

St. Mary's School
Parent Advisory
June 15th, 2022
7:30pm

1. Introductions - Nick Gale, Aimee Rose, Sarah Franchetto, Tim MacDonald, Sharla Lindsay, Callie Sheppard

2. Prayer - Nick Gale

3. Feedback Items

a) **End of the year**

- Monday, June 20 - Clean out, yearend, Echo dale
 - Lots of rain in the forecast so Nick is looking into other options
- Tuesday, June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day - Study Day
 - Study day from home
 - Buses will run if students want in-person support
 - All teachers will have a google meet posted on their google classrooms
- Wednesday, June 22 - Exams begin
 - Busses come in the morning as usual
 - 11:15am busses return to pick up students
 - students using the double time students will need to arrange pick up
- June 28th - make up exam date

Start of the year - staggered start days by grade

- August 30 - Grade 7's
 - No grade 8s or 9s
 - Nice day for new students to feel less anxious about a new school
 - Helps students meet supportive staff
- August 31 - Grade 8/9
 - No grade 7s
- September 1 - All students
 - First Friday - possibly a pep rally
 - Options teachers will be in the gym to talk about option classes
 - Students will then rank their choices
 - This should help with the large number of timetable changes throughout the summer

b) Parent Council next year - same format???

- Some parents like the flexibility of the virtual meetings
- However, it was mentioned that some parent have never seen the school

- Treasurer, Sharla Lindsay, mentioned that it was difficult to have a co-signer and another parent to check the audit when all the meetings were virtual
- New AP procedure that the budget of the SBDM and SGF is presented to the parent council in the fall of each year (before November 30?)

4. Information Items

- a) Teacher Swap - 4 completed this year
 - the teacher swap was an experience that the school would like to continue
 - when the elementary teachers swapped it was nice the students got to see their former elementary teacher and vice versa

- b) Laurie McIntosh presentation
 - about 70ish attendees
 - the same funds

- c) Grade 9 Farewell Activities
 - Full-school mass w/ NDA
 - Grade 9s from SM & NDA stay at Holy Family for pizza lunch
 - Fun Grade 9 Activities in the afternoon
 1. Toddle match up
 2. Amazing Race
 3. Photo Booth

- d) End of the year dance at NDA
 - Joint dance at NDA from 6 - 9pm
 - The last 30minutes for just grade 9s is no longer happening

- e) Grade 6 Orientation - June 24
 - All grade 6s from feeder schools
 - Assembly
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Out of district students also invited

- f) Registration Update
 - 20/21 – 364
 - 21/22 - 376 (current 384)
 - 22/23 - 395 - expect in excess of 400 (30 from out of district students)
 - About 100 students registered in fine arts
 - Composition will be changing - this year there was 2 grade 8 Fine Arts homeroom
 - Grade 7 = 3 regular + 1 Fine Arts
 - Grade 8 = 4 regular + 1 Fine Arts
 - Grade 9 = 4 regular + 1 Fine Arts
 - Homerooms will be around 27-28 students so there is room to add students into regular homerooms next year which was not easy this year with homerooms at 30+ (new students had to join Fine Arts)

5. Adjourn - 8:10pm