



## MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

### Holy Trinity CSS

March 7, 2016

**Present:** Renee Rozon, Kellie Levis, Carolyn Bernard, Kirsten Sommerville, Natalie Trottier, Michael Whelan, Bryan Bouchard, Karen McClenaghan, Karen Harquail, Kim Blanchet, JoAnn DaSilva, Cheryl Tourangeau. Elizabeth Spagnolo

**Regrets :** Carolyn Cormier, Stephane Leclerc, Divina Fraser, Tia Foster-Scott, Laura Marie Leclerc, , Karen Torrie-Racine, Sandra Lavallee,

1. Prayer and welcome- Bryan Bouchard  
Approval of Agenda- Kirsten Sommerville and seconded by Cheryl Tourangeau
2. Approval of minutes from January meeting – approved by Kirsten Sommerville and seconded by Kim Blanchet
3. Principal's report- Renee Rozon

We are off to a great start in Semester 2! We have celebrated many accomplishments since our last meeting!

- Pink T-shirt Day – Great support from our students by wearing pink to increase anti-bullying awareness. Renee mentioned there was a school photo in the last edition of the Glengarry news, as well as on the School's Facebook page and Website.
- Our walk-in counselling clinic for students has started. No appointments necessary to meet with a counselor at the school on Monday morning. A number of students have already accessed this resource. They have been sharing with the students the details including at Assemblies. Students have been signing up to meet with a counsellor and there is lots of interest.
- Zumba Fundraiser took place today for our Grade 7/8s to support our track initiative. Students paid \$2.00 to dress in red and all of our 7/8s participated in Zumba! It had

been re-scheduled due to snow days. Lots of fun had by all and the participation was very high. This was also a Senators contest entered by our L and L class to win some great prizes.

- In February we held a Colts' game fundraiser. Students had a great time with proceeds going towards our end of year activity day. It was mainly the grades 7 & 8s who participated. The Leadership class is surveying 7/8 classes to look at possibly having it again next year.
- Due to the snow days, Elementary Parent Teacher Interviews were postponed twice and have now been cancelled. Teachers are contacting families if there is a concern and a message was sent out to families to contact the school if they wish to speak with the teacher or have a meeting.
- We recently hosted feeder school visits for our grade 6s. The students were very enthusiastic as they met various teachers and participated in activities. Students in our Leadership class helped ensure each group knew where to go in the school. Registrations continue to come in and there has been lots of positive feedback about our school. There were a number of activities including an obstacle course, the choir who performed, classroom activities and drama and ending with a pizza lunch.
- Last week we hosted the Drama Festival and our play "Rabbit" won and will go on to Regionals. We also had 4 students place in the recent Eastern Ontario Skills competition in the categories of cabinetry making, welding, and cake decorating. In the past month we have become the S.D. and G. Champions for Senior Boys Basketball, Junior Girls' Volleyball, and Mixed Curling! We continue to "Ring the Bell" in recognizing the successes of our HT students.
- This Thursday, we look forward to our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Bishop Cup. Enthusiasm is building in the school and we will have a pep rally on Thursday to recognize all of our athletes and to cheer on our Hockey team! Go Falcons Go!
- The "Cheese for Change" fundraiser is still on until Friday. The information is on the school website. The proceeds will go to a special charity, chosen by our students, to support a humanitarian cause. You can order online until the end of the week.

(As always, our Facebook page and Website includes many great pictures along with our monthly newsletter, calendar, and up-do-date information!)

#### 4. Chaplaincy Leader's Report- Bryan Bouchard

- We are finalizing the details for our Mission Trip ready to leave on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 am.
  - Our itinerary is a mixture of work, interaction with the orphans, and prayer.
  - Some major events (there is a cultural and religious aspect) :
    - Tour of San Pedro
    - Baseball camp- Blue Jays are in training
    - Mass
    - Tour of Sugarcane/caves

- Working on an outdoor project for the orphanage.
  - Continuing our fundraising after the trip until June. Events to come.
  - Students have been advised of the Zeka Virus and advised of the precautions to take
  - April 5<sup>th</sup> there is a mission trip meeting between 4-6 at the Cornwall Board Office. This is a chance to review and debrief for future planning.
- Holy Thursday Liturgy will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 am. All are welcome
- Think Fast will take place on April 14<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Trinity between 4 and 7 pm. This year the fast is only during the day to ensure adequate supervision.

## 5. Committee Reports

- CEC- report – Karen Torrie Racine

Karen sent her regrets. She asked if there were any interested volunteers to help out at the Bishop Cup on Thursday and said she would be grateful. It is the 10th anniversary of the BC!! An invite has gone out to executive and board members and I will be arranging the opening ceremonies as per usual. Carolyn Cormier as Vice-Chair will be there for Kellie Levis who is unable to attend. Volunteers are asked to email Karen or Renee if they can help out.

## 6. Student Council Report- Laura Marie

Sent regrets

## 7. New Business

### a) Anxiety Workshop- March 29th- **Dr. Krista Kiiffner- Renee and Kellie**

- Dr Kiiffner is looking forward to presenting and the workshop. This will be for one hour and the focus will be on normalizing anxiety. It was agreed that it would be best to have just her presentation and maybe some questions and answers. She is contributing her time as a member of the School Board. All agreed a small gift would be in order, possibly a gift card
- Discussion about how to spend the \$1000.00 from the PRO Grant and discussion in regards to coffee, timbits, some giveaways such as stress balls and a book that was recommended by Dr. Kiiffner. (Food: \$150.00, Speaker Gift Card - \$50.0, \$400.00 books, \$400.00 Stress Balls)
- Tell everyone. They will also spread the word through Facebook, **Voice Connect**, newsletter, web page and word of mouth

- We will have to provide account to Ministry of how the \$\$ was spent. The proposed budget of \$1,000.00 was presented, with a vote, which passed unanimously.
- Kellie, Renee and Karen Harquail were working out the budgeting aspects – thank you for this
- Agreed Atrium is best place given numbers could be high. Event scheduled between 6-7 pm

#### b) Spaghetti dinner- April 29th-Karen Harquail

- Karen Harquail shared that someone will need to speak to Scotiabank about whether any employees were wishing to volunteer which would lead to a donation. Karen asked if anyone knew someone from Scotiabank. Kellie said she would ask Karen Torrie-Racine if she knew anyone
- The Legion recommended a cost of \$10 a ticket.
- We have the choice of seeking out donations of food from the community or the legion could charge us 3-4 dollars a plate and provide the food. We would only pay for what we use. The cook costs \$12 an hour. Also costs for other items such as napkins etc.
- Question was asked if anyone can help get food. Kellie said she would send an email to those who said they could help out for the event and see if anyone can help with this task. A suggestion was made about a school food drive. Renee said she will speak with the Leadership class about possibilities. Renee said she would prepare a letter for anyone wishing to request a donation from an organization.
- No desserts provided so we would need to get our own. Suggestions included the Foods Class or Members of the CSC providing desserts.
- Can seat up to 250 people
- Need volunteers: 3 in the kitchen, 3-4 to work cleaning up the tables, 2-3 at the dessert table
- **Publicity- Social Media, Voice Connect and possibly radio and local newspapers.**

#### c) Pro Grant- Kellie

- Renee shared the program outline with everyone in terms of seeking the Pro grant for next year
- Kellie and Karen Harquail said it is easy to apply for and asked if anyone is interested in applying
- The deadline is May 29, 2016 and all were asked to email Kellie if they had any ideas

#### d) Prom Photo Booth- Karen Harquail

Karen Harquail asked if there was any money in the school budget to have a photo booth at Prom? Renee shared that one was already in place and that this feature was provided by the DJ.

### 8. Comments and questions

Renee was asked about the dates of events such as Prom. She provided the following:

- Grade 8 Graduation will be held on June 27, 2016 at 1:30pm
- Charity Week is week of April 18, 2016
- Prom is May 14, 2016
- School Musical is (*Beauty and the Beast*) May 19-21, 2016
- High School Graduation is June 29, 2016 at 2:00pm

Kim Blanchet asked where the information was in regards to the ski trip that was held the month before and she was told that the school ski club organizes this and that any student can check with them. It was also announced many time over morning announcements.

10. Next meeting- Monday May 9, 2016 at 6:30pm

11. Adjournment

*Minutes recorded by Carolyn Bernard*