



## Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School School Council Meeting

# MINUTES January 9, 2018

*Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Mrs. Halycz, school principal.*

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Council was welcomed by Co-chairs Erin Bell and Cheryl Fletcher. New Year's prayer led by Mrs. Halycz. Attendance was noted
- **Approval of the Oct. 2 2017, and Nov. 7, 2017 Minutes-** A motion was put forth by Maggie Grier to approve both minutes. Motion carried. Both minutes will be posted to the Holy Trinity website.
- **Conflict of Interest-** Mrs. Halycz 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-** Erin Heidecker and Monir Poorrashidi were unable to attend. It was reported that therapy dogs would be brought in on Fridays to assist in easing the anxiety amongst students during culminating and exams.

### School Council Updates

Presented by Cheryl Fletcher and Erin Bell:

- The Principal Selection criteria ranking recommendation is due back to the school board by Feb. 12. Erin will be sending the criteria listing to all council members, who have been asked to kindly reply prior to the board deadline, with their own personal ranking of the 5 criteria options.
- Erin Bell spoke on Kendra George's behalf regarding follow up on the "Spirit Scarf" opportunity. There are a few options that could be manufactured domestically with minimum unit order runs of 100 units or 300 units, dependant on the style. The scarf would retail to our student body for \$20.00 and the feeling is that it would contribute to cultivating school spirit. Also, the manufacturer will need to sign a waiver to ensure they are using fair labour measures to produce the goods
- There was discussion on whether to determine if pre-ordering is an option, with payment via Cash on Line. Mrs. Halycz will inquire with the board on best practices of ordering methods and payment options
- Council has agreed if there any units remaining in excess in order to procure a full production run, council will pay the cost of the extra units to the manufacture and sell these units at a later event/date.
- Mrs. Halycz will also reach out to our current ISW nominated uniform supplier to inquire if they could produce for us and sell to our school.
- The school is not permitted to profit from spirit wear but council could use it as a fundraiser and is permitted to profit.

### Principal's Report:

- **Exam Procedures**

Mrs. Halcyz and Mr. Chliszczyk both reviewed exam schedules, procedures, emphasizing the importance of returning their original registration # textbook to the exam to be able to write the exam.

### **Important Dates: highlights below**

- I. Dec. 13-Grade 8 visit from non-feeder schools: scheduled for those who were not able to attend the very successful mini high school day. There has been an overwhelming response from students in the public and private boards to attend our AP program. We have currently 160 applicants for review.
- **Atrium:** During summer vacation, the Atrium will be redesigned into a more usable space. The 3 pods will be removed and replaced with flexible seating that can be moved around, plus the flooring will be replaced. Students have been asked to come up with ideas to set up the space in a more inclusive manner. Some ideas are Ping Pong tables, Wii games, white boards, homework tables, etc. Both Titan Vibes and Titan Table have been consulted for suggestions being mindful of our school values of dignity, respect and equity.
  - **Popcorn:** our life skills students are selling fresh popcorn during lunch periods
  - **Mentoring Program:** Will commence with the new school year in Sept`18. During the grade level assembly in Feb., the current grade 10`s will be invited to apply as well as 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 . On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the new mentors will attend the grade 8 workshop that welcomes the future incoming grade 9`s to our school. The plan is that females will mentor female and males with males, and will all be part of a “family” that eat their lunches together, and whose lockers will be in close proximity. The number of mentors will be determined by the number of grade 9`s enrolled. It is anticipated that 40-60 mentors will be required.
  - **Youth Voices Matter Survey:** In February, families will receive communication that students in grades 7-10 will be encouraged to complete this survey through our kids network in North Halton.
  - **School Climate Survey:** this was completed at the end of November and council will be apprised during upcoming council meetings.
  - **February:** During this time there will be 3-4 events around ``Black History`` month Titan Vibes and Titan Table have also organized several events for ``Titan Family Month` A calendar showing the list of activities will be sent out to families.

### **Vice Principal's Report:**

Vice Principal Chris Chliszczyk reported

- A reminder to all that there is no flexibility with uniforms at this time. All hats, jackets etc. must be left in students lockers. Also if students could bring a change of shoes during the snowy months to keep the hallways safe and less slippery.
- Also a reminder that if there are any concerns with culminatings or exams that families should reach out to their respective VP`s:
  - Mrs Boelhouwer: Surname`s A-K

- Mr. Chliszczyk: Surname L-Z
- While student will receive their exam marks on Feb. 1, their 1<sup>st</sup> semester report cards will be distributed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Feb.
- Grade 12 marks are sent directly to the university application system.
- S.I.S. is our student information system, which has a link on our school website. All student information such as absences or late arrivals are listed on this link.

### Treasurer's report:

Marguerite Murad reported:

- Council was advised that we currently have \$351 remaining from our PROGrant that needs to be used towards Parent Engagement prior to the end of the school year. There was discussion regarding using these funds to repeat in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester the very successful ART night or the funds could be used during the Grade 8 Welcome night on June 1.
- Council also has approximately \$500 allocated for parent engagement. One suggestion with these funds is to invest in a booklet on how to navigate grade 9.
- No final decisions were made for either of the funds available – to be made a future meeting.

### Parish Updates:

1. Mary Mother of God -Maria Quinn reported
  - a. There was a Youth led mass this past Saturday. Youth led masses are held every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month
  - b. Confirmations are taking place the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of this month
  - c. St. Francis of Xavier Pilgrimage is taking place across Canada from Jan. 3 – Feb.12. A former H.T. student is escorting the relic of St. Francis of Xavier across the nation and accompanying it on the flight back to Rome. Local dates for viewing are: i) Jan. 12-St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto ii) Jan.13 St. Francis of Xavier parish in Mississauga.
  - d. Knights of Columbus are hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dance on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, including a silent auction.
  - e. There is a Holy Pilgrimage planned for Nov. 3-13, 2018
  - f. Beginning on Jan. 22, there is a 5 week Bible Study course being offered on Mondays from 7-9pm, MMOG is accepting registrations.
2. St. Michael's-n/a
3. Holy Trinity Croatian- n/a
4. St. Joseph's Ukranian-Josie Halycz reported
  - a. The Epiphany was celebrated on Jan. 6
  - b. The New Year's banquet is planned for Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - c. The current parish deacon (and Chaplin) was recently ordained as the 1<sup>st</sup> Priest ever to be ordained at this church

### Sub Committee Reports:

Community Rep. Margie Grier reported

- Margie attended the Community Safety and Well-Being Symposium held on November 27th. The meeting was designed to promote better communication, collaboration and action between Halton services. For more information on what it is and what it means to Halton residents, people can visit [halton.ca/safetyandwell-being](http://halton.ca/safetyandwell-being) or they can contact the directors at [safetyandwell-being@halton.ca](mailto:safetyandwell-being@halton.ca).

**New Business:**

- A suggestion was made to revisit the possibility of switching the uniform to Black Pants. The decision was made to look back on the past votes to determine any reasoning behind not previously selecting Black pants.

*Meeting adjourned: 8:39 p.m.*

*Next meeting Tuesday February 6th, 2018 – 7 p.m. in library*

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

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