

**MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Holy Trinity CSS**  
**October 27, 2015**

**Present:** Renee Rozon, Kellie Levis, Carolyn Bernard, Carolyn Cormier, Laura Marie Leclerc, Kim Blanchet, Sandra Lavallee, Elizabeth Spagnola, Kristen Sommerville, Natalie Trottier, Sandra Lavallee, Michael Whelan, Bryan Bouchard, Cheryl Tourangeau

**Regrets :** Stephane Leclerc, Karen McClenaghan, Karen Harquail, Divina Fraser, Tia Foster-Scott, JoAnn DaSilva

1. Prayer and welcome- *Bryan Bouchard/Renee Rozon*
2. Approval of Agenda- Moved by *Kim Blanchet* and seconded by *Carolyn Cormier*
3. Approval of minutes from April 2015 meeting –Moved by *Kellie Levis* and Seconded by *Carolyn Cormier*
4. **Principal's report**-*Renee Rozon* shared the following report:

Much has happened since we last met in September! We are ensuring that as many events as possible are placed on our website and in our monthly newsletter.

We also have a Facebook page that has been created and is being monitored by Ms. *Elizabeth Spagnola* with the goal of keeping the wider audience informed of all that is happening at the school. We hope to incorporate more 7/8 information soon. *Ms. Spagnola* added that the Facebook page has been well received by students and their families. Her goal is to keep everyone up to date on what is happening at HT. *Carolyn Bernard* said that she has been very happy so far and feels more well informed as to what is happening at school.

Highlights include having a presentation with a real Peregrine Falcon for our 7/8 classes – they were mesmerized – what a great way to learn about our mascot! Pictures on our school website.

We dressed in yellow on September 24<sup>th</sup> to support children with cancer and the Canadian Cancer Society; raising \$896.10.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, staff focused on a faith-based PD day where we explored our Board theme, “Ignite the Light, Wake up the World” and our sub-theme of Gratitude.

Our Board theme song was sung by our choir at our Thanksgiving Mass and we have continued to focus on this theme in a variety of ways.

Once again we had amazing school spirit at our pep rally and Charity Bowl and although we did not win this year, it was a great game, raising \$3,000.00 to support our Good Samaritan Trust Fund.

Our students (and staff) had a great day outdoors to support our annual fundraiser – Falcon Friend-Zee on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by many of our students participating in Falcon Fever the following week. These students have returned to HT with goals and plans to show leadership in a variety of areas throughout the school year. *Ms. Rozon* shared that the numbers of participants was up this year from last and everyone seemed to find a lot of enjoyment from the day. Also, Falcon Fever success has once again occurred helping our future leaders learn some leadership goals. Tried to have more grade 10's this year to help them move forward as future Falcon Leaders.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, after hearing many daily announcements and trivia regarding awareness of child abuse and prevention, we had great response with our staff and students dressing in purple to “Break the Silence” against child abuse. *Ms. Rozon* shared that this was our best response ever and it was fabulous to see all of the purple everywhere.

Last week, after presentations were made in each class, we held a dress down day and collected \$1,000 for the refugees of Syria.

The door for our CEC Pilgrimage Mass, representing our Region, is being painted by our own HT students and is starting to look great. We are hoping to have a strong representation from HT attend the Mass – thanks to all of you who have already confirmed. We currently have a bus organized to fill with students and their families so that as many participants as possible from HT can attend the mass in Kemptville.

November will be a busy month, focusing on academics and service to others. We will again have our annual canned food drive for St. Vincent de Paul and support the Toy Drive for the Optimist Club, primarily through the purchase of gift cards.

Plans are also underway to have a float at the Christmas Parade in Cornwall. We hope to have decisions in place by Friday this week.

Students who are writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test wrote a mock test last week, which is being marked by staff. The next step will be to determine the best forms of support for each student to ensure he or she is best prepared for the test.

In supporting our students in regards to resiliency and anxiety, we are making arrangements for YouthNet (a youth engagement program through the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) to have a presentation on Stress and Anxiety and how students can cope. This will provide an opportunity for students to come together as a group and talk about what we can do as a school board, and in each school, to promote mental health and resiliency.

We also recently had a very positive first track committee meeting and at this time are waiting to hear back from the Board regarding community partnerships and how best to proceed with our initiative.

To conclude, brochures have been sent home with all grade 7/8 students and students taking physical education regarding the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum. At least 90% of the curriculum remains the same as in the past and teaching of any new changes are being made in consultation with our Bishop and are being supported both by our chaplain and Eastern Ontario Health Unit staff (Sharing of brochures)

#### 5. Chaplaincy Leader's report- *Bryan Bouchard*

Up to 9 candidates have been confirmed for the Mission Trip to date.

Spaghetti Supper has been organized as a fundraiser for the Mission Trip and the Bishop will be in attendance:

- Hosted at Holy Trinity on November 25<sup>th</sup> between 6-8pm.
- Tickets are 10\$ per person and only 200 tickets to be sold, starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. The invitations will go out on November 2, 2015. The plan is to sell tickets in the school first, then parishes and other community members.
- All proceeds will be going towards the mission trip.

#### Remembrance Day

- Our Remembrance day Mass is scheduled for November 11, 2015 at 10:45am. We have special guests this year, with our *Bishop Marcel* and *Cathy Morrison* who is a holocaust survivor. *Ms. Morrison* will be sharing her testimony to the students in terms of her experience. She was 4 years old when the Holocaust occurred and she will talk about her childhood at this time. *Mr. Bouchard* is currently compiling questions to assist her with her presentation so that she better understands the student's interest in the topic. Also at this mass, the Dance classes will be performing and a bagpiper will be in attendance. All parents and families of HT students are welcome to attend.

## Talent Show:

- November 24<sup>th</sup> between 7-8 pm grades 7 and 8 students will be presenting their talents for parents at Holy Trinity in their very own Talent Show. Tickets go on sale November 2<sup>nd</sup> and all proceeds go to the mission trip (\$5.00 cost).

## Christmas cakes

- The Oka Monks are known for their cheese but also sell Christmas Cakes and other goodies. The Mission Trip is selling these items as a fundraiser. Parents can contact *Bryan Bouchard* directly for details or an order form. *Ms Rozon* suggested that the details and perhaps an electronic form could be posted to the School website and Facebook page.

## Family Life Curriculum

- *Mr. Bouchard* explained that many young people do not know the definitions of certain words such as chastity or abstinence and he has been giving talks with the teachers in family life classes to help them have a better understanding.

## 6. Committee reports

### CEC- report – *Karen Torrie Racine* –

- There will be a board wide mass on November 19, 2015 with the Holy Doors Theme as mentioned by *Ms. Rozon*. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Commencing November 5, 2015 at 7:00pm The Catholic Outreach Program will be holding a 6 week “Discovery Program”. This was originally designed for University students to rediscover their Catholic Faith. It is being adjusted with the desire to go out into the Parish Community to revitalize the parish. With the Bishop’s blessing, St Peter’s Parish is the First Parish to test this program as a means of discovering Faith more deeply. Over the 6 week period, different Facilitators and presenters will be speaking. This is meant to be a revitalization of faith for all ages however it was designed as an adult program. The program is free however there is a \$10 fee for the booklet. The parish has planned for small socials after the presentations.
- The Bishop Cup will be held in March once again with the date to be announced.

## 7. Student Council report- *Laura Marie Leclerc*

- *Laura Marie Leclerc* shared that she continues to see a tremendous amount of Spirit and enthusiasm at Holy Trinity. This is Spirit Week and there have been some fun activities that students appeared to appreciate. Candy Grams, Photo Booth and so much more. Mr.

Malyon's drama class are creating a Halloween House that will be shared with the grades 7/8. Thursday is a dress down "Orange and Black" day.

- Students are talking about the Remembrance Day Mass and looking forward to the different presenter this year.

8. New Business:

a) Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Track: *Karen Harquail*

*Karen Harquail* could not attend the meeting and asked that the information she accumulated be shared by *Kellie Levis*. She has discovered that the only date available at the Legion that we could consider for a Spaghetti Supper is February 14, 2015. It was agreed that this being Family Day weekend, there may be many who go away. Discussion also came up in regards to the Hospitality Team at HT and if they could help- *Ms. Rozon* said she would check. Other volunteers would be needed. *Ms. Rozon* said she believed the Track Committee would endorse this. It was mentioned that those spearheading this may wish to check with the Knights of Columbus as well; given we are a Catholic School, the Knights will support in a number of ways. Some suggested a later date in the early Spring and *Karen Torrie-Racine* mentioned that the MS Society Marathon was happening the weekend of April 29, 2015 and that the runners will typically "Carb up" the night before. Perhaps a spaghetti fundraiser would be a great way and given the beneficiary is a new track, typically used by runners, they may be more willing to attend. This plan was to be explored further by the organizers.

b) The We3G Trunk Sale is coming up this weekend which is a very popular showcase of local artists, artisans, food, music and other. For the first time ever, the organizers have invited high school Culinary programs to participate and show their talents. Given this was a test run, they have limited the schools to 6 and Holy Trinity Culinary Program will be there. The We3G is a non-profit group of friends who hold this showcase with the goal of fundraising for a local charity. The MS Society has been a beneficiary for a few years now and are the charity again this year.

9. Comments and questions

10. Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 6:30pm

11. Adjournment

