



St. Paul Secondary School *Virtual* Council Meeting – MINUTES
Wednesday December 1, 2021
Microsoft Teams – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chair: K. Lepore

Minutes: I. Skoko

Agenda

- ❖ Land Acknowledgement
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Kyla
 - Meeting minutes from last meeting are approved.
- ❖ Maggie, Treasurer
 - \$1k in account, no new transactions.
- ❖ Debbie, Parish Rep
 - Yet to meet with Fr. Terry. St Dominic's still records and posts Masses online. In person Masses are on a first come first serve basis.
 - Sacramental preparation is open and available online.
 - Donation boxes and Sunday missals available at the church.
 - Advent confession Saturday December 18. Confession is available in different languages.
 - Christmas Schedule on church website.
- ❖ Maria, OAPSE Rep
 - Save the date December 15 for Tango, celebrating advent event.
 - Christmas movie watch party
 - Twitter: @oapsestrong
- ❖ Cathy Liotine, Staff Rep
 - Orange shirt day success – research and awareness. Learning curve for staff and students. Continue to advocate for Indigenous.
 - Learned about islamophobia. Welcomed students of the Muslim faith.
 - Weight room club success. Overall high level of student excitement and engagement.
 - ROPSAA sports – Junior Girls Basketball ROPSSAA finalists. Cross Country – Veselja finished 8th in OFSAA.

- ❖ Ivan Skoko, Chaplaincy Leader
 - Pastoral plan can be found on our website.
 - Retreats: Grade 9 retreats have been completed. Grade 10 retreats will be in the new year. Grade 11 and 12 retreats will take place in the new semester.
 - New school program – Alpha: conversations about faith, life, and God. Each meeting includes discussions, games, and videos. Everyone is welcome to ask questions and share their opinion with the rest of the group. Meetings will be on Tuesdays in the Chapel from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Life Teen will continue Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. online. Life Teen is a student led initiative where we discuss relevant topics about our faith apply them to our lives.
 - Christmas Soap Drive – donations will Dr. Simone and Canadian food for children.
 - We will be joining St. Dominic’s in their Giving Tree Christmas Outreach initiative by raising funds to support families in our local community through cash online.
 - Pulse tv is expanding from airing only on Wednesdays to Wednesdays and Fridays. Our goal is to be on air every morning. Greater student involvement through preparing prayer/reflections
 - Staff retreat Dec 7th 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. with the Sisters of Life.

- ❖ Peter Cusumano, Principal
 - Grade 8 information night was a success. Continue to share with prospective and current students to witness impact on alumni and the great things happening at St. Paul.
 - Completion of front foyer murals. There is tangible new energy in halls.
 - New courses in school. New high skills major for health and wellness SHSM. This is a response to student interest.
 - Semester two will be a learning curve. Changes: 4 period day, two lunches embedded, 75-minute classes. The schedule is forthcoming. Students will be required to arrive by 8:07 a.m.
 - Newsletter will be released December 2nd.
 - Received \$500 parent grant from ministry of education. Suggestions to be made about how to spend money carried over. Potentially, pool money together with other schools from our family of schools to fund speaker(s) for an event for parents to cover a relevant topic.
 - Scoreboard repair will be approximately \$10,000. Costly to repair. More cost-effective option may be to buy a tv with protection (approximately \$5,000). Temporary fix: stand-alone scoreboard. Bruno is going to seek out a donor that may be able to assist with this expense. He will update St. Paul when he gets more information.
 - Fundraiser for spirit-wear.
 - Donations can be made to St. Paul at any time. Tax receipts will be provided.
 - Guidance staff has been visiting classes for course selection for the upcoming school year. It is important for students to make informed decisions about course offerings and course requirements.

❖ Derek McWilliam

- Locker usage: all students are issued the same standard lock. When the 8:20 a.m. bell rings students should be in class already.
- Parking passes: students in grade 12 drive to school. The pass is acknowledgement that they will abide by our parking lot rules.
- Masks: should be worn properly and school expectations should be always upheld.
- Parents of students in grades 9-11 had EQAO testing. Testing is now done online in November and March. OSSLT results will be given in January. If students were unsuccessful in November, they will be able to adjust their approach and rewrite in March (including Cohort C students). A portion of grade 9 students completed EQAO testing.
- Students who did not get their pictures taken will be able to get pictures taken December 3rd during lunch.

❖ Final Parent Questions:

- Fire drill: Students should not be accessing lockers for coats. The protocol is to exit immediately through your designated exit doors.
- Will exams return to the courses once semesters begin? We anticipate CPTs for the semester as well. No final exams.
- Cafeteria? Hope to have the cafeteria open at some point in the new year.
- Future school council meetings in person? Hope that our April meeting will be able to take place in person.

❖ Closing Prayer

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Next Virtual School Council Meeting: Wednesday February 9th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.