

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Virtual Team Meeting



Present	Kevin Wong, Anna Carambia, Stephanie Galvan, Roger Alfaro, Titsa Starogiannis, Ellen Sevilla Quadrado, Sandra Weidner, Sara Baillie, Catherine Baldelli, Sibel Yardimoglu, Patricia Galvan, Yvonne Viol, Jennifer Williams-Martin, Dawn Donohoe
Regrets	Jessica Bosnjak, Joseph Alshurafa, Bana Alshurafa, Filomena Colucci, Silva Cubelic

Item	Notes
Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin Wong
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin Wong
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No additions to agenda
Approval of Minutes (February 25, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moved by: Stephanie Galvan• Seconded by: Sara Baillie

<p>Student Council Update: Jessica Bosnjak absent (K. Wong spoke for her)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● new Student Council for 2020-2021 school year was elected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celestia Peritore (president); John McCoy and Isabella Colmenares (vice presidents) ● K. Wong thanked the Grade 12 Student Council members who are graduating ● Virtual Coffee House was a success ● student council members are in the process of selecting the remainder of charities they will be supporting next year with civvies money ● HCCEF (Halton Catholic Children’s Education Foundation) supports families in need
<p>Principal’s Update: Kevin Wong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Scheduling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ staff have finished scheduling courses and are now finalizing tentative teacher schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ questions regarding course selections can be directed to guidance counselors (email counselor) ○ two teachers will be retiring (not replacing them), and one teacher has been declared surplus ○ approx 95% of programming requests have been approved; the school wanted to honour pathway choices ○ 23:1 student-to-teacher ratio (we currently have a 22:1 ratio) ● Summer School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ registration deadline is June 24 ○ courses will run online ○ Loyola makes changes to timetable once the course is complete (in case classes are cancelled or not completed) ○ once registration numbers have been confirmed, we will have communication from summer school principals ● School Access to Retrieve Belongings/Return School Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ student/parent access to the school will occur next week for students to retrieve items from their lockers, and to return instruments, library books, textbooks and sports uniforms ○ students will enter via the back doors of the school - and will exit via the front doors of

the school (so parents can drop off at the back and then drive around to the front to pick up their child)

- Grade 11 students are not permitted to have a spare - it is a supervision issue and the school wants to ensure that students are on track to graduate
 - rare exceptions are for students with medical needs (e.g., they have to be at an appointment) or for high performance athletes that need to train during the school day
- on paper we are expecting international students - if these students are not there (due to travel restrictions, visa restrictions), we have a plan with the ESL department (we may have to make cutbacks in classes in September)
 - Roger Alfaro suggested that new international students be given a welcome; K. Wong said there is a VP at another school that is responsible for ESL students and he will be forwarding that suggestion to him
 - we have approximately 50 international students
 - school plans fun events to make the students feel welcomed e.g., pumpkin carving or Christmas tree decorating
 - generally we have Mandarin, Korean and Spanish speaking students
- question about coop for summer school - students are having trouble finding a virtual placement
- School Spirit Initiative on Instagram
 - trying to generate school spirit through Instagram
 - the staff wants to continue to have a connection and social engagement with the students
- Student working group for Equity and Inclusion
 - initiatives to support equity at Loyola
 - began during the school year and has continued online
 - school has been providing support to families in need
 - food gift cards, technology support, financial assistance from Halton Catholic Children's Education Fund (HCCEF) and Halton Food for Thought
- Sports
 - we were able to finish the Winter season before March Break

- OFSAA swimming ran as scheduled right before March Break; two students competed
- Nordic, Alpine and Snowboard team competed at OFSAA in February
- some OFSAA events were cancelled
- coaches are releasing MVP announcements on the website and on Instagram; will culminate with a final Athletic Video that will be released on the website and to Instagram
 - MVP plaques have been ordered - unsure when they will be ready and how they will be distributed
- students can apply for athletic letters - consideration will be given to those students that are 1 sport short (due to Covid closure)
- Mrs. Harkin is offering online volunteer opportunities - e.g., recording videos for our seniors (information on Loyola website)
- Graduation
 - Kevin thanked the student-led Grad Committee who have been meeting virtually to take ideas and suggestions, along with suggestions from parents, to come up with a plan for graduation
 - Grad Committee wanted to be environmentally friendly by renting caps and gowns; however, due to Covid-19, they had to be purchased by the families; they are being shipped to the students
 - the school usually charges approx \$65 for graduation; there will be no charge this year; the school will cover the cost of graduation (when it occurs)
 - the school is purchasing a rosary for each of the grads, and the students designed their own grad gifts (they chose bucket hats), which the school has purchased for each of the graduates
 - the school wanted to be inclusive by not ordering lawn signs as not everyone has a front lawn - also thought about the environmental impact
 - Valedictorian elections will conclude tomorrow - students are voting; there are 6 candidates
 - the school has planned an initial virtual celebration
 - two options for graduation:

- 1. Thanksgiving weekend - ceremony on the Friday
- 2. Friday before Christmas break
- question about whether graduation will be at the same venue (16 Mile Creek)?
 - we won't know until September, as that venue has ice facilities and they are unable to book others until decision has been made about hockey/skating
- there are no plans to reschedule prom at this time
- concern that there has not been communication to grade 12 parents regarding graduation
 - request from parents to have the Grad Committee communicate with the grade 12 parents
 - Stephanie Galvan has offered to be a liaison between the students and Parent Council
 - K. Wong will add information to the weekly communication email and will direct parents to the school website for more information
- question about having a Prom not affiliated with the school (as some other schools do)
 - the school would impose more restrictions on a prom event; if the school isn't the one organizing the event, then they won't be advertising the event at the school at all
- question: there are 321 potential graduates - is there a way to obtain contact information for all of the graduates so they can all be included in the case that a private prom is to be organized?
 - for privacy reasons, the school cannot give that information out; the yearbook will include the names of all the graduates
 - the student Grad Committee has a private non-school Instagram account
- Pegasus has opened up their studio for parents to book appointments
 - trying to get Pegasus into the school the last week of August or first week of September to take graduation photos
 - unsure if grad photos will make it into the yearbook; they may delay the printing of the yearbook
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- September
 - all principals and superintendents meet every Thursday - director meets with Deputy Minister of Education on a regular basis
 - three possible scenarios for September:
 - 1. Full reopen like in Semester 1 (back to normal, with all students attending school)
 - 2. Full distance learning like Semester 2
 - 3. Adaptive learning - (some combination of 1 and 2)
 - e.g., Grade 9s come to school on Monday, Grade 10s come to school on Tuesday
 - problem of having 600 students eating in the lunchroom at the same time; how can we manage the number of students going to the washroom?
 - there hasn't been an official announcement about sports yet, however, colleges and universities have cancelled fall sports
 - Loyola has put a bid to host OFSAA field hockey in the fall
 - Ultimate has been moved to the spring by OFSAA
 - question: will there be synchronous learning in the fall if we go to full remote learning? yes, however, there is an equity issue as not all students have access to technology at the times the teachers post; we want to be inclusive of all students; we need to come up with a schedule that would work for all students so there isn't conflict
 - schools are governed by Public Health; we are waiting for direction from Public Health
 - The Logistics and Planning Committee (comprised of people from facilities, people from public health, principals - will perhaps add parents at some point)
 - will meet regularly throughout the summer to create plans for September
 - since students are missing some content in their classes due to Covid, K. Wong is asking department heads to spend the first two weeks of each course (in September and February - so beginning of each semester) reviewing material to help minimize the gap for students
 - HCDSB will be offering two-week upgrade courses where students have a chance to

improve their mark and review material

- sign up through My Blueprint for upgrade courses - can take two courses (one for the first two weeks of July and the other for the second two weeks)
- registration closes on June 24 at 4:00pm
- Blythe Academy (fee), Duffering-Peel DSB and HDSB offer summer school courses for students to take as well
- question about bussing: that is something that will need to be discussed come fall
- all students under the age of 18 must attend school; there is an option for students to be home-schooled; also have provisions for students with medical needs
- suggestion that the school set up online peer tutoring in September
 - TVO Mathify is an option for students who need support (www.tvomathify.com/students)
- there is a telehealth model that Social Workers and Child and Youth Workers are using to help with the mental health of students
- teachers are going through the mentor applications now and should have the list ready by next week
- School Council Balance
 - balance as of June 10th is \$6310.21
 - keyboard has been ordered but not delivered (via Long & McQuaide); \$1779.75 (will deduct from balance when it is delivered)
- K. Wong thanked the Parent Council for all their hard work this year

Co-Chairs Update:
Roger Alfaro & Stephanie Galvan

- the HCDSB is looking for feedback on their 4 year plan - link on website
- June 17 at 7:00pm will be the Council of Chairs meeting via Microsoft Teams meeting platform
 - this meeting will be open to everyone; Kevin will post a link to the Council of Chairs meeting video (they will likely provide a YouTube feed of the meeting)
- Roger Alfaro offered to help with reopening of school
- suggestion to offer resources and help to students and families dealing with Mental Health issues

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">o unfortunately, students are often hesitant to talk about their mental health● Used Uniform Sales - many parents have been asking about this<ul style="list-style-type: none">o we will have to revisit this in the fallo asking families to hold onto their uniform items for now |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● meeting adjourned at 7:40pm |