



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, LISTOWEL



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

St. Mary's Catholic Advisory Council meeting took place on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 beginning at 5:30pm at tables set up in the school hallway. Principal Jane Hartin read a Catholic School Advisory Council Prayer along with other council members before the meeting began.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The approval for November 20, 2019 meeting's agenda was made by co-chair Ashley Vandenhoven and seconded by Derek Mendez. Carried.\*

#### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24TH MEETING MINUTES:

Principal Jane Hartin asked council to quickly read through the September meeting minutes for any errors or omissions before asking co-chair Amy Gangl to ask council to accept them. Stacey McLeod then approved the minutes with Julie Swenson seconding them. Carried.\*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Tammy Fischer told council there is currently a balance of \$1049.47 in the Advisory Council bank account.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Jane Hartin told council the focus was on school improvement at the 2<sup>nd</sup> PD day held on Friday November 8, 2019 where the students' progress was discussed. She said there will be an Enhanced Speech and Language Therapist who will be coming in to work with some of the Grade 1 & 2 students who have significant gaps in their phonological awareness skills. The two reading programs Lexia and Power Up will be continuing for students in Grade 3 to Grade 6. Jane Hartin told council some of the students who have completed the Empower Program in the past few years will be able to continue with the program. She also said more licences were purchased for those students who are still significantly below the benchmark for the grade level along with recommendations from their teachers. Jane Hartin told council while it would be wonderful to have one for every student but unfortunately it will be too expensive.

The CCAT assessments for students from Grade 4-7 have been sent home along with the description of the results.

Jane Hartin told council the Focus for Math will be to determine the gaps in number sense and numeration using the Alex Lawson continuum which begins with the Grade 1 class and runs through to Grade 8. She also said hopefully by next September, all students in the school can be put on the Alex Lawson continuum where any gaps can be seen and then continue on “so we don’t have to go back to square one every year.” Jane Hartin said volunteer support will be needed to develop games to help the students determine where the gaps are and to also see where they are struggling, adding that there are great resources like Math Up for Grade 4 to Grade 7 students.

The addition update is progressing as per scheduled and Jane Hartin said she has been attending the bi-weekly site meetings. There had been concerns including some workers smoking on site in which she said was immediately shut down. She said she is all about safety where the students are involved getting on and off the school buses and what times the cement trucks are entering and leaving school property.

Jane Hartin briefly listed the events going on at St. Mary’s School including:

Bus safety

The Pat Cook cross country race being cancelled because of inclement weather

The Grade 6,7,8 students went on a retreat at different locations

The waste reduction week organized by the ECO team

The Fiat masses are held once a month at St. Joseph’s Parish

Grade 8 class recently went on a class trip to Conestoga College

Tech Days

The Elements Program for the Grade 5 & 6 boys held in the library on Thursdays

The Healthy Snacks Program on Thursdays

28 new Kindergarten students coming in next year

Confirmation for Grade 7 & 8 students

First Reconciliation for our Grade 2 students

Grades 1 to 4 classes will be going to see the play, Sleeping Beauty

Bullying awareness week has started and will continue throughout the year

Safe and Healthy Schools

Upcoming Events include:

Advent Liturgy held each Monday in December

Charlie Brown Christmas play

Advent Mass on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> followed with the meal.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Amy Gangl briefly spoke with council regarding helping out with the Xmas dinner. She said she would ask Hailey Balzer if she would consider coming to help in the kitchen and that she would be reimbursed for her time.

#### TEACHER'S REPORT:

There was no teacher's report given at this meeting.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS:

##### SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE:

There is no report given from Gillian Antoniadis

##### SNACK PROGRAM: Jill Wagemans

Jill told council that four new moms have joined the snack committee to help with the weekly snack preparations.

##### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – Ashley Vandenhoven

Ashley told council the Fundraising balance sits currently at \$500. She told council that by purchasing a Domino's \$25 gift card, St. Mary's School gets a \$17 return which she told council that is really great. The Domino's pizza sales deadline has been set for November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jane Hartin told council the current playground is badly rusting out and will need to be replaced.

Ashley told council the QSP has closed up shop permanently.

##### PARISH REPORT: Stacey Mcleod

Stacey told council Father Morrison would like more readers at Mass and also people to serve Communion. She also said Father would like to have families to light the Advent Wreath on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

##### OTHER BUSINESS:

##### Catholic Parents Involvement Committee: Derek Mendez

Derek Mendez briefly gave council an update from the CPIC meeting held in Dublin on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regarding how to get more schools to become involved in attending CPIC meetings. He also talked about the potential strike action that was held recently and how maybe setting up a messenger system that will help inform people of any potential closures or disruptions.

After an Our Father, closing prayer said by Principal Jane Hartin and the council members, Samantha Bajtos made a motion to end the meeting at 7:10pm with Ashley Vandenhoven seconding it. Carried.\*