

Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes- Tuesday April 16th, 2019

Attended: Andrée Craig, Anthony Cordeiro, Cynthia Obrovac, Melissa Tambasco, Martha Hughes, Rae Ramsay, Sandy McGee, Ro Stagg, Peter Jones

Student Attendees: Danielle Gravina, Arjun Snider

Regrets: Cheryl Delugt, Susan Korol, John Cosgrove, Wayne Lachapelle

Approval of Agenda: Ro Stagg motion for approval, Sandy McGee 2nd the motion for approval.

Business Leadership Students (Danielle Gravina & Arjun Snider):

- CEO and CFO introductions
 - 16th Annual Leadership Conference – Friday, May 3rd
 - Requesting \$1,000
 - Hayley Wickenheiser is keynote speaker - \$17,000 to speak
 - Other speakers - \$2,000 in total – more inspirational than keynote
 - Décor - \$2,000-\$3,000
 - Class presidents in both business leadership classes, preparing since June 2018
 - Fundraising events, Easter bake sale, bagging at Fortino's, Basketball and Dodgeball tournaments
 - Theme: Venture – “Dare to Discover” – promoting speakers to discuss being brave
 - Acknowledge Parent Council for support in previous years
 - CFO – looks at budgeting, tracking money
 - Large expense is the keynote speaker – one of the more expensive speakers, more difficult to raise the funds due to the price
 - Amount requesting will be primarily used for keynote and other speakers – cost 85% of the budget
 - Money also needed for décor – supports theme, decorates and prepares for the event
 - \$20,000-\$25,000 – goes into putting this conference together
 - This has traditionally been in the Parent Council budget in the past
 - Students have been soliciting donations, fundraising to cover costs
 - Feeder schools and all HCDSB high school students invited to purchase tickets – COL and in-person purchases for tickets – St. Mark's sending all 46 of their grade 8 students
- ***Parent Council has granted the request*** - Ro Stagg motion for approval, Sandy McGee 2nd the motion for approval.

Breakfast Corner (Martha Hughes):

- Martha – science and biology teacher, runs and organizes breakfast club
- Morning breakfast served to 50-90 students each day
- Requesting \$1,000 support in order to be able to support the program until the end of the school year
- Meal card program to serve students lunch during the day – less funding available for this
- Halton Food for Thought – some sponsorship
- Some funding through President's Choice
- This has traditionally been in the Parent Council budget in the past

- \$22 from each student for Civvies Day – 65% of students paid - \$2/student went to breakfast club
- All students are welcome to use Breakfast Club
- Last year at around this time the Club was scaled back due to less funding
- Halton Food for Thought – Gala Breakfast where community and sponsors are invited to participate, ND was highlighted this year as a school they support due to its successful breakfast corner
 - Martha Hughes and Domenica Andersen (Educational Assistant) will be attending gala
- **Parent Council has granted the request** – Sandy McGee motion for approval, Andrée Craig 2nd the motion for approval.

Edge Imaging Presentation (Rae Ramsay & Peter Jones):

- Introductions – P. Jones – territory manager, R. Ramsay – Halton rep
 - Company based in Burlington – largest Canadian owned school photography company, 2300 schools in Ontario.
 - Largest provider to HCDSB
 - In 13 years, grown from 13 schools to 2300, 400 people employed in Ontario
 - Work with – St. Mark's (3 years), St. Gabe's (4 years) and Canadian Martyrs (3 years), Assumption, Corpus Christi & all public schools in the area – 142 schools in Halton
 - Production and Customer Service based in Burlington, nothing over the border
 - Photos are never deleted, large service within a closed loop
 - Offer tours to photography classes, demonstration of products
 - In talks with Edge to take on students as co-op – still in discussions
 - Studio open every weekend January to May for any retakes
 - Complimentary photographer of team/club photos
- Green company – dry production – no chemicals involved
 - Involved with Earth Day, cleanup around the creeks
- Photographs come in recyclable portrait book, no waste – reprints using the booklets cut down by 80% since more durable than paper envelopes
- Guarantee to replace damaged booklets
- Support Tim Horton's Children Foundation – yearly basis
- ND has signed a one-year contract with Edge (yearbook is done with Herff Jones – 3-year contract ending next year – specialist yearbook company).
- Edge will re-design student ID card, no barcode on the card, in the design stages, can also do lanyards and badges
- Edge is about 5-10% cheaper than Pegasus, photography quality is better

Products: school day portraits, graduation, prom, any photography included in the school can be provided

- **Grads:** 3-tier system, varies in price and number of poses, competitive pricing
- **Family package:** that can cross with elementary schools, crossing borders, as long as the school is a customer of Edge

Teacher Report:

- Cynthia (& Ian Canham)
 - Mock Trials – all Catholic high schools compete in the trials tournament in conjunction with the Ontario Justice Education Network
 - Grade 11 team and grade 12 team – all get the same case

- Students trained to be full lawyers from prosecution to the end
- All 9 high schools compete and top 4 make it to regionals
- Lawyers come in and act as judges, give the students real-world feedback, positive and constructive feedback
- At regionals – HCDSB does very well over public schools
- Grade 11 & 12 law students usually take the law courses to be the lawyers
- Drama students are used as witnesses
- Melissa (& Natalie Tayler)
 - Semi-Formal – Thursday April 25th – 7-10pm
 - Glow in the Dark theme
 - \$20 tickets – ND students only

Principal's Report:

- ND teachers retiring – Cathy Brezina (Cosmo and Religion) and Linda Kassil (math)
- Two special education teachers overstuffed will be at another school
- First staff advisory committee meeting on Thursday – OECTA rep (Steve Malcew), Student Services Department Head (Alyson Little-Velianou), Department Head (Cynthia Obrovac) and Staff Rep (Natalie Tayler).
- New Technology Department Head – Anthony Pugliese coming from HT – computer science/engineering/media arts specialist
- May be some changes in support staff.
- Renovations – half period assembly with grades to inform students about renovations, vaping and keeping the school clean – no vandalism in washroom since this assembly.

CPIC Report:

- No update

OAPCE:

- Met with Lisa Thompson – backing with NDP and Liberals
- No update

New 2 You:

- Need school staff volunteers – Anthony to make that request
- Students to help sort
- Collection June 10th & 11th – 8:00am – 10:30am
- Anthony can ask CWL or KoC
- Need 6-10 volunteers in total

Grad Recap:

- Grad mass – 9-10am at St. Gabe's on June 25th – followed by reception in parish hall
- Convocation – that evening at First Ontario Concert Hall
- Grad dinner/dance – May 17th – Oakville Conference Centre (security and police will be onsite)
- Ms. Little – lead organizer for grad ceremony, mass and breakfast
- Parents of Council with graduating students will have preferred seating – to ask Anna

- Sandy McGee & Andrée Craig, Susan Korol
- 4 tickets per students the morning of grad dinner/dance (at grad meeting that day)
- Mark Shaw – department head of Religion – also a Deacon – doing the homily

Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, June 18th (Social) – 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn put forward by Andrée Craig and seconded by Ro Stagg.