

St. Agnes Jr. High School Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 3, 2024

Attending:

Chair- Trisha Estabrooks

Staff Rep- Rhonda McLean

Staff Rep- Peter Ryan

Vice Chair- Paula

Community Rep- Ann Giffin

MacPherson

Community Rep- Ian

Secretary- Cathy Chiasson

Shawcross

Principal- Nancy Martin

Vice-Principal- Sara Bonin

Regrets:

Jess Newman

Madelaine Rose Harris

Minutes

1. Welcome & call to order at 11:45am

- Roundtable introductions
- Review of St. Agnes Jr. High School Advisory Council Agreement and by-laws. No amendments were requested. The agreement will be signed and sent along to the Regional Centre for Education and uploaded onto the new website.
- Confirm roles of Secretary and Vice-Chair. Cathy Chiasson will serve as secretary and Paula MacPherson will serve at Vice-Chair.

2. Principal Report

- Principal's report was distributed and reviewed.
 - i. The new provincial policy on cell phone use has been well-received with minimal infractions by students. Large backpacks, jackets and powered-down cell phones are left in lockers in the morning.
 - ii. Each classroom has an allotment of Chromebooks for students to use in class when needed, rather than carrying from class to class and risking damage.

- iii. There has been a recent staffing change with Ms. Johnson moving to a Vice-Principal role at another junior high school. Ms. Keddy has moved into Ms. Johnson's role teaching grade 9 and filling 25% of the Junior High School Intervention position. Mr. Leblanc has been hired as the new grade 8 teacher.
- iv. Shifting registrations led to having more grade 8 students than we could accommodate in 4 classes, so grade 8 students were spread out into 5 classes while grade 7 students were condensed into 4 classes from the original 5. This took place on Tuesday, with the opportunity for another shorten orientation to the class. The students are responding well to the change.
- v. Student Success Planning goals remain the same this year, with teachers and coaches contributing to the goals and strategies. This year there will be 3 cycles instead of 6 cycles, which will be more manageable.

3. Pending Action Items Carried Over

- Crosswalk- Our concerns have been noted, and we will be notified if we are granted a crossing guard or other supports from the City. Ian has additional flags that he will share for use by the students.
- Shortening the lunch break- due to limited capacity to change the bus routes, we are unable to make any changes to the school hours for the next few years.

4. Other Business, Feedback, Comments

- Fundraising ideas
 - i. A proposal will be shared with the SAC on items needed to sell items made by students in the Wood Shop. These things can also be sold in a silent auction.
 - ii. Mr. Ryan will help organize a Trivia Night in the new year.
- **Action items:**
 - i. *Is anyone willing to help organize a silent auction?*

- ii. *Trivia Night will be carried over to the next meeting agenda*

5. Adjournment @ 12:45pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 28, 2024.