



Holy Trinity CSS
Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Jan. 11, 2022 (Teams) @ 6:30pm

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| 1. Welcome | Teresa Castellarin |
| 2. Opening Prayer/Honouring the Land/Chaplain Updates | Lorenzo Campanelli |
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1EVheIK6BQ>

School Council Meeting Prayer - January

God Our Father, we thank You for having called us together that we may humbly serve You at this meeting.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us and remain present among us to lead us in the conversation and discussion we will have.

Bless our words and thoughts with holiness that we may be fitting instruments of Your grace.

Amen.

Love of Jesus, fill us.

Holy Spirit, guide us.

Will of the Father, be done.

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| 3. Review & Approval of November minutes (previously shared) | Joe Morgante |
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Minutes approved and seconded by Marguerite Murad. The meeting minutes will be posted on the website.

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| 4. Student Update | Andrew Palucci/Claire Gamble/Danielle Dinno |
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Claire is the Public Relations rep on Student Council. Danielle is the Grade 12 co-rep.

Initiatives prior to Christmas break: The Candygram initiative, we sold over 1,500 candy canes with a note attached to be sent to their friends. The money went to HT cares which is our home charity fund. We frequently have initiatives and the funds assist families with their various needs.

Danielle: Dress up days was great for student moral, a photo booth, Instagram initiatives, candy guessing competition, dress up your dog. These events helped to unify the students. In the future we are looking at re-enforcing Covid protocol, mental health awareness in our school and keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Claire: if you are in school or virtual you could access this new initiative, Titan Takeover. Students from Student Council put together a short video of what they are doing during the day, going for a walk, working out, etc. We have HT memories initiative on Instagram for students to compile their favorite memories. One of our members put together a mental health resource post, and we will be sending this out soon.

Teresa - staff appreciate all your work with Student Council, SHIELD, SAC video in lieu of a pep rally. The leaders try to keep morale up. Prior to Christmas break – main stage play started, baking club, chess club, sports, robotics.

5. School Council Updates:

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| a. Review of Ethics & Role | Joe Morgante |
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This is the first council meeting of the new year. Reviewed the Role of the Chair, and the Roles, Responsibilities and Code of Ethics of the Catholic School Council Members from the school resource binder.

b. Communication/Parent Engagement**Joe Morgante**

Once you have a child in secondary school, it can be hard to find out what is going on/what is happening. There are multiple sources of information:

- School website
 - HT website has updates, daily announcements, administrators and staff e-mails are listed.
- Social Media – Twitter, multiple Instagram accounts
 - Twitter and Instagram are used daily by staff
- My School Day app has daily announcements, reminders for Covid protocols, some teachers have a channel. This is an app that you can download, post your calendar, see the student agenda.
- School Messenger is an attendance app for Parents and Administration uses it to send e-mails to the whole school, certain grades etc.

Discussion surround having a school Facebook page – and it was decided it was not necessary with all the other sources of information.

We can send out another e-mail to parents that lists all of our Apps.

Kelly Field asked if there a way to have a central list of Instagram accounts? Parents need to know where the sources of information are. Marco mentioned that on the top right corner of our website is the Instagram and Twitter Icons.

Treasurer's Report

Marguerite Murad– our Catholic School Council has \$2,510.00 in our account. We are waiting for \$500.00 from PIC – Parent Involvement Committee. This money comes from the Ministry of Education to be used for school initiatives

Oakville-wide initiative

Three principals in Oakville (Adriano Perusin, Josie Halycz and Teresa) discussed the possibility of having an Oakville-wide initiative held at Holy Trinity during education week which is at the beginning of May. They would like to bring in community organizations to set up in the Atrium or Gym. We would combine our funds, and hopefully the Board will be supporting this as well.

Parish Updates

Erin Bell – speaking of behalf of MMOG parish. Jan. 17th the parish is launching Bible Study via Zoom meeting from 7 to 9pm. Check the parish website if you are interested. Adoration Chapel opened on January 1st for Perpetual Adoration. This will be available to everyone.

Our parish runs a conquest, boys and girls age 5 to 8, meeting Friday nights at St. Andrews School. Info is also on MMOG website.

The youth groups are looking for vocalists and instrumentalists. The second Sunday of the month is a youth led mass. They are encouraging youths to join.

St. Michaels parish – has a program for young adults, senior students. Life, Love and Theology for the Body – Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm for 10 weeks

Holy Trinity Croatian parish has a 7:00 pm mass Monday to Friday and weekend masses.

St. Joseph Ukrainian parish is closed to public due to Covid. All Liturgies are on-line it is on-line.

c. Fundraising**Dali Varma**

Catholic Parent Council supports student groups, plays, robotics, grad awards and HT families in need through their fundraising dollars. There is an application process.

Dali Varma is looking at opportunities and would appreciate input regarding a few suggestions for a fundraising initiative.

- Purdy's chocolates. We would start this at the end of February, based on sales, we will earn a profit and the delivery would be around Easter.
- Cobbs – parents purchase on SchoolCash on-line and a portion is given back to the school. Scones, hot cross buns.
- Indigo – 15 percent back

We are looking for responses if you think any of these are valuable? Do you think families would support this? Generally people seemed interested, even in multiple initiatives.

Jen – often reminders being sent out to parents would assist this initiative.

Joe, Dali and Teresa will meet to discuss the best way to approach this.

6. Vice-Principal's Insights

Marco Di Muzio

a. AP Updates

Our grade 12 class is increasing in numbers, Quad 1 subjects students registered for AP exams. Quad 2 registration is open and Semester 2 registration for exams will open in a few weeks

Grade 9 new registrations are in. We received 230 applications and we are hoping to bring in 200 students, acceptances will be going out in a few weeks.

AP exams last year – we had 17 students write. School average was 3.6. Two students scored in the 5 range, several in the 4, 2 students received credits in advanced placement for University

b. OSSLT

Our grade 11 cohort wrote in late November into early December. Results will be in January.

Grade 10 cohort writing March 22 to early May – being scheduled. This will take a number of days to complete.

c. Mark Reporting

You have received an email with the dates. Mark to date went out on Friday afternoon – this is an updated mark of your child's progress. Final mark for this quad will be around February 10.

d. Other

We have lent Chromebooks to students during virtual learning for the first 2 weeks of January.

Synermail to grade 10 and 11 families for students interested in being a Board Trustee for next year. Applications are due this week.

7. Teacher Update

Lindsay Ward/Paul Cushing

Lindsay – In December our school had a lot of enthusiasm. My colleagues have been bringing this into the new year virtually. We are building relationships and thank you to everyone.

8. Principal's Talk

Teresa Castellarin

a. Grad Update

We are planning for an in-person graduation ceremony and a prom this June. Please recognize this is a plan and there are no guarantees. It will be dependent on safety protocols and Public Health directives. If needed, we can do a virtual ceremony.

There is a video going out to graduates tomorrow.

- We held the sunrise event for our graduates in September where they received a shawl/blanket.
- There is a graduate D2L, your students have access to this so please ask them to show you.
- Starting in February there will be Grade 12 exit survey and everything is in place for them to move forward after graduating.
- A meeting was held today and there might be a need for some students to return next year, might not feel ready to leave, there are options for them.
- March 28 to April 8 – Grad photos
- Valedictorian packages and initial meeting will be held at the end of March

- Volunteer hour submission
- Grad mass, formal BBQ outdoor event – these are booked in June. Grade Sunset June 9, formal June 24, Ceremony June 28.
- Grade Committee – DiPasquale, Moretta, Keats – information will be given to Grade 12 graduates starting tomorrow.

We have a hand in the growth and development of your child, and we have a passion for teaching, coaching, getting to know them in a different way thru extra curriculums, we can't wait to return to this and to provide for our graduates.

b. COVID Update

i. Address questions asked.

- The 3 ply student masks have not arrived in the building yet.
- Steps are being taken to return to a Semester (4 classes per day) in February which is dependent on Public Health safety protocols.
- Eating protocol if we return to in-person on Monday – we will follow the same protocol as before the Christmas break such as access to the cafeteria, lunch hour supervisors will be there
- Administration will be stressing how important it is that students wear masks. Only taking their mask off in class during snack break, in cafeteria only when eating. We take this direction from our Superintendent and the Public Health Department.
- We had extra tables in the Atrium – we can do this again to distance students.
- We have not been given direction about sports, what we will be allowed to run and what are the new protocols in place.
- We will be having a virtual assembly for all students reviewing protocols.
- Rapid antigen tests were distributed in December, not sure if we will be receiving any more.
- Students that are ill while at school and develop symptoms will be sent home. Ontario Covid screening has been updated by the government in the last few days and our expectation is that students and staff continue to complete the screening every day.
- Uniform drop off – we will be accepting used uniforms at the end of June from graduating grade 12 students.

c. Student Equity & Inclusivity Committee

We have formed a very active group, students taking a real voice regarding anti-black racism, 2SLGBTQ+, ensuring that HT is a community that is welcoming, we are all individuals, and to feel safe coming to HT. Teresa is working diligently with our students to ensure this. We are committed to this and once we have defined our focus the student leaders will present it.

9. New Business

Chaplains update

Quad 2 – we held an Advent liturgy which was a prerecorded video run by our SHIELD members. Thanks to Father Jerry from MMOG who shared the gospel and reflection. We held Christmas initiatives, social justice and culture clubs, snowflake and Christmas cards for long term care homes. Social justice club supported 6 charities (The Women's Centre of Halton, Good Shepherd Centre, Scott Mission, Kerr Street Mission, Shifra home, Canadian Food for Children) and divided the homerooms into 10 or 12 classes, students and staff brought items to school and then delivered to the charities.

Classes also held a Toonie drive in support of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Michaels parish and we raised \$2,000.00

Our Chaplain has a virtual start to the day starting at 8:25 am, Lord's prayer, land acknowledgment, and announcements.

Grade 12 retreats for Quad 2 will start next week, hopefully in person. We have held our grade 9 and 10 retreats prior to Christmas.

Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

February 8th

January & February Important Dates:

JANUARY	
January 5 to 14	Virtual on-line learning
January 11	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual Teams meeting)
January 17	<i>Tentative</i> return to in-school learning
FEBRUARY	Black History Month
February 1	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
February 2 & 3	Assessment Days
February 3	Last day of Quad 2
February 4	PA Day
February 7	1 st day of Semester2/Quad 3?
February 11	Quad 2 Final Reports
February 21	Family Day