



Holy Trinity CSS
Catholic School Council Agenda
Dec. 6, 2022 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome Daniel Ascencio + Andres Masmela
2. Opening Prayer Teresa Castellarin
"The Step Along the Way" – read by Ms. Castellarin
3. Honouring the Land
 - Video played for land acknowledgment
 - The video focused on the importance of acknowledging settlers, and the Indigenous people

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1EVheIK6BQ>
4. Principal's Talk Teresa Castellarin
 - a. Academic/Subject Awards
 - An award ceremony was held on Tues. Dec 6th, students with the top mark in each subject received an award
 - About 350 parents attended
 - On Wed Dec 7th, honour roll recipients will receive awards
 - b. Mass Thursday Dec 8th
 - 2 Advent masses will be held, one for grade 9/11, and one for grade 10/12
 - Some kids are not sure how to take communion, should there be volunteers to help students and ensure they know what to do? HT has enough teachers/eucharistic ministers that can help. This may be considered for future masses, but right now volunteers are not needed.
 - Update – we organized staff members to stand with Eucharistic Ministers to help 'supervise'
 - c. Graduation Update:
 - i. Date/time – all parents were emailed with the new time; the graduation ceremony will be on June 27th at 3pm. There hasn't been any negative feedback from parents or students regarding the new start time.
 - ii. Discounts update
 - Need to confirm which restaurants will offer discounts. Swiss Chalet will be part of the program, volunteers are reaching out to other restaurants.
 - d. Course Finals 30%
 - i. Culminating Tasks and/or Exams
 - An email went out to parents with information regarding exams, exams will start Jan 26th
 - Looking at doing a workshop to help kids study for exams, the workshops will likely be hosted in the cafeteria
 - Study requirements are often different by subject, workshops will be geared towards specific subjects
 - Exams are mandatory, vacation is not a reason to miss an exam
 - Students will be given exam reviews
 - Stress in these situations is normal, but we need to help students prepare



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e. PRO Grant

- A proposal has been put forward by an elementary school to pool money and have Dr. Clinton come back (Daniel Ascencio spoke – she is a good speaker, expensive) (Ms. Castellarin – she is a psychiatrist, will focus on whatever we want, good speaker). The council was asked if they want to support this proposal, the entire \$500 would go towards this speaker. The council was supportive, but other options will also be considered.

f. SGF

i. Review numbers

- The bank account balance has not changed, about \$8k
- HT made about \$2k from the Purdy's fundraiser
- The school has received approximately \$50k from the activity fees, this is down from previous years. If this doesn't improve in upcoming years, the school will not be able to support as many initiatives.
- If the activity fee is not paid, those students cannot purchase a yearbook.
- SGF funds support many activities, for example, graduation, technology, etc
- SGF funds are very important, they cannot be used for classroom teaching, the SGF is used for other activities, e.g. transportation, screens for the cafeteria
- My school day app is funded using SGF funds. Currently, it is under-utilized, but families may be using it more

ii. Process for distribution of funds – February

- There will be an application process for the clubs/groups that wish to submit a proposal to receive funds
- Council will review the proposals to determine how the money should be spent

Other:

- OSSLT – just finished, grade 10s wrote in their English classes, the assessment was completed on-line
- ELL re-writes have taken place
- Takes a long time to get results
- Verification forms – only 620 forms have been completed, there are a lot outstanding, this is very frustrating for the school, these forms need to be completed for every child.
- Math EQAO will take place Jan 18/19
- Music night is coming up, the event will be in person
- Dec 23rd is a holiday, students will be back to school Jan 9th
- There is a lot going on at the school, for e.g. HT hosted a basketball tournament

5. Co-chairs

- The minutes from the last meeting were approved by Marguerite Murad, with a second approval by Hanadi Dar
- Council meetings will be in person as much as possible, the council was asked to vote if they wanted the February meeting to be a social event, the council unanimously voted yes

a. Parent Engagement – Goal is to build a community of parents

- On June 16th, HT will be having a 20th Anniversary Celebration



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i. Results of Council Survey

- Still waiting for responses
- Based on preliminary results, it looks like people would prefer that parent engagement events are held seasonally, 4 times/year
- Events being considered - cooking for a shelter (spots are limited though), skating in the park, movie night, some would like a virtual cooking class
- Fundraising events are also being considered

ii. Next Steps

- The survey will be sent to all parents in January
- Once the events have been determined, we will need volunteers to help organize the events

b. Parish Updates

Holy Trinity Croatian Church (Tony)

- They held a church banquet, a lot of people attended – approximately 450
- The Croatian school will be having a Christmas concert
- The parish is hosting a bake sale on Dec 17th

St. Mikes'

- The Christmas mass schedule has been posted online
- The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a craft sale
- The "Angel" program is still going on – families can donate money to help families in need

6. Questions/Comments emailed to Ms. Castellarin

7. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- The next meeting will be on Feb 7th - in person, at 6:30pm



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Important Dates:

December 2022	
December 1	OSSLT – ELL & Gr. 11 & 12 re-writes in the Library
December 2	OSSLT extra day
December 6	Subject Awards Ceremony – Period 2 in the gym
December 7	Honour Roll Certificate pick up during period 1
December 8	Advent Mass – Period 2
December 5 to 16	Snowflakes & Christmas cards for seniors
December 12 to 21	Candy Grams
December 13	Life Skills Mini High School Day Staff and Academic Council Meeting 2:35 pm
December 15	Christmas Music Night 7:00 pm
December 16	SHSM all day workshop – First Aid training
December 22	Talent Show during the day
December 23	HCDSB designated holiday
CHRISTMAS BREAK	December 26 to January 6 (inclusive)
January 2023	
January 9	Back to School
January 10	Academic Council Meeting @ 2:35 pm
January 11	Literacy & Numeracy Meeting
January 13	OUAC application deadline
January 16	EQAO practice for Grade 9 Math
January 17	Staff Meeting @ 2:35 pm
January 18	EQAO Grade 9 Math – part 1
January 19	EQAO Grade 9 Math – part 2
	EXAMS January 26, 27,30, 31, Feb. 1