



Holy Trinity CSS
Catholic School Council Minutes
Apr. 9, 2024 @6:30pm

1. Welcome Emilia De Simone & Marguerite Murad
 - a. Welcomed everyone attending.
 - b. Agenda approved by Council.

2. Honouring the Land Video

3. Opening Prayer Lisa Tyson
 - a. Lisa led the opening prayer for the meeting.
 - b. Chaplaincy Update
 - i. Lent toiletries drive – donations went to Notre Dame Center.
 - ii. Lent Social Media Challenge – good presence generated and striving to get more community interaction: lots of students talked to Father Jared and many came for confessions as well as mass and rosary connections. There was lots of positivity.
 - iii. Lisa was focused on Grade 9 and 10 retreats in the last while and will now be turning her focus to Grade 12s.
 - iv. Next events will be around Mother’s Day: Shifra Homes – diaper drive for moms that will include diapers, formula, wet wipes, maternity clothes, etc.
 - v. Culture of Life Conference event on May 9: Journey for Jesus – students will walk around the track and pause at different parts of the track for meditation and prayer. Classes to sign up. This will be the first year that Lisa is hosting this event.

4. Minute’s Approval Emilia De Simone & Marguerite Murad
 - a. Minutes approved by Cameron Smith and Tony Pavelic

5. Student Update Oliver Bowes
 - a. Academics:
 - i. Parent-teacher interviews are now concluded from week of April 4th.
 - ii. Midterms will be coming up soon.
 - iii. Registration for summer school is now open.
 - iv. A group of HT Grade 12 AP students recently observed a TED talk at Appleby College.

 - b. Athletics:
 - i. A lacrosse tournament is coming up.
 - ii. We have been hosting a lot of tournaments:
 - Soccer (our soccer teams have been performing very well)
 - Junior Badminton
 - iii. Student vs. Teacher Volleyball game this Friday, April 12th
 - Tickets up for sale – students can watch the game during fourth period.
 - Paid civvies day is happening the same day also in support of Student Athletic Council – Black and gold day.
 - iv. Regional badminton tournaments are coming up.
 - v. Athletics merchandise is available for sale.
 - vi. HCAA basketball All-Star roster released with an HT player making the 1st Team



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- c. SHIELD:
 - i. Best Buddies Life Skills dance on April 17
 - ii. Mentor and trailblazer applications are underway.
 - Transitioning into next year

- d. Robotics:
 - i. The Robotics Team won the FIRST Impact Award at the McMaster University Event.
 - ii. The Robotics Team won the FIRST Engineering Inspiration Award at the Provincial Championship event at the International Center in Mississauga (update from parent attendee).
 - iii. The Robotics Team won the FIRST Impact Award at the McMaster University Event
 - iv. The Team has qualified for the World Championships in Houston, Texas

- e. Mock Trial Team:
 - i. Tournaments within the next 2 weeks.

- f. Debate Team:
 - i. Concluded their inaugural season with many podium placements at their competition at STA.
 - ii. One of our teams won the semi-final competition.

- g. Student Council:
 - i. Jr. Semi-Formal on April 25th at Holy Trinity.
 - ii. Supporting SAC and Chaplaincy initiatives.
 - iii. Preparing for next election cycle (next year's Student Council).

- h. Graduation:
 - i. Voting for the Prom theme on the Google Classroom is ongoing.
 - ii. Graduation Committee meetings are beginning for Gr. 12 students interested in participating in the planning process.

6. Co-chairs

- a. Fundraising initiatives (update on Purdy's)
 - Easter fundraising - \$3419.50 sold for Purdy's fundraiser and \$966.01 has come back to the school and this was a higher amount than last year.
 - Uniform sale coming in June – usually a good fundraiser, expecting about ~\$4000 from this event, though reliant on Grade 12's donating uniforms.
 - Decision on meat fundraiser: 6% of what is purchased goes back to school – preference is that meat sales will be seasonal and not ongoing and can have 1x or 2x per year. Council decided that meat fundraiser will start in May and Teresa will prepare materials and information, etc. within the next 2 weeks to prepare for this. Will run fundraiser during BBQ season and end at the end of October. Council will evaluate the success and decide to move forward with another cycle. Teresa can set up reminders over the summer.

- b. Financial update – Cameron
 - Only 2 changes to account: Feb 8 – reimbursement of \$7512.38 – change is a cheque made for Black history month – now \$7035.38. June uniform sales will also need to be added later.

- c. Afro-Caribbean Marketplace on May 9th – Cameron
 - The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm – 23 vendors currently confirmed. Will likely have 24 total in total with a DJ, drum performance and singer – lots of entertainment. Advertising poster went out today and with Instagram account and looking forward to good attendance of all



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ages. There will also be a photo booth. Weekly notices will be sent out for reminders and Teresa will also forward the information on the event to the feeder schools via email. A sign-up sheet will also be sent out so that vendors know how much product to bring for sale.

- Suggestion to also get social media coverage by Cogeco.

d. Review of proposals for the allocation of school council funds

- Only 5 funding requests were submitted to School Council for consideration.
- After thorough discussion on the need to fund the greatest impact to as many students per initiative and other rationale provided by requesters and parent feedback, etc., the Council agree to provide the funding as follows:
 1. SHIELD Leadership Group: \$1000 to fund buses for camp training.
 2. Tronic Titans, International Robotics Team: \$4000 to fund program/tournament registration fees, parts for robotics – discussed that the team is doing well and want to ensure that it continues to do so.
 3. Student Athletic Council: \$2000 to fund school mascot costume – this will be our 1st mascot and it will attend many school events to promote enthusiasm, participation.
 4. HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America): \$500 to fund new club and program as there are a low number of members at the moment.
 5. Construction Technology: \$1500 to fund new drills, batteries, supplies, handsaw, sanders, etc.
 6. It was noted that all clubs / groups at HT have some additional fundraising / sponsorship initiatives for themselves as well to help with their operating costs.
 7. Uniform sales event to be discussed in June – more parent volunteers needed to run event if running it more than once a year. Discussed that having the event in September and June could bring in more sales, than just in September.

e. Skating event recap:

- Event was sold out; however, only half of attendees showed up.
- Suggestion to move the event to a weeknight to get more attendance and encourage SHIELD students to attend.

f. Parish Updates

- Tony provided an update that the Palm Sunday bake sale raised good funding during Easter week.
- First Holy Communion is coming at St. Michael's Parish

7. Admin Item

Teresa Castellarin

g. Email to parents re: Social Media

- There was a thorough discussion within the council regarding a growing concern of social media in school (e.g., anonymous Instagram page with HT students involved, trolling messages, etc.) and parents being concerned.
- Council agreed that social media education is important for students for awareness of negative and positive aspects of use. Providing tools for the students and parents are important for effective management of social media and protecting students.
- Council agreed that contacts will be explored to provide presentations on educating both students and parents on available tools and timeframe could be annual for providing the information.
- Council agreed that Teresa should send an initial email to parents regarding the social media concerns to engage parents and put in steps for supporting awareness – lots of initiatives started before about digital citizenship and how to manage digital spaces and need to re-ignite the conversation.



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h. PICKLEBALL! – cancelled for tonight as the instructor was unable to attend due to a last-minute issue.

8. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment: June 4th – Social!

Important Dates:

April 2024	
	Peer Tutoring on Thursdays, cafeteria 2:45 to 3:45
Monday April 1	Easter Monday
Wednesday April 3	Hosting Sr. Girls Soccer Tournament
Thursday April 4	Hosting Sr. Boys Soccer Tournament Parent Teacher Interviews 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Friday April 5	Hosting Jr. Girls Soccer Tournament Vocations Tour
Monday April 8	PA Day, Staff Meeting
Tuesday April 9	Hosting Sr. Boys Soccer Tournament Hosting Badminton Tournament Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Wednesday April 10	Hosting Sr. Girls Soccer Tournament
Thursday April 11	Hosting Jr Boys Soccer Tournament
Friday April 12	Hosting Sr. Girls Soccer Tournament
Monday April 15	Hosting Equity Training – Theatre 12:30 to 3:30 pm
Tuesday April 16	Virtual Guest Speaker for NBE3U classes, period 2 in the Theatre
Wednesday April 17	Hosting Best Buddies Dance
Thursday April 18	Hosting HCDSB Leadership Session 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Friday April 19	TERM 2 STARTS Class Trip to Art Gallery
Monday April 22	Hosting Student Award of Excellence Practice Fire Drill, period 1 8:40am
Mon. April 22 to 26	Grade 9 Retreats, period 1 & 2
Tuesday April 23	Department Head Meeting 2:35 pm Practice Fire Drill, Period 2 10:00am
Wednesday April 24	Hosting HCAA Boys Lacrosse 8:30 to 3:00 - Field
Thursday April 25	OUAC reporting deadline
Friday April 26	Class trip Practice Fire Drill, Period 4 1:25pm
Monday April 29	Hosting Equity Training – Theatre 12:30 – 3:30 pm
May 2024	Catholic Education Week May 6 to 10
Friday May 3	Music Tour to St. Andrews and OLP schools
Monday May 6	Class trip Music Tour to St. Marguerite & St. Gregory schools
Tuesday May 7	Class Trip to Toronto
Wednesday May 8	Music Tour to St. Michael & Holy Family schools
Thursday May 9	Class trip
Friday May 10	Class trip to the Art Gallery
Monday May 13	SHSM trip (Arts)



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Tuesday May 14	Class Trip to Hockey Hall of Fame Hosting Equity Training – Theatre 12:30 – 3:30 pm
Wednesday May 15	Numeracy Meeting
Thursday May 16	Trip to Shifra Home
Wednesday May 22	Practice Evacuation, Period 4 1:25pm
Tuesday May 28	Practice Lockdown
Thursday May 30	Class Trip
Friday May 31	SHSM trip (Arts)