

## St. Agnes Jr. High School Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 9, 2025

### Attending:

Chair- Trisha Estabrooks  
Secretary- Cathy Chiasson  
Principal- Nancy Martin  
Staff Rep- Peter Ryan

Community Rep- Ann Giffin  
Community Rep- Ian Shawcross  
Parent Rep – Jess Newman  
Vice-Principal (acting)- Stephen Starzomski

### Regrets:

Paula MacPherson  
Rhonda McLean  
Madelaine Rose Harris  
Sara Bonin

## Minutes

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

- Introduction of Stephen Starzomski as acting Vice Principal, backfilling for Sara Bonin.

### 2. Principal's Report

- Principal's report was distributed and reviewed.
  - i. Student Council Events and Student Engagement
    1. Spirit week involved door decorating and basketball game between HRP and students, which was a high-energy event.
    2. Student council organized staff appreciation activities, including cards and treats, and successfully executed the Remembrance Day ceremony and Stuff-A-Bus event, collecting over 800 food items.
    3. Best Buddies club was initiated to foster relationships between Learning Centre students and their peers. The program allows students to participate in activities together, promoting including and belonging within the school community.
  - ii. Student Success Planning
    1. Cycle 2 goals for math focus on improving communication and problem-solving skills among students.
    2. English Cycle 2 will emphasize non-fiction texts and cross-curricular collaboration with other classes.
    3. The school is implementing strategies to create a more inclusive classroom environment that acknowledges diverse cultures.
    4. Teachers are encouraged to adopt practices that make all students feel seen and heard.
  - iii. Guidance and Support Programs
    1. Guidance counselor Rhonda McLean is organizing various programs, including Building Healthy Boundaries presentations and a visit to Hope Blooms for ANS students.
    2. The school is also conducting follow-up sessions on the 'We're Not That Kind of School' initiative.
  - iv. Grant Requests and Funding
    1. A google form was sent out to staff to gather requests for funding, with a total budget of approx. \$5375.
    2. Stephen S, Peter R and other staff have applied for various other grants and are awaiting application outcomes.

3. Need for funding has been identified for a wide range of materials/programs/initiatives including wellness day activities, guest speakers, Phys Ed and equipment upgrades, laminator, and wood shop funding for alternate programming. Classroom lighting improvements are on hold pending fire marshal inspections.
4. Trivia night being tentatively planned for Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Adjournment @ 12:45pm**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 20, 2025.