



Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School

School Council Meeting

MINUTES January 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Mrs. Halycz, school principal.

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Council was welcomed by Co-chairs Erin Bell and Coleen Gamble. New Year's prayer led by Mrs. Halycz as well as Honouring the Land and Territory prayer. Attendance was noted
- **Approval of the Nov. 6, 2018 Minutes-** A motion was put forth by Elisabeth M. to approve minutes, second by Laura N. Motion carried and minutes will be posted to the Holy Trinity website.
- **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-Student Council Presidents-** Tyler Hanna and Monir Poorrashidi were unable to attend so faculty member Lyndsay A. spoke on council's behalf. She noted that junior and senior school dances are being planned, as well the Exam De-Stress Event is scheduled on Jan. 22

School Council Updates

Presented by Coleen Gamble and Erin Bell:

- The Principal Selection criteria ranking recommendation is due back to the school board by Feb. 11. Each voting council member present cast their vote of their own personal ranking of the 5 criteria options for the selection of a principal. Our chairs will amalgamate our votes and submit our results to the board by the deadline.
- Collen 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, and thus far sales appear to be overall equal between both styles. Hats will continue for sale until the end of March. Alumni love the hats, so we should spread the word that even though they are no longer students, they can purchase via Cash on Line on the HT website. This initiative has proven to be an excellent fundraiser for council, having raised approximately \$1,600 thus far.
- There was no CPIC meeting, and therefore no report
- Our council has applied yearly for the PROGrant, offered by the Provincial government, to fund parent engagement activities. This year our council applied for the \$1,000 grant to support our School Council Sponsored Pathways to the Future Curriculum Night in September, but since the provincial government halted funding, we have not yet been approved for this grant. OAPCE updated the community that since the Provincial government intended to pause the very important PROGrant Funding, parents were urged sign a petition to keep the grants available (oapce.org).

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Halycz wished all attendees a happy new year and thanked members for their attendance. She also advised that she believed that the provincial government was looking to reinstate the PROGrant sometime soon. Below are some key highlights:

- **Atrium:** the Christmas tree was taken down on Jan. 9, but overall the school is very pleased with all of the activity over the Christmas season: Nativity scene, PJ party, Polar Express viewing and karaoke. There is a meeting planned with Titans Table to organize other activities in the atrium. The kids are having fun and it appears that phone use while they are in the atrium is notably on the decline.
- **Titans Shield Mentorship Program:** We are at our 1 year anniversary of this process and the cycle will begin again during the grade level assembly in Feb. The current grade 10`s will be invited to apply as well, they can be recommended by teachers. The selection process will begin in Feb. and completed by March. The new mentors will be comprised of current grade 10`s, with mentor leaders of current grade 11`s. In the spring, the mentors will all attend a 3 day leadership camp at Muskoka . We could have up to 400 grade 9`s in Sept., therefore more mentors and trailblazers will be required.
- **OurSchool Survey (sp):** the results have been published, and are the basis from which the Bullying Prevention program will be built. Results show that 30% of female students suffer from depression or experience anxiety. These results stress the importance of building and supporting positive learning relationships for our students.
- **Exam Procedures**
End of January exam schedules were reviewed, as well as procedures, emphasizing the importance of returning their original registration # textbook to the exam to be able to write the exam.
- **Inspiration Awards:** Will be held this year during Catholic Education week for students who exemplify Catholic values
- **April Council meeting:** the settlement workers for our refugee ESL community will be invited to this meeting to facilitate reaching out to our families
- **Clothing Closet:** Miss Jen, our CYC is collected food for families in need through this associating

Important Dates:

Holy Trinity Family of Schools presents on Feb. 12 our Joint Family of School Council meeting. The schedule will be as follows:

- 6:00 PM - 6:30 joint School Councils meeting with an activity in Atrium
- 6:30 - 7:00 All parents from our school communities are invited to visit booths set up in the Atrium.

- 7:00- 8:00 All parents from all school communities are invited to hear guest speaker Dr. Angela Saunders who will speak about mental health and resiliency, supporting children through normal stress and anxiety. This will be a powerful and informative evening.
- 8:00- 9:00 Workshops regarding cannabis and vaping
- An Eventbrite link and a promotional flyer will be sent out with an RSVP so that HT can plan accordingly.

Vice Principal's Report:

Vice Principal Chris Chliszyk reported

- **AP Program**-we have received 154 applications thus far, of which 91 are from our non-feeder schools. Acceptances will be finalized in Feb.
- **Halton Region-Immunizations**-we were reminded to ensure we pay attention to any outstanding vaccine notices we have received for our kids, as lack of action could result in 20 day school suspensions, commencing on Feb. 7'19, as mandated by Public Health. Suspension letters were mailed yesterday to 155 students, so the hope is that immunizations are made up to date asap.
- **Halton Region-Vaping** also reported that there have been no improvements and students are still getting suspended from school. A major change that has occurred though, is that in accordance with the HCDSB following the Halton Region bi-law, any 2nd offence must be reported by the school administration to the Halton Region, and will automatically result in a \$1,000 fine. Within 20m from the school is considered an offence. This new bi-law information will be shared with students at the grade assemblies at the beginning of Feb. and then parents will be alerted via email.

Treasurer's report:

Anthony B. had no update to report

Parish Updates:

1. Mary Mother of God –Laura N. reported for Tina C.
 - a. Volunteers are needed for the 9am Children's Liturgy of the Word mass, contact the office if interested
 - b. Confirmations are taking place the 18th and 19th of this month
 - c. The W.C. L. membership fees are due, \$25 which funds charitable works for their ministry. Members are available Jan. 19/20 at the Narthex for any Q&A
 - d. Osteo exercises are offered Tues + Thurs a.m. 10:30-11:30, \$6/session
 - e. Commencing Jan. 11th, all are invited for an "hour of adoration", which will also take place every 1st Fri night of the month.
 - f. A Lenten Pilgrimage in taking place Mar. 26-Apr. 3 to Our Lady of Guadalupe of Americas.
 - g. Annual MMOG Family + Friends Valentine's Dinner, sponsored by the KOC, will be held Sat. Feb. 9 at Le Dome, \$70/person, full dinner and silent auction, dance to live music
2. St. Michael's-n/a
3. Holy Trinity Croatian- Tony P. reports
 - a. Confirmations are scheduled for the end of Feb.

- b. There is a fundraising drive in progress to gather funds to repair the 40 year old roof
- 4. St. Joseph's Ukranian-Josie H. reported
 - a. Christmas Eve is on Jan. 6 which is the feast of the Epiphany for Roman Catholics
 - b. The New Year's banquet is planned for later in January (Milanka)
 - c. The new chandelier was installed

Sub Committee Reports:

Tony P. reported regarding the new Atrium cross discussed. He has been working with a company that can produce the cross in M.D.F. 8ft./6ft./4 inches for approximately \$1,000. He will put the company in touch with Mrs. H so that next steps may be formulated.

New Business:

- There was no new business added to the minutes

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m. by Erin B.

*Next meeting **Tuesday February 12th, 2018 – 6 p.m. in ATRIUM (FOS Meeting)***

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

<http://www.holytrinityoakville.ca/important-dates-2017-2018/>