

Holy Trinity Parent Council Meeting

February 4, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Erin Bell-Chair

- Welcome, opening prayer, honouring the land and attendance:
 - Council was welcomed by Erin Bell and Chaplain Marie O'Connell led the prayer.
 - Josie Halycz acknowledged that our school was built on Treaty Land, Treaty 14 and that our indigenous brothers and sisters occupied this land before us.
 - The attendance sheet was circulated. Regrets: no vice principals were in attendance, Monica Bolland and Tony Pavelic sent regrets.
 - Attendees as follows: Anthony Tommasone, Kathryn Gal, Marguerite Murad, Maria Quinn, Janice Nesmith-Naylor, Julia Yoo, Ulana Gorgi, Anthony Bastiapillai, Catharine Murphy, Jenny Archibald, Rosanne Vista, Jessica Lim, Monica Navalta, Adriana Reynaga, Cathy da Costa, Elisabeth Michienzi, Janet Stewart, Erin Bell, Josie Halycz, Marie O'Connell.
1. Student Council Update: Riley presented. They are selling candy grams for Valentine's Day after the successful sales at Christmas, HT family game night is scheduled for February 13 (games and watching a movie), a sneaker semi-formal is scheduled for April.

 2. School Council Update:
 - Erin reviewed the code of ethics and conflict of interest - no one stepped forward.
 - Approval of the November and January meeting minutes.
 - CPIC report - Council of Chairs: next meeting is scheduled for Feb19
 - OAPCE - nothing to report; upcoming meeting will be local. Summit to be held at HT on May2nd.
 - Budget Report - Anthony: all funds discussed have been allocated except for outstanding awards that have not yet been paid. Fundraisers must be declared by November. We didn't have one this year. The used uniform sales bring in lots of money and the hat sales last year were quite successful. Looking at forming a fundraising committee to submit ideas for next year; must submit plan by May.
 - Robotics has collected used electronics to fundraise and will continue to do so. Direct donate through the school cash online system is an option many schools use but we don't advertise this.
 - The pixelation is deteriorating on the school sign and it needs to be replaced at the cost of \$40-\$50,000! Funds have been spent on a new scoreboard, sound board and the school would like to purchase more friendship benches.

- Please note that new agenda items need to be emailed to Erin the week before the meeting.

3. Principal's Report:

- Josie reported that final exams went well although many kids were very stressed, especially grade 12's worrying about getting into university.
- Semester 2 has begun followed by a teacher strike day.
- Kids keep needing to be reminded not to put their hoods on while in school.
- Grade level assemblies were held last week, grade 10's can apply to be mentors.
- All dates are on the My School Day app.
- Last week was Sweater Day and report cards were sent home.
- Procedure for determining which courses will run when timetabling, as follows:
 - students chose courses on My Blueprint after option sheets go out. The school then downloads the info to see how many classes of each course are needed; if numbers are low the class doesn't run. The Board based on Ministry class size ratio dictates the number of sections and teachers, with mandatory courses taking priority.
 - The ministry is still putting funds into SHSM programs.
 - No finalization yet on number of mandatory online courses.
 - Some AP classes may be combined with academic if the AP numbers are low.
 - Summer school registration opens in June. The Board decides which courses are offered at which location.
- February is Black History Month and a whole event is planned for February 19th as well as many other activities to celebrate.
- Parking lot issues were brought up with the Board and a traffic study was done; we are waiting for a plan to be put in place.
- Josie did a demo of the school mental health Ontario website. In this light, the Board has a chief social worker who is working to build a board wide mental health program.
- Many kids struggled during exams - being physically active helps with stress. Staff try to monitor kids on a daily basis and the attendance secretary has completed a course (safe talk training) to help recognize issues with kids.
- Marie O'Connell, the Chaplain, offers a safe space to get help and gives out candy!
- The HCDSB Uniform Provider Consultation meetings went well, no final decision as yet.
- OECTA is striking again on February 21st.
- Not sure if the school year may have to be extended if too many days are missed and grade 9 EQAO has been rescheduled. The OSSLT can be taken in grade 11 if necessary.
- The SHIELD mentorship program continues to be very successful.
- April 2nd is the mental wellness event for our family of schools.

4. Parish Updates:

a) MMOG - Valentine's Day dance coming up, sensory friendly masses offered.

b) St. Michael - no rep, please refer to website.

c) St. Joseph - Valentine's Day dance coming up.

d) Holy Trinity Croatian - confirmation was the night of our meeting.

5. Next meeting date is May 5th. Meeting adjourned.