



Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School

School Council Meeting

MINUTES April 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Erin Bell, council co-chair.

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Council was welcomed by Josie Halycz, school Principal, welcoming all, in particular new parents attending. She explained that due to the multiple snow days and the rescheduling of the FOSS meeting from Feb. 12, to March 7, there was no council meeting in Feb. Opening 3 minute Meditation prayer was led by Chaplin Marie O’Connell
- **Approval of Minutes/Attendance-** The Jan. 9’19 minutes were not presented and will be included during our May meeting for approval. Attendance form was passed out as well.
- **Conflict of Interest-** Erin B. inquired if there were any members with a conflict of interest with being on parent council. No one stepped forward.
- **Student Report-Co Presidents for Relay for Life-** Isabella and Julia presented key points regarding this event scheduled for May 31st. They requested support from council for the fund raising dinner event or to act as volunteers to serve food on the Relay for Life day from 10 am- 8pm. Mrs. Halycz explained that May 31st will also serve as a double event, at 10 a.m., there is a Commemoration or renaming of our gym for our beloved teacher Gino Cammilletti, who recently passed. The gym will be blessed and dedicated to Gino, with the whole student body in attendance. The relay for life will commence directly following this ceremony. The intent is to turn a difficult experience for our community into a positive. Julia and Isabella continued to explain that the fundraising goal is \$50,000, and the funds will be directed to families who have been affected by cancer and the Canadian Cancer society will advise the families of the source of the funds. Further asks of council are to run the BBQ, either through sponsorship or it can be used as a fundraiser also. Historically, there have been from 400-500 students to feed. The Canadian Cancer are to provide T-shirts and candles for the ceremony. The event is limited to students, alumni, and families of H.T. Also being sought are survivors to participate in the survivor vigil.
- **Student Report-Student Council P.R. Rep.** – Isabella also reported. Throwback Thursday school dance scheduled for Apr. 11 from 7-10 pm in the Atrium. The entire student body is encouraged to attend.

School Council Updates

Presented by Colleen Gamble and Erin Bell:

- Erin: the 80th annual OEPSE was missed. Also on Sat. Apr. 6th, CUPE Local 5200 has helped to organize, together with parent groups and union groups a family-friendly, peaceful protest against the proposed school changes by the Ford Provincial government. Busses will be leaving from Corpus Christi in Burlington and Jean Vanier in Milton, all are invited to join
- Colleen G. provided follow up on the “Warm Head, Warm Hearts” hat fundraiser, for which every hat sold, council is donating 1 new hat (without our HT logo) to our charity, St. Vincent de Paul. Hats are still available for sales via Cash on Line, costs are \$14 and \$16. Council have sold 3,000 hats and therefore donated 3,000 hats.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Halycz welcomed all new attendees again. Below are some key highlights:

- **Updated Late/Missing Assessment Contract:** Since the beginning of the 2nd semester, has been updated and is consistent with the school board, will be sent home with the student. Student success tutoring with teachers runs after school, or the student can sit afterschool with the attendance team to complete assignments, as students need to complete their work and learn, as teachers cannot assign a zero
- **Titans Shield Mentorship Program:** Overall 84 grade 11's applied, this will make a huge leadership group. The current grade 12 Trailblazers are planned to go to the camp to oversee and pass on their experience to the new! On Apr. 16 all will go to training for their role with Emme Del Sorto from the Ministry of Education, who will assist in equity training. They will also attend Camp Twingo Leadership camp from May 22-24, will plan the June 7th "Now You are a Titan" parent info night for incoming grade 9's, participate in the grade 9 orientation in Aug. and the grade 9 retreat.
- **Walk out Apr. 4** Students, province wide have planned walk out around 1:30pm to 2:15pm. If the students are signed out, they cannot be on school property, and therefore will be marked as absent during this time should they wish to participate.
- **Requests to Switch Uniforms**
Requests have been tabled again, in particular for girls, have asked to switch pant to black. There are concerns around potentially switching the uniform pant colour from parent council as a large percentage of council funds are drawn from this sale, and if there is a switch, funds could see a decline due to the current khaki no longer being saleable. Various samples from other school uniform pants were distributed for all to touch, as the other concern is over the quality and feel of the pant fabric being uncomfortable. The overall concerns are: 1) colour of pant 2) Fabric (currently too stiff) 3) Fit of shorts. It was decided the voting council members would vote on each of the concerns so that students can then have the opportunity to vote, in time to effect change for next school year.
- **Inspiration Awards:** Will be held this year on May 2nd, for students who exemplify Catholic values. There will be multiple students, winning multiple awards, lanyards and award pins. Certain award recipients will also receive the Titans Medal
- **Course Requests:** have been submitted, the school is in the process of establishing the timetables. All are awaiting class size info from the provincial government.

Vice Principal's Report:

Vice Principal Marco Di Muzio reported:

- **Grade 10 Literacy**- test were a great success, it all went smoothly
- **Mid Term report cards**- will be distributed on Apr. 25th

Vice Principal Chris Chliszyk reported

- **AP Program**-Acceptances were sent out to 110 students, including 50 students, not from feeder schools

Treasurer's report:

Anthony B. was not in attendance so there was no report

Parish Updates:

1. Mary Mother of God –Tina C. reported.
 - a. There is a kids colouring contest on Palm Sunday
 - b. Masses for Holy week have been published
 - c. On June 9th there is a mass planned to celebrate all 25 and 50 year wedding anniversaries
 - d. Visual Arts camp organized for July 2-12, here at H.T.
 - e. Good Friday Passion Play is being organized and there are some spots left to fill in the cast.
2. St. Michael's-n/a
3. Holy Trinity Croatian- Tony P. reports
 - a. Easter bake and cabbage role sale on Apr. 13 from 7:30 am to 2pm
 - b. There are lots of Holy week festivities scheduled
4. St. Joseph's Ukranian-Josie H. reported
 - a. Orthodox Easter is being celebrated one week after Catholic Easter, on Apr. 28
 - b. A workshop has been planned on how to make Ukranian Easter eggs
 - c. Apr. 8th a Lenten retreat is scheduled with Father Andre'
 - d. The new chandelier was installed

Sub Committee Reports:

No business to discuss

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.by Erin B.

Next meeting Tuesday May 7th, 2019 at 6:30 in the Holy Trinity Library