

St. Mary's School  
Parent Advisory Board Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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1. **Introduction:** Principal Nick Gale called meeting to order at 730pm.
2. **Attendees:** Nick Gale, Sarah Franchetto, Callie Sheppard, Megan Knodel, DonnaMae Melle, Sharla Lindsay, Keira Bostock, Sash Campbell, Aimee Rose
3. **Prayer:** Nick Gale
4. **Feedback Items**
  - a. End of Year
    - i. June 20, 2022 – Locker clean out. June 28, 2022 – Last day of school.
    - ii. June 21, 2022 – National Indigenous Peoples Day – no exams, can be used as an online study date. Buses will run and kids can go in for exam prep
    - iii. June 22, 2022 – Exams start. Math PAT's will have one exam with calculator and one without calculator.
  - b. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be offered online and in person. There was positive feedback from this format.
  - c. Ear Buds now have the same policy as cell phones.
  - d. 2021/2022 School Plan Update: During the upcoming PD Day, there will be a presentation from Canadian Mental Health regarding being a first contact for suicide and suicide prevention.

## 5. Information Items

- a. Teacher Swap: Switching teachers between various classrooms and schools. It is helping connect with students and there will be more switches coming up.
- b. Speaker Funding: to enhance parent involvement, there will be a presentation by Laurie McIntosh “Triumph through Trauma” at the Medicine Hat College on June 2 at 7pm. There will be 150 books to hand out to the first 150 attendees.
- c. School Fees: The board has approved the \$20 option fee submitted by the school to help cover costs of equipment etc. It is for the non-academy program. The fees will also help to offer more choices for students.
- d. Lunchtime Lockdown Drill and Fire Drill: During unstructured time to see how kids would respond if they were eating in the hallways or outside. The kids did really well and overall, it was a good exercise.
- e. Athletics/Extracurricular
  - i. Badminton: Zones this upcoming weekend.
  - ii. Musical: Coming up at the Esplanade May 11 – 13, 2022. Tickets available on [www.tixx.ca](http://www.tixx.ca).
  - iii. Track and Field: Happening at CHHS
- f. Registration: There were 364 students registered for 20/21 school year. For 21/22 we currently have 376 students but will expect 384. 22/23 school year would have 382 registered but end with more than 390.
- g. Open House: May 19, 2022, 630pm
- h. Edwin Parr Recipient: Congratulations to Ms. Kerr as the recipient for the MHCBE.

## 6. **Open Discussion**

- a. The equipment to be able to live stream events would be approximately \$750 – 800. Nick would like to have these items ordered by the end of this school year so they can be ready to be used for 22/23. DonnaMae will watch for sales for necessary equipment. We could possibly repurpose the Covid tablet to help run the app for live streaming.

## 7. **Meeting Dates**

- a. Remaining meeting date is June 15.

## 8. **Adjourn:** Nick Gale adjourned the meeting at 830 pm