

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date – September 7, 2020

Meeting Time – 7:00 pm – Microsoft Team Meeting

Members Present: Adriano Perusin, Principal
Adriana Rerecich
Michelle Sparrock-Henderson
Kevin Wells
Phaedra Renaud
Rocio Farrell
Kyle Dillon-Alcasid

MEETING MINUTES

Opening prayer - Adriana

All council members joined in opening prayer.

Counselling - Adriana

Creating a virtual office with supports to click on for mental health and spiritual support. There will not be any face to face counselling unless it is considered vital in a crisis - in which case all safety Covid protocols will be used. All other counselling will be virtual. Chapel will be used as isolation room for students with symptoms, so creating a virtual chapel. Prayer services will be pre-recorded and shared on YouTube channel.

Safety Protocols

- Cafeteria, Library, Chapel, Office, Guidance Office are all closed.
- Front door is the only access into the building and all doors will be opened at 8:10am. Any students arriving prior to 8:10 will wait in the football field and social distancing and masks will be required.
- Masks are mandatory for anyone entering the building. Upon entering the building students will use hand sanitizing station and then go directly to classroom following the hallway decals on the floor.
- Dismissal will be staggered 11:30, 11:35 and 11:40 and these times will rotate by quad daily. Building will close after dismissal.
- Bathroom use will be limited and logged, and bathrooms will be sanitized each night.

- Each classroom is equipped with sanitizing station and will be spray sanitized each night. Classrooms also equipped with wipes so that students can sanitize devices, hands, and desks prior to leaving.
- Weight room now limited to students and will be disinfected each night.
- No lockers are allowed so students can carry backpack to classroom.
- Further discussions needed to cover lockdowns and fire drills.

Cohorting

Still working on this to determine which students go in each cohort. Schedule will be posted tonight. A & B cohorts have identical number of hours and students must pay attention when they should be in the building. Cohort C teacher will be on camera so students at home can see them. Every classroom is equipped with a camera as teacher is working with in-person and remote students simultaneously.

In person student attendance has been split in half to limit number of students in the building. 120 students currently enrolled for option C for virtual learning at home. Adriano anticipates this number could grow when students see all the restrictions in place.

Students can move from cohort A&B to remote learning cohort C at any time. Students can only move from cohort C to in-person learning when new quadmester begins.

Not sure how the Academic Support period will work at this point. Do not have a definite answer yet as to how kids access the teachers in this period. Working to ensure there is a teacher available for every subject area during this time. Focus week 1 will be to ensure all kids are set up.

Ministry is tracking attendance but still working out the details. Contact tracing will be followed in the event of any positive tests.

Student login

Any student who is current can use their old login using old My Aquinas D2L password. Incoming new students will have a new path which is still to be determined. Teachers will be sending outreach to students via email tomorrow.

Transportation

Busing is delayed by a week and schedule has not yet been published. Each bus will have a seating chart and students must sit with a sibling. Masks required and windows will be open. Students must use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the bus.

Students drop off will be limited to the parking lot at the back. Front of the building will be blocked off for the buses.

Midterm Reports

There will be midterm marks which will be based on culminating and assignments with no exams.

Next meeting: TBC