School Advisory Council 2020-2021

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

Annual General Meeting - June 8th, 2021 *this meeting was held virtually via Zoom

Present: Heather Kaup Jane Miska Jane McDade

Kathy Sauze Natasha Palmer Phillip Odegard
Katherine Anselmo Suzanne Brook Cori Bowman
Anna Olivieri Pamela Walters Eugenia Chisotti

Anna Ketikyan

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Natasha. Opening prayer by Heather

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda - Kathy, Seconded by - Anna O, All in favour - Passed

3.0 Approval of the Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 6th meeting minutes – Jane McD, Seconded by – Eugenia. All in favour - Passed

4.0 Student Union Report - Xavier Executive

No updates this month

5.0 School Report - Eugenia Chisotti

- Several theme days are being planned this week Wednesday is Formal Touch, Thursday is Twin Day, Friday is Beach Day with a slush truck
- There was a school mass by Father Glen to honour grad class 2021
- Eugenia brought up a new initiative called GRACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) and invited everyone to check out their website.

https://www.ecsd.net/page/1467/grace-grateful-advocates-for-catholic-education

- Food classes made perogies this week and Foods 30 did a steak/bean/potatoes meal using cast iron pans. They also had a baking competition
- -we have a team in the Science Olympics with a green learning solar oven project. The prize is \$1000
- Hockey Academy had Archetype come in to lead some training
- Phys Ed classes were able to go golfing and to the velodrome

6.0 Principal Report – Heather Kaup

6.1 Recruitment and Registration

Registrations are strong for next year: Total 1144

- Schedules have been built and we have been adjusting them for the past month doing course changes
 - Retirement: Congrats to Eugenia for her long service to STFX
 - o Principal Appointment: Anna Olivieri is moving to St. Phillip as Principal
 - o Welcome to Michelle Haughian who will be joining us in a temporary contract
 - Colin Buchanan, Stephen Zipp, Jazmyn Krausert, Alyssa Monahan, and Jaiden Fagrie will be returning for next year

6.2 Grad 2021

To take place on the 23rd and will go ahead. Admin are very excited that it will take place and are looking forward to the day. There was a mass for our graduates today and we are having three days of activities with a ice truck to cap off the week. Grad gowns will be given out before grad so that students are able to take family pictures etc.

6.3 COVID

Many current questions have arisen about current guidance with regard to isolations if a child has one or both vaccinations.

 In both cases, a child is still required to not attend school for 14 days but if they have one vaccination then after seven days, they are able to get a Covid test and when they test negative can stop isolating however, they cannot return to school. This was standardized across all four metro boards

Quarantine for Close Contacts Who Are Fully Immunized & Asymptomatic

You are considered fully immunized 14 days after you have received the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in a two-dose vaccine series.

If you are fully immunized at the time you are exposed to someone with COVID-19:

- You do not have to quarantine as long as you do not have symptoms.
- If you develop symptoms get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible:
 - o You must isolate until you receive a negative test result.
 - o If you test negative for COVID-19, you are advised to stay home until you feel better.
 - o If you are not tested, you must isolate for at least 10 days after your symptoms started.
 - o If you test positive for COVID-19, you MUST <u>isolate</u> for at least 10 days after your symptoms started.

During the 14 days after your exposure to a person with COVID-19, you should continue to follow these guidelines:

- You may return to work, school, childcare, and other activities.
- Follow <u>public health guidelines</u> including washing your hands, wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing and gathering restrictions.
- You should reduce your number of contacts when possible (especially avoiding non-essential visits to continuing care or acute care settings).
- Self-monitor for symptoms. Stay home and get tested if you have any symptoms.

6.4 Student Survey

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Demographics

A recent student survey was taken by 494 students at St Francis Xavier, of which 35.6% were in grade 10, 33.2% were in grade 11 and 31.2% were in grade 12. A majority of respondents were male (51.4%), 47% were female and 2% were non-binary.

Main findings

Students were asked to rank the 9 identified issues by what they consider to be the "most important" to them, providing a generalized order of priority for school action.

- 1st: Re-establishment of flex (133 students ranked it as their top issue, and the majority of students noted this as an issue in their top three choices)
- 2nd: Sexual harassment and assault (90 students ranked it as their top issue, and the majority of students noted this as an issue in their top three choices)
- 3rd: Mental health resources (80 students ranked it as their top issue, and the majority of students noted this as an issue in their top three choices)

- 4th: Racial issues (69 students ranked it as their top issue; however 257 students ranked this as an issue in their top three choices, making it a notable important issue)
- 5th: Bathroom doors (50 students ranked it as their top issue; however, 186 students ranked this as an issue in their top three choices, making it a notable important issue)
- 6th: Free menstrual products (28 students ranked it as their top issue)
- 7th: Dress code (23 students ranked it as their top issue)
- 8th: LGBTQ+ issues (10 students ranked it as their top issue)
- 9th: Gender issues (8 students ranked it as their top issue)

Main topics for town hall discussion

Students were eager to share their input, but strongly assert that they want to see their opinions and solutions considered and translated to real change at St. Francis Xavier. Possible areas of discussion for a town hall discussion that relate to student proposed solution include:

- Re-establishing flex
 - o Could include possibly modifying the length or placement of flex to be conducive to effective use.
- Addressing sexual harassment and assault for awareness and prevention
- o Could include an anonymous method of reporting sexual harassment and assault, general information on the reporting process, mental health support for victims, and ensured consequences for perpetrators.
- Making mental health resources more widely available and easier to access
 - o Could include mental health education and awareness and increasing privacy and confidentiality for students seeking support.
- Openly acknowledging and discussing racial issues
 - o Could include education around racism, destigmatizing racial conversations in general, and providing clear consequences for racist acts.
- Finding a solution to provide comfort and privacy in bathrooms
 - Could include replacing doors or exploring other door type options.
- Providing free menstrual products
 - o Could include discussions on how menstrual products will be paid for, most likely to mirror Edmonton Public Schools.
- Rewriting the school dress code with fewer restrictions
 - o Could include decreasing the perceived gender bias in the dress code to prevent sexism.
- Increasing representation and advocacy of the LGBTQ+ community
 - o Could include more visible clubs, general acknowledgement of pride, gender neutral bathrooms, general education of LGBTQ+ issues, and consequences for hate.
- Providing education and information on gender equality and respect
 - o Could include conversations with staff and students to address gender issues and sexism.

7.0 Action/Discussion Items

7. 1 Elections – Natasha advised that all previous execs are willing to stay on for 21/22, with the exception of treasurer. Natasha put forth any nominations for treasurer – none were received. Phil Odegard stepped forward as a director at large – Jane presented the motion – all in favour - passed

Next meeting is on October 5th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm by Natasha Palmer

Meeting minutes prepared by Jane Miska

Parent Teacher Association 2020-2021 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL June 8th, 2021

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2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Katherine motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathy. All in favour. Passed.

3.0 Approval of the Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 6th meeting minutes – Katherine. Seconded by – Phillip. All in favour – Passed

4.0 Treasurer Report

- our opening balance was \$15,340.88 we now have \$14,462.88 in the bank.
- Kathy will arrange to transfer all records over to the 21/22 committee

5.0 Casino Report

- Cori agreed to be the raffle chairperson.
- It was recommended that we review our "use of proceeds list" with AGLC
- our next casino will probably be in Q4 (October/November 2021)

6.0 New Business

- The meetings for 21/22 are as follows:

October 5th December 7th February 1st April 5th

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