

December 6, 2020

**St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School
Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)
October 26, 2020 Meeting
Minutes**

Attendees: Estelle Saint-Martin Halbach, Stephen Lackey, Ann Marie Chin-Fee, Deborah McNorgan, Caroline Ryan, Amy Sevigny, Casey Marie Ali, Christine Felix, Emma Estabon, Jerry Unciano, Lynn Murphy, Maria Garcia, Maria Volpentesta, Sara Andino

Staff: Tim McGrenere, Principal; Diana Pereira-Cibrao, Vice Principal; Ashley Carvalho, Teacher

Regrets: Cora-Lee Simon

1. Review of the Minutes from Previous Meeting (All)

Motion to accept the Oct. 5, 2020 meeting minutes: Caroline Ryan

Seconded: Ann Marie Chin-Fee

Carried

2. Principal's Report (Tim McGrenere)

The school has no active COVID-19 cases at the moment. The previous case was resolved and the second required no action. Public Health has been responsive and investigation has been prompt and thorough. We will remain vigilant.

Coming into the second quadmester, parents received a note regarding their preference for on-site or virtual learning. There were 190 students who had to be moved into virtual learning, which meant seven teachers also had to be moved. The switch between learning models always has an impact on staffing and on what courses the school can offer as a result. The Board is looking at ways to stabilize that volatility. It usually takes three months to schedule school – last quadmester we had just four days.

The Grade 8 Open House and marketing activities have continued on schedule as required. Tonight we welcome to our meeting Ashley Carvalho, student success teacher and web designer at St. Patrick, who has been playing a key role. We now have a 13-minute virtual tour of the school. Gabby Chan, our World Studies head, took that on and our student leaders did an incredible job of articulating their experience at St. Patrick. A virtual information session took

the place of the usual on-site event with more than 600 attendees, and staff did an extraordinary job. The Guidance team did Grade 8 virtual visits but not all schools could participate. St. Brigid's celebrated its 100th anniversary yesterday with Cardinal Collins.

Mid-term marks have been sent out. There will be no mid-term report cards except for Grade 10 Civics and Careers students. Students in Grades 11 and 12 have until Nov. 6 if they wish to drop a course. A message was sent out and there will be a reminder tomorrow. There will be some final exams, worth a maximum of 10 per cent (usually 30 per cent under normal circumstances.) Departments have been asked to determine whether they will have exams or an alternative or culminating activity, and to submit any exams by Monday. There will be a clearer picture early next week of which courses will have exams. Exam dates will be Nov. 12 (Cohort B), Nov. 13 (Cohort A), Nov. 16 (Cohort C) and Nov. 17 (Cohort D.) Students who don't have exams on a particular day will have a regular school day. Nov. 18 is the last day of the first quadmester, and Quad 2 will start Nov. 19.

Each cohort will have a Halloween Costume Day this week. Students will still be required to wear their regular protective masks (i.e. no costume masks or head gear.) Students pay \$3 which covers all civvies in Quad 1 including Costume Day.

An Activity Fee of \$120 was charged for this year but not all activities are happening due to the pandemic restrictions. At this point we do not even have a yearbook plan. There will be a refund with an amount yet to be determined. Some virtual clubs are starting, such as Reach for the Top, Comedy, and Filipino Outreach. We should have a clearer picture at our next meeting of what can be offered. Parents may have the choice to accept a refund or donate the fee to the school.

3. Action Item: 2020 Graduation Support (All)

The financial update will take place at our next meeting as the Treasurer is not present today.

4. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report (Deborah McNorgan)

There are two upcoming webinars on Sat. Nov. 7 and Sat. Nov. 14 on the topics of nurturing hope and parenting through the pandemic. The OAPCE Annual General Meeting will take place online on Nov. 21 and the next regular monthly meeting on Nov. 30. All are invited to participate. See www.oapce.org for more information.

5. Spirit Wear (Tim McGrenere)

Grad hoodies were a big hit. We would now like to offer spirit hoodies for all students with a bit of a margin, perhaps \$5 more, to raise funds. The clothing is high quality, with great stitching, and we will work with one of our communications technology teachers on the design. As the classrooms can be cold with windows open to encourage air circulation through the winter, and

to encourage purchase, we may offer students the chance to wear their hoodies every Friday (Spirit Day.)

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned