



Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School

School Council Meeting

MINUTES – January 5, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mrs. Halycz, school principal.

- **Prayer & Welcome** – Council was welcomed by Principal, Mrs. Halycz, and asked Miss Marie O'Connell to lead us into prayer. Mrs. Halycz recognized the land of indigenous and to pray for the indigenous communities impacted with COVID-19, including keeping them in our prayers and honour their lands.
- **Code of Ethics** – Erin B. read the School Council Code of Ethics and inquired if there were any members with a conflict of interest with being on School Council. No conflicts identified.
- **Approval of the November 3, 202 Minutes** – A motion was put forth by Erin B. to approve minutes, second by Sue E. Motion carried and minutes will be posted to the Holy Trinity website.

School Council Updates

- CPIC: Erin B. attended the online event. Found the information interesting beginning with a social period. Information from online event . OAPCE presentation will be shared by our OAPCE Representative.
- PRO Grant: Principal, Mrs. Halycz reported no update.
- OAPCE Rep: Adriana Reynaga received newsletter containing links to three presentations. Mainly, they are about engaging students and parents to as much normalcy as possible, including mental health. Links to be sent to Erin. Also discussed were the positive results from the survey in November where parents are satisfied with the information received and how schools have been handling the pandemic. This is good news for schools. Presentation and survey result links will be forwarded to Erin B.
- Parent Engagement Update: Janis C. reported no update.
- Chaplain Update: Miss Marie O'Connell reported the following:
 - Assistance to churches was provided by Charity Civvies for Mary Mother of God and St. Michael's.
 - Helped with social justice sharing with students' information about Saint Vincent De Paul.
 - Students wrote over 160 letters and Christmas cards for the Neskantaga Community in Thunder Bay due to contaminated water and learned a lot about this issue.
 - Starting in the new year, January 6, live prayer and anthem will be available on teams. Many students have asked to incorporate this to try and start the day as normal as possible, including helping to bring comfort. Prayers will be posted in virtual office. Christmas will be available until January 10.
 - Virtual office is <https://sites.google.com/my.htoakville.ca/ht-virtual-chapel/home> and hours are Thursdays, 12 – 1 pm. Virtual office is available for
 - Social Justice: meets after school on Wednesdays, 2:45 pm.
 - Grade 12 students: they may be stressed out waiting for university, including school

work; reflections are available. Will be available to all grades soon.

- Finance Update: Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz shared screen to display school generated funds.
 - Reviewed details about commissions/ rebates. Photo commission category was added. Not much collected as cafeteria is not open. Maybe when transition to McCarthy Uniforms, funds may start coming in.
 - 2% CAHS online is paid out yearly; predominately all going to technology and student-enhancement activities.
 - Student activity fee = \$61,130.15; all will be spent. See list.
 - HT Cares comes from paid civvies, including staff contributions to dress down days. This supports local charities, like Saint Vincent de Paul and families in school who are in need. Will spend around \$3,500.
 - Used uniform sales, unsure how this will move forward. There is potential of \$5K in May and June. This supports grad awards, robotics, athletic, drama, etc.
 - Questions about areas with no funding and school obligations. Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz confirmed that all obligations will be paid. No Student will go without an opportunity; that is the school's goal. Support will be given where there are no funds.

Student Council Update:

Student Council President, Oliva T. reported the following:

- Many plans continued for mental health awareness. There is an info-graphic in progress on where to get help. With culminating approaching, awareness on mental health and 'you're not alone' will be posted.
- Council completed many Titan Bunch videos (with teacher and student involvement) and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/79sFWu7iINy>. Principal, Mrs. Halycz recommended to watch; the videos have messages of boosting morale and builds spirit. Students really enjoy writing the Titan Bunch scripts and all have fun participating.
- There was a mask decorating contest; however a copyright issue came up with the videos and were taken down.

Principal's Report:

Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz reported

- Blended cohorts A, B, C all virtual learning, expecting to return to in-class learning for cohorts A and B January 25. It's been a smooth week for students as all students had already experienced with virtual learning. The transition was more for teachers; but it all went seamless. Life-skill 9 students are in the building, including resource teachers and Special Education teachers.
- Grade 9 math EQAO is on hold – unsure on its date.
- Synchronous learning of 300 minutes a day is working well to date.
- Quadmester periods for the next quadmester will be the same as the previous quadmester. Daily and weekly schedules will continue to be posted on social media to keep everyone updated.
- January 12 mid-term report card
- February 8 start of next semester/quadmester
- Board Equity Officer will attend the next school council meeting to review anti-indigenous, anti-black and the work the board is doing for all students to experience inclusion.
- Speaker series communique was emailed.
- School pant colour (beige to black) was discussed.
 - Last year, school council invited InSchoolWear and it did not go well.
 - New uniform provider is McCarthy and feedback from the earlier meeting has been forwarded to McCarthy. Since then, McCarthy has provided a sample of black pants.

Shirts will remain the same.

- School Council held an online vote, coordinated by Lisa to change the colour of the school pants from beige to black during the meeting:
 - 16 Yes votes to change to black
 - 3 No votes to leave pants as beige
- School council will recommend the pant change to black; shirts will remain the same.
- School Admin will coordinate with grades 9 – 11 the opportunity to vote; based on results of Student voting, a decision will be made.
- Should pants be changed to black, starting next, the beige pants will be grandfathered to introduce the black pants.
- By 2022, all students should have black pants. For the remaining of this year and next year, beige pants will continue.
- Durability on colour and quality was confirmed by Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz, VP, Lisa V. and Erin B.; all three had the opportunity to touch and feel the pants.
- With beige pants no longer accepted in 2022, this may affect the fundraising of the used school uniform. However, if a student/family likes to wear the beige pants or are unable to change to black ones, it may be permitted. Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz confirmed that the school will always support families in need with uniform requirements.
- Grade 8 Information school website has great resources for parents.
- January is Mental Health and Well-Being month will be everyone's focus and efforts to support our children during this pandemic. If there is a need:
 - Reach out to CYC and/or Mr. Joel Thomas, Temporary Child & Youth Counsellor.
 - Online therapy continues to be a challenge for many kids; they do not like it. Please reach out to school for assistance on how to proceed.
 - Circle talk can help with what to do to handle stress: walks, podcasts, coming up with their own solutions. Circles will resume soon.
 - A survey will be sent to grades 9,11 and 12 to check-in to see if it has helped.
 - Please forward any ideas to support.
- Grade 12 graduation plans:
 - Grad committee met twice, two plans in progress, 1) face-to-face, 2) virtual event.
 - Last year, the virtual event and grad boxed went well; included in the box was a backdrop for pictures, congratulatory lawn sign. Committee is reviewing both options
 - Looking to create a student committee; next week a meeting will be schedule for all grade 12s to provide further information.
 - Grad picture: there is no-go ahead from public health yet. Last year, it was allowed to book picture directly with Edge Imaging. Nothing yet is confirmed with Edge Imaging, including school colour coordination, despite recent marketing email. Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz requests parents and students to continue to wait until further notice and not book directly with Edge Imaging just yet. If booking grad pictures with Edge Imaging is not available, the committee will attempt to plan to deliver grad boxes out earlier for graduate students to take their own picture.
- Administration changes beginning February 8 due to growth in Milton. A 3rd high school opens September 2021. New principal of this school will be Mr. Kevin Wong. Many spots opened due to a few retirements. Holy Trinity's new principal will be former school's English Department Head and has a great love for Holy Trinity. Principal, Mrs. Josie Halycz is very saddened that she will not be able to join this year's 2020-2021 grade 12 graduation and to leave in the middle of the year.

- Grade 11 mentors:
 - A request was made to email students to encourage participation. There will be a session for compassion project.
 - Will survey both mentors/mentees to enquire what was learned/gained.

Vice Principal's Report:

Vice Principal, Ms. Lisa Vasile reported:

- January virtual transition went smoothly. Not too many concerns and that had concerns were dealt with immediately.
- Mid-term marks were entered this week and students will receive their marks next week.

Parish Updates:

1. Mary Mother of God – Erin Bell reported
 - a. Rosary on Zoom at 7:30 a.m. daily
 - b. Next year, 2022, is their 25th anniversary – work in progress
 - c. A year of prayer – consecrations and masses in planning
 - d. All sacraments moving forward; contact church directly for each event's plans.
2. St. Michael's – Jessica C. reported
 - a. Virtual events will continue until end of lockdown; please visit website for times.
 - b. All sacraments moving forward; contact church directly for each event's plans.
3. Holy Trinity Croatian – Josie H. reported
 - a. Last mass was Christmas day; all masses now virtual.
 - b. Sacraments moving forward, hopefully live events
4. St. Joseph's Ukrainian – Josie H. reported
 - a. All encouraged to attend virtually services
 - b. Tuesday will be live stream of Ukrainian Christmas carols
 - c. Pope Francis declared this the year of the Patron St. of Joseph

Principal, Mrs. Halycz reminded school council that there is no meeting in March. Mrs. Teresa Castellarin, our school's new principal, will hopefully join in February. A guest speaker, Equity Officer, is planning to attend next meeting.

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

Next meeting *Tuesday February 2, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. virtually on TEAMS*

Please visit Holy Trinity's website for other important dates.