



# Holy Trinity CSS

## Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

### April 5, 2022 (Teams) @ 6:30pm

#### 1. Welcome

**Teresa Castellarin**

- Our Chairperson will not be able to continue in the role of Chair. Teresa will Chair tonight's meeting and we will keep Joe in our prayers. Teresa has also invited some staff members to join us tonight to give updates on events.

Our last meeting/social will be in person on June 7.

#### 2. Opening Prayer/Honouring the Land/Chaplain Updates

**Lorenzo Campanelli**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1EVheIK6BQ>

#### 3. Review & Approval of February 8, 2022 minutes (previously shared)

**Teresa Castellarin**

- Approved by Elisabeth Michienzi, seconded by Marguerite Murad.

#### 4. Some big initiatives (grad, play, prom, sports, relay)

- **Alanna Smith** is our Drama Teacher, Director of Trinity Live Arts. We have been working on our mainstage performance that will start tomorrow, Wednesday April 6. We present the musical "*You Are a Good Man Charlie Brown*". Our last mainstage was March of 2020. We are thrilled to be back, students are excited, learning their material. The show will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with the doors opening at 6:30 pm, starting promptly at 7:00 pm. It will run for 90 minutes and the tickets are on sale through SchoolCash online. A school messenger e-mail was sent to parents with this information. Danielle Dinno is in the play and thanked Ms. Smith who is a fantastic Director. Teresa also thanked Ms. Smith for everything she has done for our students.
- **Tim Henry** (CYC) is involved with our Bereavement group and is our Child and Youth Counselor. Tim will give us an update for our Equity and Change Team.

Tim and Teresa Tomaro took students to StFX school in Milton to meet with their Representation Matters group to learn about their student equity group that has been running for a few years. The students shared ideas, learned about initiatives, and bonded over the shared passion of equity. It was great to see the leadership of StFX students. One of Holy Trinity's initiatives will focus on black excellence. It is important to recognize what black people are doing in Canada. This meeting also provided next steps that HT could take.

GSA club– Tim Henry and Ms. Smith are Teachers on this committee, and they are working on pronouns of our student body.

Teresa Castellarin will join the next meeting of the Equity and Change Team to discuss issues, learn the language, have a panel discussion, talk to racialized individuals. A few weeks ago, we hosted a meeting which included 5 equity champions from our board who responded to questions that were posed by our students regarding equity issues and initiatives within the board.

#### 5. Student Update

**Andrew Palucci/ Danielle Dinno**

We are excited with everything that is going on in the school.

- **Student Council** - we are planning a trivia night on April 21<sup>st</sup>, this will be our first in person event in 2 years. Teams of students will participate.

- **Sports** - We had our first hockey buyout today. Our boys team won against Loyola. We had 360 students that came to the game who were very enthusiastic. Our girl's hockey team played very well but lost their game.
- Track and field, boy's baseball, senior soccer, junior soccer, junior hockey, softball, touch football – staff members and community members are staffing these teams.
- **SAC** is planning on having a PINK game for the soccer team. It will probably be our Senior female soccer team. This will be held during the day and we also invited our elementary feeder schools to this event.
- Tomorrow – Jr. girls volleyball game at StA buy out.
- **Robotics** – our team came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the event. This Saturday and Sunday they are involved in another competition, the St. Mary's district event. They have qualified for the provincial championships which happens April 14, 15,16 and if they qualify, they will be going to the world competition in Texas.
- **Relay for Life** – Our launch is tomorrow, students can sign up in teams of 6-10 and our goal this year is \$50,000. Today Teresa met with the Relay for Life students regarding fundraising, donations, and guest speaker.
- We are interviewing Mentors and Trailblazers, SHIELD.

Teresa thanked Andrew and Danielle for all their involvement at HT.

## 6. School Council Updates:

### Fundraising – Dali Varma

- Purdy's fundraiser was a success - \$6,000 in sales, we will receive 25 % which is \$1,600. The chocolate has arrived, and we will be sorting it this week with distribution on April 12<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Dali. [dshoan@gmail.com](mailto:dshoan@gmail.com). Thank you, Dali, for your help in organizing this.
- Cobbs Bread – the owner declined doing the Mother's Day fundraiser, due to the current shortage of wheat, but can possibly do something on May 24 or for Father day.
- Chapters – spoke to them today about fundraising. Dali will forward information to Teresa.
- The money raised will go towards grad awards, you will have a hand in the distribution of money: possibilities could be Robotics, students would like a mascot.
- We will also organize a June used uniform sale.

### Financials – Marguerite Murad

- Balance in the bank remains the same at \$2,510.00 We are waiting for the cheque from Purdy's and the \$500.00 PIC fund money that we can use towards guest speakers.

### Parish Updates – Erin Bell/Lorenzo Campanelli

- **MMOG** – has opened fully and 75% - 80% have been wearing masks. St. Vincent de Paul is running again, Confirmations, record number of marriages. Youth band, ABLAZE, is still looking for students with a musical instrument background. Every second Sunday of the month at the 11:00 am mass students run the Liturgy readings, ushering, eucharistic ministry. Adoration chapel has been successful, we have this available 7 days a week from 7am to 7pm except during mass times. Students are welcome to come. Our parish is moving towards a digital platform. We hold a daily rosary at 7:30 am.
- **St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church.** HT donated \$2000.00 to St. Joseph's for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. These funds were raised from our school's blue and yellow civvies day on March 8.
- **Holy Trinity Croatian** - Easter Bake and Cabbage Roll Sale on April 9 from 7:30 am to Noon in the parish hall.
- **St. Michael Church** - Walking with God: A Lenten Retreat (A Life of Grace) - April 9 from 9 am to Noon.

**Introduction of our new Vice Principal**

Vice Principal Lisa Vasile moved to CtK as Principal on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Introduction of our new Vice Principal Jenn Peer, we welcome her to Holy Trinity. She previously was at Thomas Merton for the last 7 years, supporting adult learners, working on pathway plans. She was a CWS Teachers before that. Jenn was introduced to our student body at the in-person assemblies.

**OSSLT**

April 19<sup>th</sup> over a series of 4 weeks. We have a bigger grade 10 cohort and will run 3 classes at a time, 2 days in a row. A scheduled will be coming out next week. Any grade 11 students that have failed in their first attempt will write it and any grade 12's that are not graduating.

**AP Exams**

Exams will be in person this year. Last year we had 17 students who achieved a 3.5 average. This year we have 58 exams being written. Courses that we run are based on enrollment and student interest. We have been approved for Capstone which is a research-based project affiliated with a University. We are in the planning process and it will be about 2 years.

**Expectations/School 'Assembly'**

We held our grade assemblies last week in person. General reminder for all grade's regarding behaviour expectations, goals for the school, building community, children of God, treat everyone with equity, dignity and respect. Review of proper use of social media and potential consequence. Words, intentions and actions that are to hurt, upset, embarrass, humiliate, leave out, exclude – simple expectation that you do not do it. We've had 3 school/grade assemblies: quads 1 & 2, and Sem II. Administration have spoken to students about our expectations. We also reviewed the attendance and late policy. Clarification: in-person students – if they are ill their parent must call in the absence to School Messenger because they are legally absent. The student can attend classes on-line if they wish.

**Social Media**

We made it very clear to our student body that if they record a fight there will be suspension consequences.

**8. Teacher Update****Lindsay Andrews**

An e-mail was sent out at the end of last week regarding booking appointments with Teachers for Parent Teacher interviews. Teachers will be located in the cafeteria, gym or 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms. Jenn Peer is organizing where Teachers will be, and that information will be communicated to Parents. Please allow 10 minutes between your appointments. Teresa will make an announcement tomorrow morning on the PA system.

Lindsay is our ELL Teacher. She is also involved with Graduation activities with Sandra Moretta. Prom committee met last week and will meet tomorrow.

**Prom** is June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Burlington convention center (\$90.00 per ticket) and our grade 12 students are looking forward to our events. Next steps, finalizing a theme where grade 12 students will be given an option to choose.

**Graduation** June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm held in our gym with a live feed in the Theatre. We limit it to 2 tickets, with an opportunity for an extra ticket to be purchased.

Graduation photos started this week, a school messenger was sent to the grade 12 parents.

**Grad Mass rehearsal and BBQ** on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Our sunset event will also take place. Teresa shared the Grad website with parents. Please ensure your grade 12 students are sharing information with you.

We have an Instagram page for graduates.

We are hoping to host a used prom dress sale.

Grads can bring a non-HT student to Prom. Students will be informed of the process.

**Covid Protocols**

You have been receiving e-mails. No issues about whether someone is wearing a mask or choose not to. Things are quickly returning back to normal. All parents have been receiving emails from the Board regarding Covid protocols.

**Activity Fee**

Only 400 students have paid the activity fee this year. School generated funds (SGFs) are funds that are received, raised or collected in the name of our school or a school activity. Many of these funds are raised through the direct involvement of the Catholic School Council and our parent community. This fee assists in providing for your children at HT i.e. speakers, athletics, clubs, field trips/excursions, special events, the mural that is being painted in the religion hallway. Teresa will send an e-mail regarding what this fee supports.

**Halton Initiative Meeting held at Holy Trinity on May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 6:00 pm and we have extended the invitation to our elementary feeder school students. There will be tables and booths in the Atrium (community partners, ROCK, Lighthouse). The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Clinton who will be speaking about rebounding from the pandemic as parents and students, isolation, shut down. This will also be available virtually. Our theatre holds 350 people.

**10. New Business**

Questions:

The link in the e-mail to parents about Parent Teacher interviews did not work. Teachers have been given slips to give to students with their interview time.

If you need a virtual meeting with a Teacher, please contact them.

**11. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

June 7

**Important Dates:**

<b>APRIL</b>	
April 5	Catholic Parent Council Meeting 6:30 (TEAMS)
April 6	Relay for Life presentation, Period 2
April 7	OSSLT presentation, Period 1
April 13	Parent Teacher Interviews – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 18	Easter Monday
April 19	OSSLT begins
April 21	Last Day of Term 1
April 22	First Day of Term 2
April 25	PA Day
<b>MAY</b>	<b>May 2 to 6 – CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK REBUILD, RESTORE, RENEW TOGETHER</b>
May 4	Halton Initiative Meeting 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Holy Trinity Keynote Speaker: Dr. Clinton
May 5	HCDSB Journeying with Jesus Grade 7 Experiential Day

May 12	Pep Rally
May 18	OSSLT ends
May 23	Victoria Day
May 27	Relay for Life Event
<b>JUNE</b>	
June 6	Grade 8 <b><i>"NOW YOU ARE A TITAN"</i></b> event 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
June 8	Graduation Mass/BBQ, Rehearsal
June 15	Grade 9 EQAO Assessment
June 24	Prom at the Burlington Convention Centre
June 28	Graduation Ceremony 7:00 pm, in the gym
June 29	PA Day
June 30	Board Designated Holiday