



Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School School Council Information Meeting

MINUTES October 2, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Mrs. Halycz, HT's Principal introduced herself and our Chaplin Marie O'Connell led us in our opening prayer. Our 2017-2018 co-Chair, Erin Bell, introduced herself, welcomed all to HT and asked each person present to introduced themselves. Each person was also asked to mark their name and email address for attendance, and we had a record number of 38 people present not including school administration.
- **Selection of Council Positions:**
Mrs. Halycz provided an overview of the mandate of the Council and the responsibilities of voting members. There are up to 7 meetings per year – currently planned for first Tuesday of the month in: October, November, January, February, April, May, June.

The following nominees were put forth and confirmed:

Chair/Co-Chairs: Erin Bell and Colleen Gamble

Co Secretaries: Elisabeth Michienzi and Oliver Pin Harry

Treasurer: Anthony Bastimpillai

Community Representative: None appointed

Non-Nominated Positions:

Parish Reps:

Representatives will bring information from their respective parish – e.g. information on youth events, holiday bazaars, etc.

- Mary Mother of God: **Tina Cendese**
 - Holy Trinity Croatian: **Tony Pavelic**
 - St. Joseph's Ukrainian: **Josie Halycz**
 - St. Michael's: **Jessica Caceres**
- **Commissioning Ceremony**
The commissioning ceremony for these positions took place in the chapel: Members signed the appropriate documents to participate in Council as voting members where desired.
 - **Student Council Update**

Co-Chairs from student council updated us on some upcoming events: the walk for missing indigenous women and girls to raise awareness, Thanksgiving school mass, homeroom Halloween pumpkin carving contest, Pink game and many more.

- **Sub Committee Teams** Erin Bell outlined the need to draw parents into our school community, and highlighted that our fundraising team conducts primarily the used uniform sale, which is council's main source of funds to support our endeavours. Marguerite Murad, our 2017-2018 Treasurer, reported that council generated funds of \$8,555 as a result of both curriculum night and Orientation day used uniform sales. Mrs. Halycz advised of a

request to council, if we could support the replacement of the cross in our school atrium, and if anyone in our community can suggest an organization that could manufacture a wood/iron cross. Chaplin O'Connell reminded us that council funds were used in the past to purchase the chairs and banners in the chapel. Council were also reminded that if we would like to identify a 2nd fundraiser for our school, it would need to be declared by November. We were also provided an outline of what council funds have been used for in the past: athletic team expenditures, robotics and drama clubs, best buddies, grad awards and leadership camps. At our final meeting we identify the needs and make a decision on how best to direct the funds.

The following volunteers came forward for the associated roles:

- Parent Engagement Team: Janet, Anita Saulite
- Fundraising Team: Janice Naylor, Erin
- Used Uniform Team: Laura Nasato, Tina Cenedese, Anita MacPherson
- Mental Wellness Team w/ Students: Angela, Anita MacPherson
- Education + Career Goal Setting: Adrianna, Oliver
- Titan Vibes Committee: Erin
- Titan Mentor Leadership Committee : Ulana Gorgi
- OAPCE Rep: Erin

- **Principal's Report/Items and Important Dates:**

Mrs. Halycz advised that the administration is working on organizing another FOS Joint Parent council meeting, including Andrea Scott, our Public Health Nurse. Our previous FOS Joint Parent council meeting was a success. Some other areas of focus:

- a) Education and Career Goal Setting Meeting-** volunteers stepped forward (noted above) to attend the meeting along with teachers in order to establish goal for the school year.
- b) Titan Vibes committee –**
- c) Mental Wellness Team-**with parents and students
- d) Atrium-** the benches have been removed and our CYC is working to coordinate activities that will promote interaction amongst the students. There are games such as chess, and jenga that kids can play and each day of the week has been assigned a them, such as: Mondays-Mindful Motivation, Tuesdays-Tronic to promote STEM, Wednesdays-Welcome new students promoting various cultures and languages, Thursdays-Thankful + Thoughtful, Fridays-Mario cart, Just Dance, Play Station + Xbox. All planned activities go through Titans Table, so all clubs and team meet to divide responsibilities, as well as working together on events.
- e) Active Transportation** Launched “Every Meter Counts” to encourage students to become more active

- f) **Empty Bowls Event (Nov. 22):** Mr. Gallante our art teacher organizes the event to raise funds for St. Vincent De Paul. Each of the \$30.00 ceramic bowls are decorated by HT students, tickets are available through cash on line.

Important October dates & Events

Oct. 4: School Masses: Grades 9's + 11's 9:50 a.m., 10's +12's 10:50 a.m.-parents are always welcome to attend
Oct. 5 is PA Day
Oct. 12: University Day
Oct. 18: Pink Football Game at 12:30
Oct. 25: Grade 8 parent info night
Nov 1: AP info night

- **Vice-Principal's Report (Mr.Chliszczyk):**

Mr. Chliszczyk reported that absenteeism and late arrivals are on the decline and board-wide there is an initiative to combat absenteeism by being pro-active rather than reactive. As a result, parents will receive communication if by mid-term, a student has missed 8 classes. The school board wants every student to be successful. Our School messenger app to report absences is not yet functioning, but parents can email hlyt.attendance@hcdsb.org.

Both Mr. Chliszczyk and Mrs. Halycz spent time explaining that vaping has become a serious issue in high schools and that it is an offence for which a student can be suspended if caught vaping or with paraphernalia on hand. It was suggested that the school organize a parent information session on an evening when parents are already at the school, perhaps including the Public Health nurse as well.

Other Business for Future meetings:

- Cafeteria-ensuring selections are not picked over by 2nd lunch period
- ISW-Uniform providers-same problems still lingering from LY: unavailability, quality etc. Mrs. Halycz will invite the ISW management to an upcoming meeting to address parent concerns

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday November 6 – 6:30 p.m. in library

Please visit Holy Trinity's website for other important dates – here's the link:

<http://www.holytrinityoakville.ca/important-dates-2018-2019/>