

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Renita Roxburgh
Principal

Laura Blackmore
Vice-Principal

October 5, 2023

Agenda

- Welcome & Prayer - Renita Roxburgh
- Introductions - all
- Elections of the Catholic School Advisory Council chair/co-chairs & secretary - Laura Blackmore
- Student Trustee Report - Keirsten Ryan
- Principal's Report - Renita Roxburgh
- Updates & discussion items
 - Code of Conduct update
 - cell phone & hand bag update
 - naloxone update
 - dress code for Civvies day - review & discussion
 - Student Planner - digital vs print feedback
- Discussion of future topics
 - Graduation Breakfast discussion
- Questions
- Future Meeting dates

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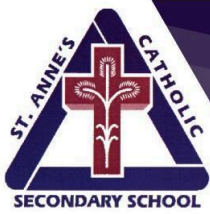
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Minutes of Meeting:

Present: Keirsten R., Brenda R., Carla G., Dawn H., Alli P., Agnes R., Shannon R., Johanna C., Amy L., Mary Adele O'C-D., Jo Anne A., Sheri D., Mary M., Rachel S., 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.
 - Jo Anne A. offered to be the recording secretary. All present were in favour.
 - Brenda R. offered to continue as chair. All present in favour.
- Renita asked Brenda to continue the current meeting as chair, welcoming her to the position.
- Keirsten R. provided the Student Trustee report, sharing the many activities that had occurred and were about to occur later in October. These included: the grade 9 orientation; the co-curricular fair; library orientation for all grade 9 students; boys volleyball and girls basketball are running; concert band, Alpha Youth, ARC, chess, drama and gaming clubs have all begun; our opening liturgy was followed by the Assembly of Excellence & we are holding our Thanksgiving liturgy tomorrow (October 6) with Deacon Dan McPhee; students wore Orange shirts on September 29 to support Reconciliation with our Indigenous community; university & college visits have begun in senior lunch; different SHSM training sessions have started (like First Aid/CPR & Working at Heights training) and an Arts and Culture SHSM trip to the Stratford Festival was rescheduled for October 18; drama club has begun rehearsals for *Wizard of Oz*; cross country teams have been competing in September and early October to prepare for the HP meet on October 19; we will be hosting elementary cross country on October 11 and a grade 6 Tech Expo on October 24&25; Athlete & Artist of the week has started, honouring the first athlete of Clara L; Mr Geddis had Taff Rapids in today (October 5) for all the music & band students; we hosted a rugby 7s tournament today (October 5) for 23 teams; students are getting into the spirit for St Anne's Strides which will be held on October 12.
- Renita provided an update from Administration sharing that we have a population of approximately 560 students. The grade 9 orientation was a fully inclusive event run by the Student Cabinet and fully enjoyed by the grade 9 class.

Our grade 12s are already planning for post-secondary - individual visits with our Guidance team and various post-secondary colleges and university representatives providing lunch time information opportunities.



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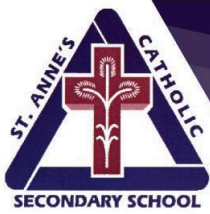
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Grade 10 students will be preparing for their literacy test diagnostic this fall and participate in a literacy blitz in the spring to further their success on the OSSLT. We had a success rate of 85% last year and we look to maintain or improve this result this year. We have added 2 additional SHSM programs - Sports & Recreation, Environment - to the list of SHSM opportunities for our students. The various training opportunities - First Aid, Heights & lift training and more - have begun for the various groups of students. We celebrated the successes of our students from last year at our Assembly of Excellence, which followed our opening liturgy with Fr. Ross and look forward to celebrating our Thanksgiving liturgy tomorrow with Deacon Dan McPhee. Our school improvement plan remains focused in the areas of mathematics, literacy, Catholicity & wellness. Our Board is committed to working with our community partners to further the understanding of various Health & Wellness topics, including cyber safety, human trafficking and more. One such opportunity is next week on October 11 which features the Huron Perth Children's Aid Society presenting the *Power of Mindful Parenting*; A link to this opportunity will be sent out in our weekly update and included in the minutes of this meeting [here](#)

Parents are also welcome to join our **Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)**

The first CPIC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00pm at the CEC in Dublin. Please find the letter of invitation included.

[CPIC Invitation Letter 2023](#)

- Renita shared that the updated Code of Conduct for the Board remains focused on treating everyone in a respectful and dignified way. The philosophical change is supporting the victim(s) and when consequences are needed the view of the victim is considered.
- Laura shared the enforcement of the cell phone policy and how they are not being used in classes. All students have lockers and this is the best location for the phones. For those who forget, there are phone holders in every learning space. The handbag and over the shoulder bags are not permitted in class for safety reasons. This has always been the case (with the COVID years being the exception). Students have lockers and are able to carry binders with pockets, pencil cases and such to class.
- Renita provided an update that as a community hub, we are considered a higher risk location. We will be holding a naloxone kit on site in the near future, which will be housed with the AED machine. This is a similar health & safety measure to when AEDs were placed in many community hub locations.
- Dress code & uniform - Laura provided an update from McCarthy's regarding the sales of the current uniform pieces. The addition of the hoodie has been a great success,



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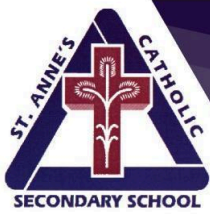
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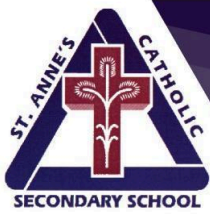
however McCarthy's will be discontinuing the full zip sweater and rugby shirt as a result. In addition, the khaki skirt and ladies shorts will also be discontinued. There will likely be a sale on these remaining items. The work pants have started to sell after being on back order for much of last year and administration made it clear that any student can wear the work pants for their uniform, not just the students taking shop class. Also, administration will not prevent any discontinued uniform pieces from being worn as we recognize them to be apart of the uniform regardless. No new uniform pieces were suggested. Feedback was given by the parents regarding the move of the in-person store from London to Cambridge. Parents did not see much of a change in the distance, as it takes roughly the same amount of time to get to Cambridge as it did the London location. It was noted by Mary M. that you must book an appointment online (30 min. slot) before going to the store. The store had most items in stock however depending on the size required you may be required to have the item shipped to your home. Brenda noted some quality concerns about the uniform that she had as well as the return policy. Parents would like to see the sizing chart translated into measurements on the website for more accurate ordering and would like administration to inquire about adding pockets to the kilt.

- **Civvies Dress Code** - Laura asked for parent feedback regarding the civvies dress code as it is currently written in the Student Handbook as a part of our on-going Equity and Inclusion review. Shannon stated that it had been the same civvies dress code for the past 25 years and needed modernizing. Parents agreed that they want Civvies days to continue as it allows students to express their individuality and unique styles. Some modifications to the wording that were suggested are as follows:
 - Omit dances / co-curricular events language - rationale: only Semi-formal happens after school hours currently
 - Sleeveless shirts - allow tank tops that do not show under garments and have a suggested strap width of 3-4 fingers
 - Shorts - 5"-7" inseam for shorts (same length approx. as kilts)
 - Modest and clean clothing

Other suggestions included: using visual gender neutral reminders on announcements for length for shorts, kilts and tank top straps etc. in preparation for future civvies days

- **Student Planner** - digital vs print feedback: Laura asked for feedback regarding the digital student handbook and acknowledgement sign off. Parents commented that they were fine with it, however a permanent link to the document should be found on the newsletter as no one visits the school website (not user friendly). Parents agreed the online consent form was easy to use, but had difficulty remembering if they had





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completed it for there student. Laura stated that parents would be receiving an email if they had not yet done so by the end of next week.

- Graduation Breakfast: June 27th at 10am and Commencement at 7pm
 - conversation about should we change to grade 11 families supporting the breakfast then enjoying it in grade 12 with their child(ren)
 - similar conversation occurred last year & evolved around parents of gr 12s enjoying being there to see them at the breakfast
 - info out to grade 12 parents - streamlined somehow?
 - inquire about using Libro for dish washing
 - could the grad breakfast be an opportunity for younger student volunteer hours?
 - further discussion and planning next meeting

- Brenda asked Renita to close in prayer after highlighting the next three meeting dates.

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