



Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School School Council Information Meeting

MINUTES November 6, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Erin welcomes all.
Mrs. Halycz: Honor to our land
HT's Principal called meeting to order. Chaplin Marie O'Connell lead opening prayer.
Each attending person was asked to mark their name for attendance.

- **Student Council Update**

October HAL costume and Postcards. Empty bowls, entertainment and music. December activities for students to enjoy.

- **HT Principal Ms. Halycz:**

Jenna Vasilaskas introduced herself: child youth council full time at HT. She discussed several Wellness initiatives to promote inclusion while working with students and teachers.

Renewing the promise: Ontario one of few provinces with catholic education.

InSchoolWear: Angela from ISW spoke to council. She confirmed back shipments have arrived. Back orders were filled by air freight to expedite delivery. Two trousers style for boys, all fabrics dyed to match, brought sample for all to look at. No back orders for girls but boys slim fit were delayed. Parents expressed concerns with back orders and delays. Angela discussed and explained concerns with delays and fabric quality. Members of council looking into an exchange or credit to replace inadequate uniforms. Hope is 3 styles will fit all body types. Girls' pants available in store. Boys' pants: there are few pairs to try on in store. Old pants still offered as an option. Email will be sent from Principal's office to inform HT school community (when received from ISW) to set expectations and avoid disappointments. Concerns listened to and will be addressed by ISW. Full inventory report is available for parents. Council is expecting ISW to clearly communicate exchange or credit to be clarified by ISW.

AP link sent out by Erin. Reminded parents at council to look into and fill out the feedback. Welcome all to attend the talk.

Vaping issue: Still a concern and one of the goals is to help educate parents about adverse health effects. Halton Info Sheet available to be emailed to parents.

Applied for PRO grant last year. Premier paused funding. HT ahead of the game in application but there is no funding at this time. **Grant was not yet approved; however the Pathways to the Future event had already taken place.**

Trustee Anthony Quinn **provided information to Erin Bell to share with council** on Marijuana: Marijuana became legal and will be considered under the same rules as alcohol.

Co-Chairs' Update

Co-chairs: Colleen Gamble co-chair introduced herself to council attendees. Erin asked if any issue with past minutes. Approved by Erin and seconded by Oliver

Asked to share a suitable fundraising for HT. Consider expanding used uniform endeavors. Pop sockets to identify school logo has good potential: Erin finding more details with this supplier/local business or find supplier – can be sold on line as a suggestion for fundraising.

3 CPIC (Catholic Parents Involvement Committee) meetings a year: Colleen attended, every school represented, met new director of education. Bishop's dinner is a fundraiser at Le Dome Banquet Hall, Oakville. This dinner helps the Catholic Education Fund for families in need: guest speaker: Mr Kostoff. Catholic school will exist as long as there is a need – many catholic parents do not send kids to catholic school.

- **Principal's Report/Items and Important Dates:**

Mrs. Halycz thanked parents for attending. School improvement plan needs collaboration among staff, students and parents in a collaborative relationship to benefit our children. Much emphasis will be give to support wellness, resilience and equality. Another goal is to link success and school.

ECL Pathways to the Future feedback. Need feedback to prepare for next year. The Directory of teachers and where to find them. Many parents liked this year's format. Communicate students should be coming. Idea for a career day was discussed.

Marks will be distributed as follows: Course 70 % (quizzes and tests in class throughout the year) and 30 % (exam and culminating task to demonstrate abilities in a different format). Some only have 30% culmination without exam (e.g. Religion). This is the second year of implementation and HT administration looking at improving program every year.

Important dates were reviewed: see notes below

20 students went to the Ontario Student Leadership Conference (gr 11 and 12)

Board looking at setting up for parents to make appointments on line for Parent/Teachers interviews: this idea welcome by council.

Honor Roll breakfast for 80% and over

EQAO results improved this year. Special Education results went up significantly.

School generated funds report Nov 2018: reviewed by Ms. Halycz.

Discussion about the S trip which is being promoted to students: It was noted and emphasized that the S Trip is not school sanctioned / chaperoned trip.

Literacy test for grade 10 reviewed. After school course available as a resource for those students in need of extra help.

Important November and December dates & Events

Nov 7: Senior Football team Championship game – McMaster 11 am

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 Nov 8: Parent / Teacher Interviews
 Nov 9: Remembrance Day: Ceremony, Mass and Assembly Schedule
 Nov 12: ECL meeting
 Nov 13: Launch of Bullying Prevention Program
 Nov 14: Mini High School Day: over 300 potential grade 9 signed up for Mini High School Day
 Nov 15: Mid-term report card distribution
 Nov 16: Volunteer Fair – Atrium during the lunches
 Nov 19 to 22: Bullying Awareness week. Jana: working to create activities for Bullying Prevention week.
 Nov 21: Math contest Per 1 and 2
 Nov 22: Junior Football Championship Game, Honor Roll Breakfast (Students 80% and over), Empty Bowl events
 Nov 23: PA day
 Nov 25: Bold and Cold 5 K run
 Nov 27: Strength in diversity event. Different faith leaders will be represented for Gr 9 to meet
 Nov 29: Civvies Day (Last Thursday of the month), formal meeting family leaders and grade 9 to meet mentors.
 Dec 1: First Lego League Robotics Tournament at HT
 Dec 6: Advent Mass
 Dec 7: HT football banquet
 Dec 10-14: HT Major Play Performances
 Dec 13: Student Council Event
 Dec 13: Good Shepherd Centre
 Dec 19: Paid Civvies day
 Dec 20: Christmas Music Night
 Dec 24 – Jan 4: Christmas Break
 Jan 8: School Council Meeting
 Feb 12: Joint FOS School Council Mental Wellness Event-evening
 Feb 27: Council of Chairs

- **Vice-Principal's Report (Mr. Marco Di Muzio):**

Mr. Di Muzio new VP introduced himself.

Parent-Teacher Night this Thursday Nov 8. VP encouraged parent to attend and meet teachers.

Parent engagement meeting: first today table at Parent Teacher Night. Erin to help at the table.

- **Parish Reports**

MMOG: Tina Reported

St Michaels: Jessica Reported Dec 8 semiformal Christmas dinner at St. Johns Catholic School

St Joseph Ukrainian: Josie Reported

Holy Trinity Croatian: Tony reported

- **New Business**

Oakville Santa Claus Parade volunteer opportunity 6-8 h available

Our School messenger app: To report absences is not yet functioning parents can email hlyt.attendance@hcdsb.org if School Messenger not working

Mrs. Halycz spent time explaining that vaping has become a serious issue in high schools and that it is an offence for which a student can be suspended if caught vaping. Vaping Fact sheet from Halton Region available and will be emailed to Parents.

Other Business for Future meetings:

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday Jan 8, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. in library

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

<http://www.holytrinityoakville.ca/important-dates-2018-2019/>