

**MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Holy Trinity CSS**  
**September 22, 2015**

**Present:** Renee Rozon, Kellie Levis, Carolyn Bernard, Tia Foster-Scott, Carolyn Cormier, Laura Marie Leclerc, Jo Ann DaSilva, Divina Fraser, Natalie Trottier, Sandra Lavallee, Michael Whelan, Karen Harquail, Bryan Bouchard, Cheryl Tourangeau; Karen McClenaghan

**Regrets :** Stephane Leclerc, Kristen Somerville, Karen Torrie-Racine. Kim Blanchet

1. Prayer and welcome- *Bryan Bouchard/Renee Rozon*
2. Approval of Agenda- Moved by *Karen Harquail* and seconded by *Sandra Lavallee*
3. Approval of minutes from April 2015 meeting –Moved by *Carolyn Cormier* and Seconded by *Kellie Levis*
4. **Principal's report-***Renee Rozon* shared the following report:
  - We have had a great start to the school year!
  - Welcome to Vice-Principal Michael Whelan, Chaplain Bryan Bouchard and Student Support Worker Tania Roddick who have already become welcome additions to the school. Mrs. Roddick is very enthusiastic and has already met with staff to determine best practices to support our students both in the classroom and within the school.
  - Enrollment continues to be strong; we have added a grade 7 Immersion class because of the numbers and have added a new portable.
  - As a result of the enrollment increase, we have reinstated our .50 secretary position as well.
  - Orientation BBQ very well received once again this year and a great way to welcome new students to the school
  - Student Success/Transition Team have been and will continue to hold weekly meetings to ensure constant dialogue. The Resource room and Student Success Room are now combined to eliminate any previous stigma and focus on success for all students. Using the same format as last year, the team is calling families of all new students in grades 9-12 to welcome them and ask how the start of the school year has been to reach out and connect and address any concerns. The team is very focused on supporting students and encouraging their personal success.
  - Board Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan will continue to focus on literacy and numeracy across the curriculum, faith-imbedded practices, making resources matter, and technology in the classroom. The Board is focusing on

student strengths and providing supports for each student to reach their full potential.

- The Board has unveiled their theme for the next two years, which is “Ignite the Light, Wake up the World”. The Professional Development day scheduled for Friday September 25, 2015 will be focused on this theme with the goal to focus on our faith in education. Various monthly activities are being planned within the school with staff and students surrounding this theme.
- This Thursday September 24, 2015 is a dress down day and the students have been asked to wear gold or yellow in support of “childhood cancer awareness”. There are students at our school diagnosed with leukemia and all collections from this day will go to the Canadian Cancer Society. A cheque will be presented at “Neon Nights” the following day, which will be held at Holy Trinity.
- In addition to the new portable and painting of various rooms, updates over the summer months include relocated the attendance office, which is now across the hall from where it used to be. It is a larger room and allows for someone to sit and rest if not feeling well and waiting to be picked up.
- Students are encouraged on a consistent basis to become involved through announcements, the screen in the Atrium, and our main bulletin board – Falcon Funivities.
- Focus on home-school-parish triad and regular communication with families is important to us – we are now on Facebook!.
- Our grade 7/8 students are attending the International Plowing Match in Finch this week, with half going on Tuesday and the balance on Wednesday.
- Caterina Pettinella, a teacher at Holy Trinity was awarded the Bernard Smyth Award last Friday. Mrs. Pettinella received this award because of her strong devotion, often behind the scenes, to our students at the school. She is true to her vocation and shares her Catholic values through education. Additional information about her accomplishments are available on our website.
- New this year is the online payment of school funds. Almost all monies collected will be through online payment and we already have approximately 50% of our families registered. Discussion ensued when two parents expressed that they did not wish to pay online and were not confident in the security of the site. Mrs. Rozon was asked if there was an alternative form of payment available and Mrs. Rozon stated that the site is secure and while this is the best method to make payments, families who have any hesitations or questions should speak with Cathy in the main office.
- Spirit wear goes on sale this week and we will have monthly Spirit Wear days. A variety of options were on display at the meeting.
- Musical this year: Beauty and the Beast- everyone is very excited to get this going and tryouts are already taking place.
- Our only fund-raiser - Falcon Friend-Zee will take place October 2nd! Amazing Race is the theme again and Mrs. Rozon shared that staff have incorporated more art and other activities into the stations to ensure there is a variety of interests and abilities represented. There will be mental challenges as well and each station

will have points awarded, so the team that wins will not necessarily be the fastest team.

- Charity Bowl will take place next Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The question was asked as to why Juniors were not playing this year. Many factors were part of the decision made by both schools and Senior Administration to arrive at this decision including the length of time for the two games in one evening, attendance at the Junior game, and supervision required. Jo Ann DaSilva asked, given the student numbers, if it was a possibility in the future for the Juniors to join the senior team to balance out the team better – Mrs. Rozon and Mr. Whelan were not aware of this possibility being discussed and said they would share this question at a future meeting. Mrs. Rozon said that they are looking for parent volunteers for the entrance and she asked that names of anyone willing to assist be submitted at the end of the meeting.
- Renee Rozon proudly displayed the model for the new track field and shared with the group the three stages of development. Building a new track will be a primary focus this year – our model arrived last Friday and we are now ready to go full speed ahead! It was admired by all.

5. Chaplaincy Leader's report- Bryan Bouchard

Bryan explained his background, focus and what brought him to Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School. He said he is trying to encourage an open door practise for the students to meet with him and to seek his support as needed.

List of Activities:

- For Dates look at the printed sheet- see sheet attached.
- Our first Mass is Friday October 9, 2015 at 10:45pm.
- Social Justice League: meets regularly
  - Big events:
    - Food Drive November 23- December 5, 2015
    - Cheese Fundraising-St Albert's Cheese
  - Minor events:
    - Selling Christmas Cakes for Parents
- Mission Trip:
  - We had a great initial meeting on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> for the supervisors.
  - He will be replacing teacher Jim Malyon who has taken on other ventures
  - We will be going to the NPH Orphanage in Dominican Republic in early March. We plan to help with choirs and other duties during the day while the kids are in school and do various other activities with them when they are free, (e.g. this may include going to the beach, etc.) We are also planning to bring the children to a Blue Jays baseball game on the last day that we are there. During the last meeting we discussed having to raise close to 25 000\$ between the three schools, as we are doing a collective

fundraising effort. Our first event will be setting up a Cantina at the Charity Bowl, and we have already discussed other selling projects.

- There may be more students able to participate and these details are being worked out

- Baby bottle campaign for Pro-life between Mothers and Fathers day. Further details to come.
- Sr. Francine and a colleague would like to help out more at our school and are available for extra-curricular projects, such as We Day, etc.
- Working with students to come up with further creative projects for them.
- Organizing the Christmas Market this year; tentative date for the Christmas Market is December 3, 2015
- Going into classrooms and giving presentations on topics like what a chaplain does.
- Taking a group to “We day” in Kanata in November
- The CWL from St Peter’s will be attending every Thursday in October and working with the grade 8 students to learn the Rosary.
- Plans are in the works to invite the Bishop to attend the school for a Q&A session with the students from the religion classes.

●

6. Committee reports

- a. CEC- report – Karen Torrie Racine – sent regrets but has agreed to continue to be the CEC representative on the Catholic School Council
- b. Parish Report- Divina Fraser -Divina said that the Parish welcomes student still needing their volunteer hours and they can help out in a number of ways. She added the same about the CWL attending and teaching the grade 8 students the Rosary.

7. Student Council report- Laura Marie

Laura Marie explained that she is a French immersion student and she appreciated that French was incorporated into the Mass last year and asked if it could continue. Mrs. Rozon and Mr. Bouchard indicated that this was definitely part of the plan. Laura Marie also said that she can sense an energy buzzing at the school this year as planning starts. In particular the Charity Boal buzz has started and the school spirit seems high. The first pep rally was the best one they have ever had. Mrs. Rozon agreed that school spirit was very strong and there was lots of enthusiasm and positive energy in the school.

8. New Business:

- a) Committee elections-Kellie Lévis

Carolyn Bernard has agreed to be secretary and take the minutes of the meetings  
Carolyn Cormier has agreed to continue in the position of Vice Chair, with a more active role in assisting the Chair who has some commitments with family  
Kellie Levis has agreed to continue in her role as Chair of the committee but indicating she would need assistance given some family commitments  
Divina Fraser said that she is part of the committee as a parent and wondered if a Parish Rep was needed. It was agreed that several parishes make up the HT family and perhaps one rep was not needed but that the Chaplain could liaise with the Parishes to ensure ongoing communication. A vote was held in regards to trying this new approach and it was a unanimous decision that this would be the new focus. No other names were brought forward to indicate interest in these positions. As a result, it was determined that Kellie Levis, Carolyn Cormier, and Carolyn Bernard would continue this year in their roles.

b) Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for track

Kellie asked if the Committee was interested in looking at a Spaghetti Fundraiser for the track committee and if there were volunteers interested in coordinating this. Several members said that they did not mind helping but could not coordinate such a big venture. The Knights of Columbus and the Legion were presented as options given they organize a lot of the food and events. Karen Harquail said she could call both for details and costs. Bryan Bouchard said he could coordinate this event with Kellie and Vice Chair Carolyn, Karen and Laura Marie as a committee. They will discuss further once a call is made to the two venues mentioned.

c) Karen Harquail shared that the committee had received the “Parents Reaching Out Grant” and will have \$1000.00 to pull together an event for parents. The money is to be used to assist parents with students at Holy Trinity and we have until June 30, 2016 to spend it. We discussed an open house with a “Helping Anxious Teens” theme with booths and organizations available to discuss their services.

9. Comments and questions
10. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2015 at 6:30pm
11. Adjournment

