

MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Holy Trinity CSS
September 24, 2018

Present: *Kerry Laming (Acting Principal), Carolyn Bernard (Secretary), JoAnn DaSilva (Chair), Michael Trolly (Acting Chaplain), Elizabeth Spagnolo (Staff member), Erin Latter, Ron Papps (Vice-Principal), Kirsten Gibson-Sommerville, Amy McLennan, Lee-Ann Prevost, Sandy Banga, Shawn Martelle, Carolyn Reed,*

Regrets : *Stacey Krol (Principal), Lauren Webster (Chaplain), Renee Seguin-Lalonde*

1. Welcome and Prayer- *Chair Jo Ann DiSilva & Chaplain Michael Trolly*

2. Special Presentation and tour – Teacher *Mike Smith* (Specialist High Skills Major - Agriculture - Lead Teacher). Mr. Smith led the group to visit the agricultural program, indicating all the changes and highlighting the successful new program to HT.

3. Approval of Agenda - Moved by Erin Latter and seconded by *Carolyn Reed* Carried

4. Approval of Minutes April 30, 2018 Moved by *Erin Latter* and seconded by *Carolyn Reed*. Carried

5. Election of Officers:
Chair: *Jo Ann DiSilva*
Vice-Chair: *Erin Latter*
Secretary: *Carolyn Bernard*

6. **Principal's report-** *Kerry Lamming* shared the following report:
 - **Falcon Friend-zee** – Taking Place this Thursday, September 27th – This is our one fundraiser for the school year providing money to support a great deal of special activities at Holy Trinity / A day of fun with all staff involved in planning, implementing activities and providing supervision throughout the day. A new parent to the school asked about the event and *Mr. Papps* explained that it was a great day of lots of activities planned, modeled on the Amazing Race philosophy. *Mr. Lamming* said he is looking forward to an exciting day. Both encouraged all students to participate.

- **English Department Update** – Building on the successes of the past year, focus areas will include the following: Oct. 2nd – Gr. 10 diagnostic literacy test with results being used to shape classroom literacy instruction and to identify students who may be experiencing difficulty meeting course and test expectations / Students identified as needing additional assistance and learning will attend one of two scheduled activity sessions – Each Tuesday and Thursday during their week 1, period 4 class, two groups of 12 students will be withdrawn from their regular class to attend EQAO prep periods / New initiative at the Grade 7 level – students will have the opportunity to write a diagnostic test so that they can see what the test will look like, as well as providing their teachers with identification and assessment information for lesson planning and student support. / New initiative at the Grade 9 level – students will be given a diagnostic literacy test, exposing them to a simulated test environment and a preview of the type of test content that they will see in Grade 10, assisting in the identification of the struggling students to staff
- **Orange Shirt Day** will be taking place next Monday, October 1st / Tomorrow there will be two sessions taking place, one for grades 7,8 and 9 with another session taking place for grades 10, 11 and 12. This is to provide all of our students with an understanding behind why we have this special day. This day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is **an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.**

Linked to this day, there was a Gr. 10 Trip to hear Elder (Dr. Thomas Loutit at St. Joseph' Catholic High School) last week / He is a survivor of two residential schools, is celebrated within the indigenous community as well as the community at large, was presented with an Honorary Doctorate two years ago by Carleton University

- **Charity Bowl** – taking place Wednesday, October 18th starting at 6 pm / Any interested parents are invited to let us know if you would be interested in helping out that evening / Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul. *Mr. Papps* explained that we are hosting the event this year. If any parent can help at this event, please give the school a call if you can help. *Jo Ann* said she would send out an email to see who from the CSC can help. Great event, lots of fun and it is always impressive to see the spirit and enthusiasm. *Mr. Papps* said he would coordinate with St Joe's to ensure the same rules at both gates. Fundraiser with funds going to St Vincent de Paul. Dress Down Day that day so if Students participate in this, they get a ticket for the game.

- **Healthy Eating for Better Learning Program** – our breakfast program is very fortunate to receive a grant of \$4900.00 to support the purchase of food / Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.
- **School Council General Liability Insurance Policy** – sharing of information to School Council to see if they feel it would be beneficial to have this liability insurance / After discussion it was agreed that all activities that our School Council supports would be under the control of the school board and therefore not requiring additional insurance.
- **Thank you to Mr. Mike Smith who gave a Special Presentation related to our Agricultural Specialist High Skills Major program and Tour of Greenhouse** – *Mike Smith*, the teacher provided a detailed presentation of the Agriculture program and use of the greenhouse, highlighting all of the ways that progress has been made since his initial presentation last spring / As well, he provided information of how this program meets the needs of many students, thus enabling them to have greater success in their high school experience.
- **Thanksgiving mass is October 10, 2018-** *Father Kevin Maloney* will be with us. *Father Marc Piche* is away and cannot attend.
- **Friday PD Day- every year this is a Board Faith Day.** This year we are at St Joe's- all the schools gather. Presentation for all Board staff. The choirs will be singing for this.
- **Parent teacher interviews** are November 29, 2018.
- **Falcon Fever Leadership** camp October 3-5, 2018

We are very proud of our Falcons and continue to value a strong connection with our families.

7. **Chaplaincy Leader's report-** *Michael Trolly*

Michael Trolly is the Chaplaincy Leader, covering for *Lauren Webster* until April of 2019. He explained that he has a background in music, in parish ministry, and as a support worker with adults with special needs. This past June he graduated from St. Paul University in Ottawa with a Master of Divinity degree. He explained that he is a former Anglican minister and is in formation to become a deacon in the Catholic Church. He added that he is married with two young children, and live in Winchester, Ontario.

Mr. Trolly said that “since coming to HT I’ve been tremendously excited by what I’ve seen in the school community, and by the opportunities for youth ministry in this context. During the last several weeks

I've spent time speaking to a number of classes, telling them about the services we have available for them here at the school, which includes:

- Students have the opportunity to speak with me one-on-one with questions about their faith or other personal problems. These conversations are held in confidence, unless there's reason to be concerned about a student's safety.
- We have school masses throughout the year – we have one on October 10, and another on December 4. The first is the Thanksgiving mass is October 10, 2018- *Father Kevin Maloney* will be with us to cover for *Father Marc Piche* who is away.
- There are a number of class groups that come to the chapel to say the Rosary.
- We have a weekly “faith study” group that will be running Wednesdays at lunch in the chapel.
- Later this week we will be finalizing plans to run a Youth Alpha course this year at HT. The Alpha Course is an internationally recognized introduction to Christianity, used in many different church denominations, and highly regarded for being non-threatening and inviting, and accessible regardless of a participant's prior religious knowledge. The Youth Alpha series we will be using has just been re-recorded and received very positive reviews from students at St. Joe's who participated last year.
- We have various opportunities to be involved in service projects, such as our Service Trips to Guatemala, and to Sandy Lake, Ontario. We also will have a group of students participating in We Day in Ottawa in November.
- We have a retreat for our Grade 8 students each year. Last year this took place in May, although I believe this usually happens during January. More details will be forthcoming.

***Mr. Trolly* said that he looks forward to getting to know everyone and responding to any questions you might have.**

8. Council Chair report:

- **Pro Grant-** *Jo Ann* explained that last year our Internet safety presentation fell through due to lack of interest. As such, the money was returned. At this time, we are not applying this year for the grant.
- **Track Update-** *Mr. Papps* said no meetings have not started for this year regarding the proposed track project. Last year there had been significant movement. The project grew to a \$12 million-dollar venture. The board has stepped back and allowed for a Foundation to be created. The Board would have limitations for

fundraising that the foundation would not have. *Mike Despatie* is the Chair and has been spearheading it. *Mr. Papps* feels this will be the year that the Foundation will say “we would like our parent community/council to be involved”. *Mr. Papps* said they want to see the parents more involved. Looking for people to be on the Foundation. See previous notes in terms of the proposed plans. The expectation is that the school comes up with \$500,000.00 for the project costs and he feels that this can be done. He gave as an example that one can “sponsor a metre of track”. *Jo Ann* said she did some research this summer and wondered if we could do a “Chase the Ace” lottery, which we would need a licence for. She said she would investigate this further.

- **Fundraising**- *Jo Ann* wondered if anyone was interested in participating in a sub-committee to look at some fundraising for special projects the teachers may have in mind. Or even a teacher appreciation or some bursaries. Different ideas were discussed. If anyone is interested in being on this sub-committee or knows of other parents who may wish to, to let *Jo Ann* know.
- **School website**: *Jo Ann* mentioned that the Newsletter is not on the website and asked if it can be added. *Mr. Papps* asked *Ms. Spagnolo* if this was possible. She explained that *Mr. McCabe* had this role and that she is currently trying to ensure that the school’s Facebook or Instagram pages are always up to date and current. Chaplain *Michael Trolly* said he could help with this- they would discuss this further tomorrow.
- **Facebook Page** Thanks to *Ms. Spagnolo* for keeping the Facebook and the Instagram page-information up to date. Many parents commented on how helpful this is.

9. Committee Reports:

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC): *Jo Ann* has said she will take on this role.

Catholic Education Committee (CEC): We need a rep- *Jo Ann* wondered if anyone was interested.

Community rep or student council rep: *Mr. Papps* and *Ms. Spagnolo* said they would look into this.

10. New Business: None

11. **Comments and questions:** No other questions other than some posed throughout the meeting.
12. Next meeting will be **Monday November 19, 2018, at 6:30pm**
13. Adjournment, moved by *Erin Latter*, *Seconded by Carolyn Reed*

Minutes completed by Carolyn Bernard