

**St Andrew's Regional High School
Local School Council
Minutes
October 21st 2020**

Present: Siobhan Gramlich (SG), James Wale (JW), Kat Bussanich (KB), Allen Lavoie (AL), Sandy Riddett (SR), Susan Ledohowski (SL), Angela Grohovac (AG), Steve Pearse (SP), Fr. Eduardo, Mark Cristante

Regrets: Louise Kelly (LK)

Principal: Glen Palahicky (GP)

Guests: Ciaran Mclaverty (CM)

Opening Prayer: Fr. Eduardo

Call Meeting to Order: SG

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by KB seconded by SR to approve June 2020 minutes.

Approval of Agenda: Approved MW, seconded by SP. Motion carried.

New Business:

Volunteer Policy

- Given the Covid restrictions, and fewer opportunities to volunteer, what about the volunteer policy of 10 hours per week or \$150 in lieu of volunteering?
- **To Do:** This will be discussed at the tri-school council next week, re: what are the other ICS schools doing in Victoria.

After grad

- Planning is starting.
- Looking at planning the winter formal.
- Discussing fashion show in April.

School Uniforms

- Issue raised about winter uniform being between Thanksgiving to Spring Break. Could students choose from the spectrum of school uniform choices throughout the school year – dressing for the weather rather than the formal winter uniform time period.
- Winter uniform is more formal – Remembrance Day, Photo Day.
- If did not separate the uniform according to calendar, it may be more difficult to enforce the formal uniform on the days when the formal uniform is required, like Mass etc...
- Students have enjoyed the St. Andrew's Hoddie.

- There was a review of the winter/spring uniform in 2010. One benefit of the winter uniform is that more use of the winter uniform occurred. It might be a lot to ask parents to have a formal uniform that is required maybe four times per year.
- **To Do:** Revisit this item in the April LSC meeting.

Follow up:

Hot Lunch

- Looking at food being prepared off-site.
- Tacos to be on Wednesdays.
- Sports parents looking at Friday lunches.
- Some other schools are not doing any hot lunch.
- Due to the hot lunch being a significant form of fundraiser for groups in the school (Music, Sports etc...) we are trying to put this together by end of November (but tentative).

Reports:

Chairperson's Report

The school year is off to a great start. It's hard to believe that it's almost the end of October! The staff and administration continue to work so hard to keep our school safe and healthy for our students and I am so very grateful.

I am continuing to work with Ciaran on Hot Lunch and Ciaran has been a tremendous help on answering questions and helping immensely to try to get the program running again. All the groups have also been working on getting volunteers organized and are waiting for the "green light" to start serving. We are tentatively hoping to start the first week of November.

The Grad parents met virtually at the end of September and we are planning for a Winter Formal and possibly the Fashion Show. A lot of work has been done and we are hopeful that these events can work within the parameters defined by COVID-19.

I reached out to St. Pats and St. Joes to see if we could organize another Tri-Council meeting and we have agreed to a virtual meeting on October 29. It will be great to see how everyone is doing and to have a brainstorming session on how we can reach out to students in a fun and unique way.

Much food was brought in for World Health Day and the proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul. Way to go Sabres!

I will be attending the AGM of the CISDV on November 24th with Glen virtually and will discuss that the following evening at our LSC meeting.

Teacher's Report

- Mentioned that students made a promotional video last year.
- Students in the marketing class could make a promotional video for the elementary school students.
- When asked about how Covid has changed much, comment that grades can't mix at lunch, and for the lower grades, it is a shift for teachers to move from a linear system to a semester system. But for the most part, going fine.

Principal's Report

- Our students continue settling in well and cooperatively to the new expectations and routines ie. masks, hand hygiene, traffic flow, trickle exits, cohorts
- Student enrolment 340– 1 family homebound with 2 students planning to return
- Continue with finding creative solutions to Covid challenges for our traditional gathered events ie. Mass with the Gr. 11s in solidarity with the other classes tomorrow, virtual Remembrance Day celebration being planned- like to share an example of our student council getting out a message to the whole school
- EA Position filled- Sue Oshiro who was laid off in June was rehired. Given she was a previous employee there was no need for a formal interview.
- Ms. Erin Delude, our athletic director and PE teacher continues to be on leave- we pray for her and her very sick mother
- Virtual Pro-d this Friday for our staff – provincial pro-d; many options available
- Sports options have been adjusted– leave for Mark to comment
- Field trips have been limited but will begin as our bus insurance has been renewed.
- Comment from a seasoned teacher who is now on our TOC list:

Hi Glen,

I just want to say what an absolute pleasure it is to be teaching at St. Andrew's. The students are reverent, respectful, courteous and above all, supportive.

This was fully illustrated today when I covered for Mark Cristante's PE11/12 class. The class consisted of eighteen boys and one girl student. From my experience as a phys.ed teacher, this age group in the gym can be quite the challenge. I was pleasantly surprised and even taken aback at their attitude. They set up for the activity with little prompting,

knew exactly what to do, participated with fair play and enthusiasm and were cooperative of their one female student.

I look forward to more positive engagements within your community.

*Have a great weekend,
Paul.*

Committee Reports:

HR: N/A

Finance:

- Operating revenues are expected to be down by \$340K this year from 2019 mainly because of less revenue from international students, as well as 4 fewer BC students.
- Slight increase from 2019 in instructional expenses are offset by decreases in Administrative (no development officer) and Property (no portables) expenses, and less deficit for Special Education (grant increased).
- Although a considerable drop in revenue, there is still a very minor surplus expected.

Parent Support Group:

- Parent Support Group still has two vacant positions on the executive to fill (Vice President and Secretary).
- Thomas P. was voted in Treasurer.
- All 6 spots of “Member at Large” are filled up.
- Discussion and getting ideas for fundraisers.
- Exploring producing masks with the school logo on it.

Catholic Schools Plan:

- Meeting on this upcoming Monday re: tender results for the project.

Nominating: N/A

Policy and Procedures: N/A

International Students:

- 2 ‘returning students’ are still in China. One student is expected to arrive on November 1st and the other student is still waiting for her study permit to arrive (final stages).
- 3 students are currently studying online and hoping to arrive as soon as they can.
- 2 German students and 1 Japanese student will be attending the school for the second semester.

- The current students have all settled in to the ‘new normal’ quite well. Michael Durkan is planning their first ‘International Activity’ together next Wednesday, October 28th; bowling and mini golf as Langford Lanes has their Covid-19 friendly set up and the students are able to stay in their grade cohorts.
- Beautiful quote from Michael Durkan. “All kinda of new difficulties but God is ever faithful and I’m excited to see things start coming together

School Trips:

- Just a field local field trips and the retreat trips.

Buildings and Grounds:

- The drywall repair following up on the leak above the change room has been completed.
- The front door latch is working but further adjustments are necessary for optimal functioning; work in progress.
- The asset management plan for ongoing maintenance of SARHS is completed and ready for implementation.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Addendum

Meeting at 8 pm Oct 29 re: Building Project

- Quorum of LSC members attending via ZOOM Meeting
- Presentation by Leah MacKenize with Superintendent Bev Pulyk
- All in favour of Building Project starting.
- Communication to be provided by Administration to parents.

Next LSC Meeting: Nov 25th at 6:30 pm via ZOOM meeting.