and was facilitated by Zack, Sally MacDonald and Deacon Dan Mcphee
- November 9th we gathered as a school community to pay respects to and remember all veterans
- All Souls day, our school created an memory table in the chapel and staff and students were invited to bring a photo and memento of a loved one and to offer prayers
- Grade nine retreat is being held by Net ministries on November 24,2023 at the school during the day
- Our Advent project in support of St. Vincent de Paul in Goderich is beginning December 4th; students are asked to bring in non-perishable food items, toiletries, or donations. Our goal is 1000 lbs of food and \$500
- Staff took part in the faith day on November 17th where they participated in making Advent wreaths for the classroom, making rosaries, Christian Meditation, Emmaus Walks and viewing *The Letter*
- December 7th we held our monthly reconciliation service & Mass
- Advent Mass is being planned for December 21st, 2023
- High skills major training is still continuing (November 9, 2023)
- New dual credit began for plumbing which has four students attending
- Midterms went home on November 21, 2023
- Literacy test fall writing opportunity was on November 28, 2023
- All French classes experienced French cuisine learning opportunities from November 27 to 30th
- Patsy is coming in on December 6th, 2023 to speak with our Indigenous English class
- Experience St Anne's days began November 29, 2023 and run on various set day until December 19th, 2023
- New bleachers were installed to finish the refurbishing of our existing gymnasium
- We held our open house on November 22, 2023 which was highly successful



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- Elementary volleyball was successfully held on November 22 and supported by many St Anne's students
- Inaugural Chess tournament was held on November 30
- Madi Reid was named athlete of the week on November 14 for being the top scorer on the basketball team
- Brandon Durcharme and Divine Gervais were named artist of the week on November 20 for raising \$200 for the school at Bayfield park
- Winter semi formal was successful on November 9, 2023 and the theme was disco
- The Anti-racism and Culture Club held a candy for kindness campaign which supported the United Way \$194.85
- All winter sports are up and running

Kiersten also shared that current issues being discussed at the Board table revolved around ChaptGBT and Fifth's Disease.

Renita provided some clarification that ChatGBT referred to the development of a Board policy on Artificial Intelligence.

Renita share the Principal's report as follows:

Since our last CSAC meeting staff have participated in Professional development in both October and November. In October all secondary staff participated in a Supporting Student Safety Online and Understanding Risks of Exploitation by Ontario Provincial Police during the morning with the afternoon devoted to pedagogical and assessment strategies focusing on the destreamed curriculum. November saw all staff participate in deepening the links between the Catholic faith and the classroom practices through a variety of different workshops.

We have launched into our PR mode with our Discover St Anne's Open House being held on November 22, followed up with Experience St Anne's days dedicated to small groups of grade 8 classes and students. Our next Experience day is Dec 12. A new initiative this year was the first annual Chess tournament held on November 30. This saw students from our elementary schools participating in a day-long chess tournament and the students ranged from grade 1-8.

We held OSSLT writing opportunities for some of our senior students on November 28 and look forward to seeing how their hard work to prepare reaps results. Our grade 10s have been actively preparing through diagnostic materials. We will be using the results of these diagnostics to work more directly with students who might need additional support to be successful in the spring when the grade 10 group will write the OSSLT.

Teachers are actively preparing for final assessments which will be completed after the Christmas break in January. Quiet week begins January 19 and leads into the formal final assessment days that commence January 26.

We look forward to a number of upcoming events including the renewed Road Hockey tournament, Cabaret - come enjoy the evening on December 15 at 6:30pm!, and our week leading into Christmas break will be filled with music, Christmas joy and the traditional dance competition between staff and students.



Brenda invited discussion about the PRO grant (Parents Reaching Out). This is an opportunity to use funds to address an area of interest for the parents & caregivers of the St Anne's student body. Renita shared that survey responses have been limited in the past when attempted and perhaps a more directed survey inquiry would be better.

Through Q&A around the table, a suggestion for parents involving Michael Unger's approach to supporting adolescents was shared. Katie and Renita will work to develop a survey for parents to determine interest & timing.

Grad breakfast - to be a focus for next meeting; gathering names of parents interested in being leaders of different sub-committees was a reflection from last year's event.

A new uniform piece of the "unisex jogger" was shared in visual format with parents present. No guarantee of timing of availability as we've experienced with hoodies and construction pants.

Closing Prayer - December 7 is the Feast Day for St Ambrose

Help us, St. Ambrose, to live our lives seeking truth and wisdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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