



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, LISTOWEL



St. Mary's Catholic Advisory Council's first meeting of the 2019/2020 school year took place on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. The meeting began at 5:30pm starting with a Catholic School Advisory Council Prayer that was read by the new Principal Jane Hartin and also by council members.

Parents in attendance included Derek Mendez, Amy Gangl, Rose Lehman, Penny Bajurny, Stacey Mcleod, Jennifer McGrath, Tammy Fischer, Samantha Bajtos, Ashley Vandenhoven, Cheryl Rust, Julie Swenson and Jill Wagemans and special guest Dawne Boersen.

APPROVAL OF MAY 8TH MEETING MINUTES:

St. Mary's new Principal Jane Hartin asked council to quickly read through the May meeting minutes for any errors or omissions before asking co-chair Amy Gangl to ask council to accept them. Derek Mendez then approved the minutes with Tammy Fischer seconding them. Carried.*

DAWNE BOERSEN-SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION:

Dawne Boersen, HPCDSB's Superintendent of Education was invited to speak to council regarding the many changes with St. Mary's Principal positions that have taken place the last three years.

CSAC EXECUTIVE POSITIONS ELECTIONS:

Derek Mendez has stepped down from his role as council co-chair. Ashley Vandenhoven was nominated as council co-chair as was Samantha Bajtos. Amy Gangl approved the nominations and Stacey Mcleod seconded it. Carried.*

Derek Mendez nominated Tammy Fischer as council's new treasurer with Amy Gangl seconding the motion. Carried.*

Jill Wagemans will stay on as council's secretary for one more year with Derek Mendez approving the motion and Tammy Fischer seconding it. Carried.*

Jenny McGrath has become CSAC's new teacher representative replacing Cathy Buchanan.

Gillian Antoniadis will continue on as the Safe And Healthy School representative, Jill

Wagemans will stay on heading up the snack program and Stacey McLeod will begin her second year as a Parish rep.

It wasn't until after the meeting was finished, it was brought to Principal Jane Hartin's attention that due to her role as a HPCDSB employee, Samantha Bajtos is not eligible to chair the CSAC meetings. Amy Gangl let Principal Jane Hartin know that she would continue on as CSAC's co-chair. Stacey Mcleod made a motion via email to accept Amy Gangl as co-chair and Tammy Fischer seconded the motion via email.



TREASURER'S REPORT:

There is currently a balance of \$1039.65 in the Advisory Council bank account.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Jane Hartin told council the EQAO results are now in and will be sent home to parents and also will be posted online. She said the results are pretty strong with the Grade 3 Reading results totalling 71%, the Writing was 94% and Math was 60% while the Grade 6 Reading and Writing results both resulted in a 92% total and the Math results was 77%. Jane Hartin told council these results will help guide with the assessments and to prepare the school improvement plan for this year with the focus on primary literacy and the math. The primary literacy will include both phonological assessments and reading assessments. She there will be a speech and language therapist, Cynthia Nowack-Mitchell, Mary Ellen Kuntz and Mary Jo Drager who will be coming in to help with the students. There will also be new math resources available that will help both new teachers and the students beginning in the primary level but will also be working in all the grade levels. Jane Hartin said this will provide a gauge to see what math levels the students are at to keep everyone consistent and provide those who need the extra help.

She also said a group of students who are below benchmark in literacy will be receiving intervention weekly based on results from pre-assessments by Cathy Buchanan who will deliver the Empower program for consistency sake.

The Lexia program will also continue this year.

Jane Hartin named the new lineup of teachers at St. Mary's for the 2019/20 school year.

She said the umbrella project will continue this year at St. Mary's School. The new furniture for the library was unpacked and arranged in the library with help from teacher Cathy Buchanan this past summer. Jane Hartin said the new screen is still on its way.

The Milk program will continue for this year. The only change is that milk will now be paid for online instead of in the past, some students would bring a \$1 and give the money to Secretary Colleen Pletsch in exchange for a carton of milk.

The FIAT team along with Teacher Mr. Leyser will be helping at mass the last Sunday of the each month at St. Joseph's Church.

St. Mary's soccer team will take part in the soccer tournament being held at St. Mike's in Stratford on Friday, September 25th.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

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

TEACHER'S REPORT:

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



FUNDRAISER'S REPORT:

Jane Hartin told council any fundraising ideas including a QSP fundraiser can be discussed at council's next meeting. The Fundraising committee is made up of Stacey Mcleod, Ashley Vandenhoven and Samantha Bajtos.

PARISH REPORTS:

Stacey McLeod told council about the Holy Land Christian Families will be selling their hand carved olive wood items such as wooden crosses on Saturday, October 28th and after the 11am mass on Sunday, October 29th and the money they receive will go towards their own costs such as food, clothing and bedding and such. There will also be the upcoming Christmas Bazaar put on by the CWL scheduled for November 16th. She also talked about 2019 Thanksgiving Appeal which is coming up at St. Joseph's Church.

The next CSAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November, 20th at 5:30pm. After an Our Father closing prayer said by Principal Jane Hartin and the council members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm. Carried.*

