



St. Martin Secondary School

"Teach me Knowledge, Goodness & Discipline"

Catholic School Council Meeting Monday June 7, 2021 - Unapproved Minutes

The regular meeting of the St. Martin Secondary Catholic School Council was called to order at 6:40pm. The meeting began with a prayer and welcome to everyone by Roxy Smith. Marta Da Costa was the secretary.

In Attendance:

Jason Pratt	Father Andrij	Andrew Nahriniak	Jake C.	Roxanne Smith	Marta Da Costa
Maria Maffei	Maria Vessio	Debbie Cabral	Renata Stsiatskevich	Barb French	Dan Bozely
Sharon Bolger	Paula	Bruno Iannicca	Luz del Rosario	Harmit	Johan Davis
Erika De Rango	Bing Initay	Deby C.			

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Paula approved Debbie seconded

Approval of Agenda

Marta approved Erika seconded

Student Representative – Jason Pratt

- Chernor Jalloh did not attend tonight's meeting.
- Jason helped with relaying the important updates from student council.
- **Donations**
 - Student council unanimously donated on behalf of the school \$2000 to Share Life, \$1000 to Mississauga food banks, and \$1000 Peel Family Shelter
- **Masks**
 - Student council will help with textbook collections on Thursday, June 24th and Friday, June 25th and will distribute the mustang masks to students that come to drop off any of their textbooks.
 - On June 29th the masks will be given to the gradating students in their gift bags.

Teachers Report – Andrew Nahirniak

- Been a busy month
- Grad committee working with guidance office
 - Grad handout June 3rd
 - Get grad gowns
 - Begin the process to finish off their time here at St. Martin
 - Continue until June 28th/29th, return to school to get diplomas and staff planned walk about the school for staff clap out.
 - Photo booth will be available for families to take pictures
- Leadership classes June 17th
 - Special Olympics for elementary schools
 - Leadership class is in charge of running these events
- June 22nd & 23rd lunch time townhall meeting, designed for Rep Sports Students
- Grade 8 students coming to St. Martin next year
 - Can ask students questions
 - Student alumni vide for St. Martin Athletes



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Trustee Report – Luz Del Rosario & Bruno Iannicca

- Thank you to all the parents for being very active on this council. You have all done a lot of work
- Highlight Sacred of Jesus month
- September school opening posted on website, put any questions on the website
- Parent Reaching out Grant has doubled to 2.7M
- June National Heritage month for, Italian, Portuguese, and Philippine
- Posted rainbow flag to support our students
- Joe Zammit new VP starting
- Regarding Grad discussions with Medical Health Office, Board, Premier Doug Ford and Stephen Lecce – very frustrating as Trustees are not getting any responses.
- First Quadmester will start in September
- Second semester depending on health office, they will decide how we move forward
- Will lunches happen next year? Bruno will find out and get back to Jaso

Chaplin Report – Fr. Andrij

- Sacred Heart focus month
- Wellness and Health group meeting regularly and providing support to peer students.
- Staff and students have experience loss and death offer bereavement support with CWY Donna Sommer
- Graduation mass – pre recorded with Father from St. Martin Parish June 29th
 - Available to student's morning of graduation via YouTube link
- Year end liturgy June 17th in the morning
- PA day and staff mass June 28th

Parish Rep Report – Paula Conliffe-Layne

- Parish will open with 15% capacity
- Contact parish online as they are not in the office on a regular basis
- Requested a moment of silence for the 215 Indigenous children's remains found

OAPCE Report – Erika De Rango

- No report

Chair Report – Roxanne Smith

- Black Voice Plus Liturgy – offered in 2023
- Mask with St. Martin logo will be handed out with textbook collection
- Black Advisory Committee
 - Lots of parents want to find out about graduation coach

CCCCAT Report – Renata Stsiatskevich

- No Report

Principal Report – Jason Pratt

- Upgrades to school
 - TVs in front hall to show case academic and athletic awards
 - Pride flag was up for the month of June to support our students



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- New projectors in classrooms
- #StMartin50 logo expanding for grad
- Library is now "Learnings Commons" a place to collaborate and socialize academically
 - Purchased high tables, chargers for phones and glass partitions for small private group
 - Space is going to be very welcoming
- New Clubs & Groups
 - Approved with staff
 - Lots of clubs proposed and participated in other activities
 - Astronomy Club
 - Mustang Wellness
- Staff Social Initiative
 - Staff gathering virtually
 - Trying to build staff wellness
 - Had bingo night
- Transparency open and supportive
 - Standard, one where students are priority, meet their needs and foster positive relationships
 - Staff works hard to provide support to our students.
- School Improvements
 - New Parking spots for visitors will be in front of St. Martin Team buss
- Graduation plan
 - Family and students will be given the opportunity to take photos at the school in socially distant hubs that will include professional photographers.
 - The photographers will give a Polaroid 5 by 7 picture which will include a QR code on the back of the photo to go online and get the digital copy of the family photo with the graduate. There will also be an Opportunity for graduates to take a photo with principal (Jason Pratt) and vice principal (Sharon Bolger) and a graduation gift will be given to each graduate followed by a clap out as they exit the school to celebrate.
 - Different decorations will be put together for the graduation: balloon towers, arches, canopies and more.
 - Security will also be present to ensure everyone is socially distance and following covid protocols.
 - Graduation plan is set however due to covid restrictions only 5 and soon to be 10 people can gather outside and there are just under 300 graduates
 - Currently over 30 staff are on the planning committee including a few parent volunteers.
 - Instructions and schedule for the graduation will be sent out in this weeks Friday newsletter to help parents plan. Gradates will come at a specific time to the school to pickup diplomas and take pictures in alphabetical order.
 - Outdoor graduation ceremony is unlikely to happen in the next 3 weeks. If the board approves it will be taken into consideration.



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- By filling out a media release form the graduates can use a Dropbox which will allow graduates to take their own cap and gown pictures at home and have it in the graduation video, grade composite, and yearbook.
- Questions
 - Jana Rodriguez (Parent)
 - Question 1: asks if a graduate can attend at a different time according to their last name.
 - Jason -This option can work out if you call the school ahead of time so that they can adjust the graduates scheduled time.
 - Question 2: regarding concerns on student's mental health during online learning and teaching methods.
 - Jason suggests speaking with a teacher to try and find accommodations on how they can better support the needs of the student.
 - Paula's (Parish Rep) suggestion on graduation
 - Suggestion: a big screen can be put outside as the graduates exit the school that has a live Zoom feed for family and friends to cheer on the graduates.
 - Jason will investigate this idea and will take action depending on the feedback he gets about the school graduation plan.
 - Joann (Parent)
 - Is willing to help with any additional items for the graduation
 - Jason is open to allow more parent volunteers to help make this year's graduation as special as possible.
 - Teresa (Parent)
 - Needs clarification on graduation video and where it will be released.
 - Jason-Graduation ceremony video will be released on the schools main YouTube channel on graduation day (June 29th).
 - Question in the comments from Lesley: Will the pride flag only be up for the month of June, or will it stay up for the entirety of the next school year?
 - Roxanne added to the previous question: Is the flag also being flown outside of the school under the Canada flag or will it be placed on the wall inside of the school?
 - Sharon Bolger and Jason Pratt informs everyone that no other flags should be flown on the same mast or flagpole as The National Flag of Canada.
 - Jason is opened to keeping the flag up within the school all year however, if the school board is given direction to take it down by the archdiocese, then schools will have to follow the given direction.



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- **Conclusions/Closing remarks from Roxanne**

- Roxanne concluded the meeting with thanks and closing remarks. Thanking all parents and administration for their hard work and dedication to the Catholic School Council and the school community.
- A special thanks to the principal Jason Pratt for his weekly newsletters and keeping everyone informed and comfortable with what the school community had to deal with during the pandemic.
- A huge thanks and appreciation to the administration that worked hard to put together such a wonderful attempt for a graduation ceremony for our graduating students for this school year.

Motion to adjourn

- Deby C. seconded Renata S.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

2020/21 Meeting Schedule: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Feb 1, Mar 1, May 3, June 7
Starting at 6:30 p.m.