



## Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School School Council Information Meeting

# MINUTES February 6, 2018

*Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Erin Bell and Cheryl Fletcher*

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Council was welcomed by Co-chairs Erin Bell and Cheryl Fletcher. Opening prayer led by Marie O’Connell
- **Attendance-** Attendance was noted
- **Approval of the January 9’18 Minutes-** Minutes had not been printed and will be shared via email.
- **Conflict of Interest-** Erin Bell inquired if there were any members with a conflict of interest with being on parent council. None.
- **Student Council Report – Presidents** Erin Heidecker and Monir Poorrashidi reported. They advised that all Christmas activities had been well received and currently the Valentine’s gram (with a flower) are being sold, to be handed out on Valentine’s Day. Also, they advised that tickets are current on sale for the Mar. 1 semi-formal to be held at Le Dome. The theme this year is “Enchanted Forest” and during the week of Feb. 5-9, there was is an early bird sale of \$40.00/ticket, after which tickets will be \$43.00. Lots of last year’s Prom decorations are being recycled. They also noted that both the security staff and DJ from last year stated that they HT students were in their opinion the best behaved school, with a record number of 430 attendees. The function is open to all HT students, with no non HT guests permitted to attend.
- **In School Wear-Uniform-** Angela King (Director of Operations), Dorcas Arthur (Oakville location store manager) and Kristin Broatch (Owner) attended. Angela King shared history and explained that the management at store level has been rebuilt, by bringing on store manager Dorcas Arthur who has experience managing large volume retail stores. As well the store level training issues experienced during the launch have been addressed at head office level.
- Kristen went on to explain that it is their intention to satisfy the student body and that they were not originally given enough direction regarding units or consumption needs, which explained the shortage at the BTS peak timing. Also, she advised that they were not provided samples of the previous garments prior to going into production and had been told that the pant fabric was to be a khaki twill.
- Product specs and fabrics are being revised for the next school year and samples will be ready soon. She also indicated that an athletic-regular fit boy’s pant is being introduced for this upcoming back to school.
- There were many parent suggestions voiced such as: belt loops for the girl’s pant, shorts lengths to be altered to a specific measurement above the knee to accommodate shorter students. Also if the pant lengths can ship longer and unhemmed to accommodate the taller students. There was also discussion regarding hosting a focus group of students once new samples are ready for review.

- The plan is also to have more staffing on the floor to assist consumers during peak times. Also during the months of February and June the store offers a `save the taxes` promotion.

#### **Mentoring Update** - by Murielle Weryho, teacher

- This leadership program is being introduced for next year. The current grade 10 students will be mentors next year who will welcome our new grade 9`s. The students will plan and run the orientation day activities, and will attend camp retreat this spring.
- 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.
- Mentors will check in with their group regarding classes, culminating and will plan lunch time activities with them
- At the grade level assemblies the week of Feb. 12, the grade 10`s will learn about this program and how to apply.

#### **School Council Updates** by Cheryl Fletcher and Erin Bell, co-chairs:

- The Principal Selection criteria ranking recommendation is due back to the school board by Feb. 12. Council members, who have not yet responded are kindly asked to do so prior to the deadline. Each member is asked to supply 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. A new price quote will be requested as the original expired after 60 days. It was suggested that a sample be provided for next council meeting and that council purchase and pay for the scarf this school year for sale into the new school year and that the sale can be used as a fundraising opportunity.

#### **Chaplin`s Report** by Marie O`Connell:

- Guided Christian meditation continues.
- Wed. Feb 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and students will receive their ashes during the grade level assemblies being held in the theatre
- Also to mark the 40 days of lent, there will be a daily challenge for 40 Acts of generosity which will also be tweeted daily @HTChaplin
- Lenten Mass will be held Mar. 22

#### **Principal`s Report** by Josie Halycz:

##### **Important Dates:**

- Due to March Break, there will be no March council meeting. Our next meeting, originally scheduled for Apr. 3, has been changed to Monday Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Feb. 7, 8, 9, 12 Option sheet presentations were given for next year`s course selections, which are due Feb. 26.
- Feb. 22 will be the Course Selection fair. There are several new courses being offered for the next school year. 20 students are required to run a course, especially if it is an elective.
- Course selections need to be entered into MyBlueprint
- Grade Level assemblies are being held on Feb. 12 to review rules and expectations
- On Feb. 8 semester 1 report cards will be sent home

- February is Black History month and on Feb. 9 speaker Karolyn Smardz-Frost will speak to the students, as well there will be a display on loan from the Caribbean Association of Halton in our atrium.
- Mar. 22 is our Parent-Teacher conference-a suggestion to use the remaining PROGRANT funds for parent engagement.
- On April 9, our Joint Family of Schools council meeting will be held. Chris Vollum will tailor a presentation for parents regarding Social Media. Council's input was requested regarding topics we would like to cover. Suggestions were: the scary and positive sides of social media, staying in your lane and building your online presence, new advances in limiting time spent on devices. The plan for the evening is an abridged council meeting 6:30-7:00 pm, the Chris Vollum presentation from 7:00-8:00 pm and perhaps FOS councils sit together from 8:00-8:30 pm.
- **Youth Voices Matter Survey:** Grades 9 and 10 will be participating in the survey through Our Kids Network which is based on developmental assets.
- **Immunization:** students who are not up to date will be suspended for 20 days commencing Fri Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Public Health enforces this matter through the Ministry of Health.
- **Atrium:** Plans for the revised Atrium continue to be formulated. Mrs. Halcyz has met with Jenn Poirier (Council member) to discuss furniture ideas once the benches are removed. Students have also made great suggestions
- **Activity Fee:** The \$65.00 fee is voluntary and optional. A reminder that this fee covers the cost for the student agenda, yearbook, food for teams, clubs, etc. Virtually all students benefit. Those who do not pay for the activity fee do not receive the agenda or yearbook.
- **Grad Brunch:** Traditionally this has been held on a school day around the beginning of June at Le Dome. Board rules mandate that buses must be rented to transport the students to and from the venue and this would increase the cost to each family significantly. The decision has been made to hold the brunch in the cafeteria after exams are completed. The cafeteria will be decorated accordingly, and the meal will be served by an outside catering company. Edge Imaging will be on hand to take a group shot. All efforts will be made to make this a very special occasion for our graduates.
- Vaping is a growing concern as kids are frequenting the Vape store at the 6<sup>th</sup> line & River Glen plaza during their lunch periods. The suggestion was made for parents to contact the Town of Oakville councilors to demand action so that the store does not sell to those under the legal age of 19. Another suggestion was for school council to send out an email to parents to create awareness and education on this matter.

#### **Vice Principal's Report** by Karen Boelhouwer

- Exams and report cards have been completed
- Conditional offers have been made to new applicants for the AP program based on grade 8 marks thus far. HT is experiencing increased registration, attracting students that would have ordinarily chosen private or public schools.

### Treasurer's report - Marguerite Murad reported

- Council was advised that we currently have \$8,000 of funds remaining
- A notice was sent to staff, requesting any funds needs for any clubs, mentoring programs, teams, etc. The following requests were received:
  - Student Mentoring: are asking for any support to cover the bussing as costs, as well as the retreat expenses of 2 nights and 3 days plus the bussing for approximately 50 students going into grade 11 would equal \$419 for each family
  - Robotics Club: are asking for any amount of support as they are engaged in other fundraising as well to reach their \$15,000 target
  - H.T. Art Counsellor: are requesting \$1,000 towards their musical production
  - Senior Football Team: have requested \$1,600 to cover costs for 4 students who are in financial need
- 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to hold back \$2,500 of council funds to cover the following costs a) purchasing the spirit scarves, as well as Bursaries to be awarded at Graduation (\$425 each for a graduating Principal's award, as well as Community Leadership award)-all were in favour
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to distribute the following support:
  - Art Counsellor: \$1,000
  - Football Team: \$1,600
  - Robotics: \$800
  - Mentoring Program: \$2,100
  - Total \$5,500-majority in favour

### Parish Updates:

1. Mary Mother of God - Margie Grier reported
  - a. A reminder that tickets are still available for the Knights of Columbus annual Valentine's dinner and dance on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Confirmations took place on Jan 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and were beautiful
  - c. The Knights of Columbus sponsored the basketball free throw competitions
2. St. Michael's-n/a
3. Holy Trinity Croatia- n/a
4. St. Joseph's Ukrainian-n n/a

### New Business:

- Samples and cost of Spirit scarves to be reviewed

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

*Next meeting Monday April 9th, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. in library-Joint Family of Schools meeting;  
May meeting May 1*

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

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