

## **St. Agnes Jr. High School Advisory Committee**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

### **Attending:**

Chair - Trisha Estabrooks  
Vice Chair - Paula MacPherson  
Secretary - Cathy Chiasson  
Principal - Nancy Martin  
Staff Rep - Peter Ryan  
Community Rep - Ian Shawcross  
Parent Rep – Jess Newman

### **Regrets:**

Staff Rep - Rhonda McLean  
Parent Rep - Madelaine Rose Harris  
Vice Principal - Sara Bonin  
Community Rep- Ann Giffin

## **Minutes**

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

- Welcome and introduction of Student Counsel Reps: Campbell Allen and Myla Durfee.

### **2. Student Council Co-President Report**

- SC currently planning spirit week and scavenger hunt.
- Talent Show – auditions will be May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. Proposal date will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Council handled Candy Grams on Valentine's Day – all students received a candy gram this year, as well as each staff member.

### **3. Trivia Night Update**

- 40 participants have so far have signed up. Nancy will send another notification to potential participants shortly.
- Prizes so far: 2 x 50 Jack Astors, St Agnes T-shirts, mugs, etc. Possibility of additional prizes from The Tap Room.
- Lotto License for 50/50 has been obtained. Need to remind participants to bring cash. – Nancy to follow up on this.
- Peter requires a projector and a screen – Nancy to call Long & McQuaid regarding this.
- No food required – will be left with The Tap Room.
- Peter will cover housekeeping items with group at beginning of event/evening.
- Format: 3 rounds, 20 questions for each round. Will be a prize for the lowest scoring team in addition to regular prizes.
- Nancy will bring pencils.

### **4. Silent Auction Update** – In progress. Silent Auction initiative will pick up in April/May.

### **5. Principal's Report**

- Principal's report was distributed and reviewed.
  - i. African Heritage Month
    - 1. Daily trivia questions and video projects focused on ANS communities, with student winners receiving prizes.
    - 2. A field trip to Hope Blooms and the Community Y was held on February 21st, where students learned about leadership and legacy.

3. On February 26th, the school held two assemblies featuring hip hop artists Maje and Quoia States, who shared positive messages about following passions.
  4. February 28th saw a school-wide ANS-themed bingo, which was well received and included prize giveaways.
- ii. Student Council – Classroom Events
1. On March 4th, Madame Smith hosted a French Café for Grade 8 Core French students, with volunteer support from Grade 9 students. Special thanks were extended to Café Lunette for donating croissants.
  2. Grade 9 students attended a band trip on February 17th to Citadel High School, culminating in a large concert performance with other local bands.
  3. Mr. Chan's Science 7 class conducted a fun engineering challenge where students built towers using paper to hold textbooks, with one tower successfully holding 37 books.
- iii. Student Success Planning
1. Paul Carreiro, the ANS support teacher, completed his term, having supported over 20 students in math. The team is currently reflecting on Cycle 2 and setting goals for Cycle 3.
  2. Amanda Maher, the Culturally Relevant Pedagogy Specialist, finished her work with the school in February.
- iv. Guidance
1. Grade 9 students successfully completed their high school course selections.
  2. The GRINS (Gambling Risk Informed Nova Scotia) workshop was presented to Grade 9 students in February, focusing on the risks of gaming and the industry's influence on youth.
  3. HRM Grade 9 Citizenship Award applications are underway. This award is given to one Grade 9 student who demonstrates leadership and commendable academic performance.
  4. Rhonda, the School Counsellor, completed her Level 1 VTRA (Violence Threat Risk Assessment) training, with plans to return for Level 2 training in May. Ms. Martin and Ms. Bonin will also attend Level 2 in April.
  5. Dal Law students will return to offer workshops to Grade 8 and 9 students, focusing on youth rights within the criminal justice system.
  6. March 20th, Grade 7 students will receive a presentation on youth vaping awareness from Lung NSPEI.
- i. Sports and Clubs
1. Robotics club meets Tuesdays at lunch and participated in a competition at Acadia.
  2. Techsploration students had a field trip to Atlantic Towing to meet with their mentor, a tugboat operator.
  3. Photo Club meets Fridays at lunch. Art Club meets Mondays at lunch. Ramadan Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays for fasting students.
  4. Badminton season is underway, with over 70 students trying out for 16 spots.
  5. Basketball season concluded with success: the female-identifying team placed second, and the male-identifying team won first place.

## 6. Adjournment @ 12:45pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 24, 2025.