



Holy Trinity CSS
Catholic School Council Minutes
Feb. 7, 2023 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome Daniel Ascencio + Andres Masmela
2. Opening Prayer Lorenzo Campanelli
3. Honouring the Land School Council Co-Presidents
 - We acknowledge that our school is built on the land of the first nations
 - It is important to recognize and honour the indigenous people
 - We are all called upon to be good stewards
4. Black History Month
 - Esther a grade 12 student spoke (Equity and Change Committee co-chair)
 - There are many events planned to spark conversations about Black History
 - Movie night – *Black Panther*, celebrates African and Black culture (Feb 9th at 6:30pm)
 - Harmony Movement presentation
 - “Get Real” – Feb 21st about building communities and building support for our 2SLGBTQ community – being an ally.
 - Black Excellence Museum being planned, the museum will focus on Black Canadians, art pieces will be prepared by HT students
 - Career seminar – panel regarding Black professionals and their experiences
 - UofT event – held at St. George campus, event exposing students to post-secondary potential
5. Student Update Mark & Danni
 - The school will be selling carnations for Valentine’s Day, the cost is \$2 per flower
 - Senior semi-formal Feb 16th 7-10pm, ticket sales going well, the dance is being held at HT
 - SHIELD – student leadership group, planning Valentine’s Day events
 - The exam study session “cocoa and cram” was very helpful for many students
 - Athletics - many teams are under-way, boys’ volleyball, boys’ hockey, girls’ hockey, senior boys’ basketball, ski team, etc.
 - Preparations for the play are under way, the students have been practicing a lot
 - Robotics club – hosting elementary tournament
 - Semester 2 is going well, there is a positive vibe around the school
 - Graduation – this is a stressful time for grade 12’s, graduation forms due at the end of the week, volunteer hours need to be completed
6. Teacher Update
 - Lorenzo Campanelli - Ash Wednesday liturgy will be on Feb 22nd; the Easter Food Drive will run until April 11th; Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered March 1st, students may attend confession if they choose; Valentine’s Day for seniors – HT students are encouraged to participate by making cards; “Think fast” 24 hour fast for students; Easter liturgy will be held on April 6th; Friday morning mass continues at 7:45am - parents are welcome.
 - Lindsay Andrews – The Grad Formal committee is under-way; Feb 13th semester 1 marks will be available; it is important to focus on the learning skills, especially going into Semester 2
7. Vice-Principal’s Items Jennifer Peer/Wojtek Kubicki
 - a. Sem I Overview – overall the semester went very well



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- b. Literacy & Numeracy Committees
 - Numeracy – Committee/Department are reflecting on how to fill in gaps, and are continuing to work on different strategies in both teaching approaches and assessment.
 - There is a great Literacy Team – they are focusing on improving literacy skills in all subject areas. The literacy test is held each semester, in semester 1 there was an 86% success rate. Ensuring success and improving this rate will be a priority going forward.
- c. AP Update
 - 111 students are writing the AP exams this year
 - They have received 265 grade 9 applicants for the AP program, this is a significant increase over previous years
- d. Uniforms & Attendance
 - Good routines are important for students, so they understand expectations
 - Full uniform is also important, parent support in this area has been great
 - Grade assemblies are held Feb 8th in period 1, student expectations will be communicated during these sessions.

8. Principal's Talk

Teresa Castellarin

- a. Administrivia Update:
 - i. Black History Month – see above
 - ii. Option Sheets
 - Course selection presentations are starting next week
 - Need to explain the importance of the Activity Fee, hopefully now that things are “back to normal” parents will have a better understanding of all the programs/initiatives going on at the school
 - iii. Parking Lot
 - Some parents have been driving too fast in the parking lot. It's important to be considerate, and to make the safety of our students a priority.
 - iv. Verification Forms
 - There are still many outstanding, they need to be completed by everyone, only about 700 have been received
 - v. Gr. 11 University level English (NBE 3U)
 - This course curriculum will be based on Indigenous Studies. This will be a great course, as Canadians, it is important to enrich our understanding of the Indigenous Culture, and their history.
 - vi. Graduation Update
 - June 23rd is grad night
 - Lots of planning underway
 - vii. PRO Grant
 - Need to get speaker organized with other affiliated schools
 - viii. Other
 - Feb 17th PD day – teachers will focus on equity
 - Every student is required to take 2 online courses, some students have opted out, it is still possible to opt out



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9. Co-chairs (Daniel & Andres)

Dec 6th Minutes approval - Marguerite and Dali approved the minutes

a. Parent Engagement

- Timing of events will be seasonal
- Survey was completed, will look at a skating event during the winter months
- We will also look at hosting a virtual cooking event
- Events are for parents and families

b. Fundraising Update (Dali & Liz)

- The Purdy's fundraiser raised over \$2,000, the Tea fundraiser raised over \$200
- We will run Cobb's and Purdy's fundraisers for Easter, and may consider running the Tea fundraiser for Mother's day

c. Review the request sheet to be distributed to school teams/committees/clubs

- The form will be emailed to teachers shortly

d. Principal Qualification form to complete

- The council chairs will manage this process, council executive members will be asked to complete the survey

e. Parish Updates

- Holy Trinity – confirmation will occur during March, Communion will be held in April
- MMOG – Communion will be held in May; youth masses occur regularly; there is a sensory friendly mass on the second Sunday of every month; they have started a seniors' club which has been very well-received.

10. Questions/Comments emailed to Ms. Castellarin

11. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – Tuesday April 4th