



Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School School Council Meeting

MINUTES June 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Erin Bell, Council Co-Chair.

Prayer & Welcome – Council was welcomed by Co-chairs Erin Bell and Colleen Gamble. Chaplain Marie O’Connell led the opening End of Semester prayer as well as Honouring the Land and Territory prayer.

Robotics Presentation- Josie H. introduced 5 members of the Robotics club "Team 3161" Tronic Titans, for a short presentation regarding their process in constructing their robots, their competitions and their various outreach programs in the community such as Ribfest and Midnight Madness, both in Oakville. Council was also presented with a plaque and a handwritten thank you letter for the support given to the club

Student Report-Student Council Presidents- Tyler Hanna was unable to attend, but Monir Poorrashidi was in attendance. Josie H., thanked both of our outgoing presidents for all of their efforts. Monir thanked council for always being so welcoming, and did so also on behalf of Tyler, and noted some upcoming events: Grad mass + BBQ, for which volunteers would be needed, as well as the Exam De-Stress activity day on June 14th with dogs in school attendance.

Conflict of Interest- Josie H. inquired if there were any members with a conflict of interest with being on parent council. No one stepped forward

Principal’s Report:
Mrs. Halycz reporting

- **Relay for Life:** She confirmed Relay for Life raised over \$104,000. She also revealed that she had committed to shaving her head if they were able to surpass the \$100,000 goal. On Thurs. July 6th, following the Grad Mass, in front of the entire student body, she would be partially shaving her head. Also following the mass, the grade 12’s would each receive a T-shirt that they could each other sign, there would also be a BBQ truck, games and graduation rehearsal.
- **Atrium Cross:** Advised that before the new school year in Sept., our new custom cross in the atrium would be installed, as per the original \$4,000 quote we had received.
- **My School Day App:** Discussed proposing the implementation of this app, in lieu of an agenda. It would be a bit less expensive vs. the cost of printing agendas, can carry up to 10 profiles/app and both parents & students can receive the notifications. As well, pictures of notes can be attached to a class notification. Mrs. Halycz, is working with our Board to ensure it complies with board policy. Lastly for those that cannot use the app, a limited number of paper agendas will be printed

- **Oakville Speakers Series:** Jointly amongst the principals' of Holy Trinity, S.T.A. and Loyola a need to share information in our community has been identified. This series of presentations will consist of the following:
 - **STA:** Nov. 14'19: Cannabis + Vaping
 - **H.T.:** Nov .21: Chris Vollum: god digital citizenship, managing social media
 - **Loyala:** Dec. 5'19: Grade 12 transition, OSAP, University Applications
 - **Side note:** On Nov. 21, Chris Vollum will also speak to HT studenta and on Nov. 22 he will speak with staff on the P.A. day

- **Vaping:** Continues to a concern. Administration will be working with Titan's Shield to develop an in-service program to help new grade 9's navigate the transition into high school, as well as educate the grade 9's about this problem

- **Now you are a Titan Event:** On June 7th, the incoming grade 9 students will arrive at 3:30pm and parents will arrive at 6:30pm. There will also be a mini used uniform sale during this event.

- **Use of Council Funds for Proposed Expenditures:**
 - \$1K-graduation awards
 - \$2.2K-Camp Twingo support
 - \$1.6K-Robotics
 - \$1 K-Football team
 - \$500-Gym Commemoration
 - \$1K-Basketball team
 - \$2K-Cross for Atrium
 - \$2K will remain in the account to commence the new school year

Treasurer's report:

Anthony B. reported our balance prior to above expenditures is \$11.6K

School Council Updates

Presented by Coleen Gamble and Erin Bell:

- Coleen 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. The hats for donation will be delivered in Sept.
- All volunteers that assisted in the Relay for Life BBQ were thanked and they touched upon the emotion in the closing ceremonies
- Erin reported on the CPIC meeting: a) OAPSE annual awards were it celebrated it's 80th anniversary b) Big Brothers/Big Sisters made a presentation outlining it's support and influence in our board's schools. The organization serves 14,00 children in Canada and has 1,400 volunteers and only 28 paid staff. It is a non-profit organization and survives on donations, including those from school councils. C) A presentation on vaping, mainly that while we were all panicking about cannabis, vaping snuck up on us. Our board has a team in place to deal with the issues surrounding vaping, and is working closely with the region and the province. Some other points of interest: all vapes contain up to 80 chemicals which is more than cigarettes, and a package of vape is equivalent to a package of cigarettes, so kids could be consuming chemicals

equivalent to an entire package of cigarettes, all in one sitting d)All schools in the board have been practicing Christian meditation, with the focus on remaining open to Christ “come Lord Jesus” d) HCCEF Bishop’s dinner + Golf Tournament are the main fundraisers which helps students in 55 schools who may not be able to afford certain events. HT is sending 8 kids to the golf tournament.

- Both Erin and Coleen thanked council for the great parent engagement at our school, and thanked Mrs. Halycz for all of the leadership and support.

Uniform Committee:

- Looking for volunteers to assist on both June 13th and June 14th to collect from the outgoing grade 12’s
- Volunteers needed for set up and sale Aug. 27th and Aug. 28th. If students wish to help they can earn volunteer hours.
- Erin informed us that the board has elected to extend the current contract to Dec. 2020, so we will be forming a uniform committee, when the time is appropriate to be able to effect change.

Parish Updates:

1. Mary Mother of God –Tina C.
 - a. Yearly golf tournament is scheduled for Sun. Sept. 15th
 - b. Pilgrimage to the Holy Land scheduled for Oct. 15-30
 - c. The Visual Arts camp is being held at HT July 2-12 for children ages 8-14
2. St. Michael’s-n/a
3. Holy Trinity Croatian- n/a
4. St. Joseph’s Ukrainian-Josie H.- down to 1 Sunday mass for summertime

Mrs. Halycz, once again thanked our co-chairs for their diligent work

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

*Next meeting **Tuesday October 1, 2019***

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

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