



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
MINUTES

In Attendance

**Staff Representatives:** Renee Rozon (principal) Michael Whelan (vice-principal), Nancy McIntyre (vice-principal), Gordie Van Putten (chaplain), Tara McArthur (teacher rep.) and Rob Dupuis (student support worker)

**Parent Representatives:** Julie Hickman (co-chair), Kristin Whiteside, Julie Borer and Donna Sage

**Student Representatives:** Abigail De Jong, Majuri Majouran and Erica Joyce

1. Prayer and Welcome : Gordie VanPutten and Renee Rozon
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2018.
4. Principal's report: Renee Rozon

Many accomplishments to celebrate since we last met in November

- Term 2/Semester 2 has begun. All secondary course outlines are posted on our website.
- We continue to have discussions both in departments and cross-panel to share best practices and look at ways we can best support our students.
- Recently hosted feeder school visits for current grade 6s/8s with lots of energy from current and future students. Great feedback from our feeder schools. Registrations are now being accepted for next year and our Open House takes place Wednesday.
- Brenda Rivers visiting with classes Tuesdays for a period of 6 weeks to share knowledge regarding Indigenous education on topics such as spirituality, medicine wheel teachings, and residential schools.
- New annual events planned this school year with Holy Trinity CSS. The Sisters' Cup - girls' hockey took place in December/Crosstown Classic (Grade 7/8 hockey) takes place February 27<sup>th</sup>. We encourage families to attend these events!
- Our newsletter contains great updates on the many opportunities our Panthers have, as does our Facebook page!
  - Julie Borer asked if the school needed new jerseys. Jerseys for sports teams are typically on a five year rotation for ordering. Julie offered to help with the design and ordering of the hockey jerseys that will be ordered next. Renee will follow up with Julie.

5. Chaplaincy Leader's report: Gordie VanPutten

- The school's Ash Wednesday Liturgy takes place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. All family members and community members are welcome to attend.
- St. Joseph's will be starting the Teen Alpha program beginning Feb. 12 and running until April 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be run the same as last year with lunch provided

but this year, we also have student leaders involved.

- Our Panther Power (grade 7/8) social justice group will be participating in ThinkFast on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a 24-hour famine where students raise Pledges for Development and Peace. Students sleep over at the school Friday evening and will break the fast by sharing breakfast the next morning.
- Our Catholic Education Coalition will be meeting on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 am to start planning our regional event to promote Catholic Education in our area. Stay tuned for more information to come.
- The annual Just Us Youth Day for grade 10 students will be happening in Kemptville on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We have the chance to bring 28 grade 10 students to participate in social justice workshops and meet students from all our other high schools in our Board.
- Bishop Elect Guy Desrochers will be ordained at St. Finnan's Cathedral on Friday, Feb. 22 at 2:00 pm. He will be the auxiliary bishop to serve Alexandria-Cornwall. He will be residing at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Cornwall.
- Mission Trip News: Our team leaves for Guatemala on Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and returns on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We thank Mr. Don Mitchell for giving up his time this year to spend the week with our eight students from St. Joseph's. Thank you to everyone for all your support this past year. The students will be preparing presentations for schools and local groups upon their return. Please keep them in your prayers during their trip.

#### 6. School Council Report

- United Way Fundraiser
- May: Joey's Talent Show. The 7/8s will be invited to watch.
- There was a student council meeting today. The 7/8s were included. Preparing for Open House.
- Prom
- Bishop's Cup will be a dress down day for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

#### 7. Follow Up: Interest in having a Homecoming in the Fall as a fundraiser. Staff are in favour. Mitch Zapitelli has volunteered to be the staff rep. Committees will be needed. Next step is to provide a proposal for Board approval.

#### 8. Follow Up: Score clock

A new score clock is definitely needed. Renee proposed the best location for the score clock. Fundraising efforts will be forthcoming. Julie Hickman asked if surrounding neighbours will need to be contacted before installation of the new score clock.

#### 9. Comments and questions

- Regarding Hold and Secure measures Julie Hickman asked who the school gets their direction from. The direction comes from the authorities and for the last Hold and Secure the authorities gave the direction directly to the school board.
- Julie Borer asked if the school doors are locked always like in the elementary schools. Doors remain unlocked in the high schools.

#### 10. This year's school musical, *Les Misérables*, will take place in the auditorium April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, matinee on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, and May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

#### 12. Next meeting: April 29, 2019.

#### 13. Adjournment