

Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023

Virtue of the Month: Self-Control, Decision-making

Minutes Approved March 27, 2023

RF HALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS (2022 - 2023)			
<u>PARENT MEMBERS</u>		<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u>	
Tina Hinsperger	Co-Chair	Diana Speranza	Principal
Karen Barnett	Co-Chair	Danielle Howlett	Vice-Principal
Janice Eldridge	Secretary	Filomena Littlejohn	Vice Principal
Cindy Guido	Treasurer		
Freduah Agyemang	DRAPCE/OAPCE Rep	Patrick Marcolla	Chaplain
Karen Barnett	CCCSC/BECDM Rep	Kryisia Ratulowski	Teacher Rep
		Laura Fodaro	Non-Teacher Rep
Andrew Patterson	Parish Rep (St. Leonard)	Phoebe M & Mya D	Student Rep
Laura Prestia	Parish Rep (St. John)		
Karrie Daponte	Parish Rep (St. Timothy)		

Attendees: C. Aristizabal, K. Barnett, K. Daponte, J. Eldridge, C. Guido, A. Khan, T. Hinsperger, E. Marrocco, A. Patterson, K. Ratuiowski, D. Speranza,

Regrets: F. Agyemang, L. Fodaro, D. Howlett, F. Littlejohn, P. Marcolla, L. Prestia, N. Sandher,

Meeting Called to Order: 7:13pm

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Attendance

3.0 Opening Prayer- T. Hinsperger

4.0 **School Council business:** Motion to approve last meeting minutes by J. Eldridge and seconded by E. Marocco. Approval of Agenda by C. Guido and seconded by A. Patterson

5.0 **Reports:**

5.1 **Student Council Representative Report-** No Current report from student council. No rep present due to exam week.

During December Christmas activities took place. A talent show, sweater day, badminton tournament with athletic council, Tuesdays, and Wednesday's concert band along with lit choir preformed at lunches.

Still looking for a student trustee

Possible upcoming spring concert

5.2 **Chairperson Report** - T. Hinsperger

Need to discuss allocating funds in parent council account under new business section.

5.3 **Chaplaincy Report- K. Ratulowski reported on behalf of P. Marcolla**

Winter coat drive (chaplaincy team) January 9th-24th:

This drive benefitted the Out of The Cold drive in Toronto, and more than 2 dozen coats were collected and donated to All Saints Kingsway church in Etobicoke (one of many sites providing temporary shelter and clothing for the homeless population)

Textile Drive (Eco-crew) January 9th-24th:

The Eco-crew collected 6 industrial sized bags worth of clothing and material that was donated to Dr. Simone's Canadian food for children charity, including dozens of running shoes that were destined for the developing world.

Christmas food drive (Ms. Anania's Grade 10 classroom) December 5th-20th

More than 50 boxes (over 1,000 items) of non-perishable goods were collected for the Orangeville food bank in the days leading up to the Christmas holidays.

The great sock drive (Ms. Mancini) February 22nd-April 3rd (Lenten project)

Continuing a decades long tradition, the RF Hall community will collect new pairs of socks that will then be donated to the Good Shepard Men's Refuge in downtown Toronto. Thousands of socks will be collected and distributed to the homeless and the poor.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk (Chaplaincy Team) February 25th

The chaplaincy team will take part in a 5 km walk throughout Caledon East (beginning at the Caledon Community complex) and raise money for the Caledon Community Services, which benefits the marginalized poor and homeless in the Caledon area.

Soap Drive Month of February

Collecting soap for Dr Simone's warehouse throughout the month of February.

5.4 **Teacher Report- K. Ratulowski**

Literacy Plan

The OSSLT was postponed during the labour disruptions in November. Our school will now be writing in the spring session (Spring block is March 1- April 26). Our committee has the following initiatives planned:

- Previously eligible students will write before March break
- Grade 10 students will write after March break
- IEP students will write March 28

Activities will be created for a four-period day and each period will have a different focus to address some of the more difficult tasks: Feb 21, 23, 28 and March 2

After school literacy classes will run at the beginning of semester 2

OSSLT information sessions will be held in the library leading up to the testing dates.

All initiatives and information will be relayed to parents with new semester information and to staff at staff meetings

Krispy Kreme Drive

Will be available to order on School Cash Online for \$10.00/box and limited to 2 boxes per person. Delivery date will be February 21st

Family Day short week short films: 8-minute-long short film screenings will be aired in the library during family day week. Films are called Citizen minutes and are short documentaries highlighting ordinary Canadians doing extraordinary things to make their communities a better place.

Hockey news: Won against Mayfield in the semis, and won against Humberview in the finals, making us the varsity champions!

Wolfpack Cares Exam Prep: Went well. Sessions were held in the seminar room giving students tips and tricks to be successful during the exam period. The CYW also held mental health workshop sessions. Pencils were handed out to students on exam day one with inspirational message on them and a greeting committee at the main doors to hype up students for first exam.

5.5 Vice Principal Report – no report

5.6 Principal's Report- D. Speranza

Recent dress down day was a success. Spirit wear days will be on the second and last Wednesdays of each month.

Notable Calendar Events:

February 1st: Exam review day

February 2nd: P.D Day, turnaround day

February 3rd: New semester starts.

February 7th and 8th: Grade assemblies on safety items and attendance policies.

February 9th: Report card distribution in homeroom classes

February 21st: Shrove Tuesday, morning pancakes provided to students.

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday Liturgy during first and second period, two grade at a time.

April 20th: Awards night. Invitations sent home with eligible students who need to RSVP to event.

May 16th, 17th, and 18th Grade 12 retreats have been booked at St Francis Center.

June 27th: Prom at the Royal Ambassador

June 29th: Grade 12 graduation at CAA building in Brampton. Noting that there will be accessible seating for those who need it. Edge imaging will be available for pictures.

Other:

Activity fee will increase for the 2023 school year to \$70/student as per GAAP guidelines.

School staff are participating in a biweekly book study for equity learning and training. The book is called 'Me and white supremacy.'

Emphasis on Black History Month with a goal to incorporate teachings and learnings throughout the entire school year. Anti black racism campaign proposal with education underway with the support of the ABC club and the CYW Sharice who is also a grad coach for black students. Lunch and learn style once per week focusing on black history industry and topics.

5.6 DRAPCE/ OAPCE Report:

No report this meeting.

5.7 Parish Reports:

St. Timothy -K. DaPonte

Parish is asking all parishioners to dispose of old donation envelopes. And are encouraging patrons register for pre-authorized payments. February 12 is marriage Sunday with Cardinal Collins. And the Catholic Women's league is holding a Valentines bake sale.

St. Leonard- A. Patterson

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4-4:45. Sacrament of confirmation classes start in March. Good Shepard does meal drop off on Saturdays from 11-12pm. Toronto theatre is hosting a documentary on Mother Theresa.

St. John- no report

5.8 OAPCE/DRAPCE- no report

5.9 CCSC/BECDM- no report

6.0 Treasurer Report- C. Guido

Parent Involvement - \$0.00

Grant - Parent Reaching Out - \$100.00

School Council Grand Total - \$1717.96

****Report Available in Office****

7.0 New Business: Allocation of funds.

Possible Parent engagement evening in May. School is looking into having guest speaker(s) potentially on the topic of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Parent council would support the cost of providing food for this event.

Suggestion of pizza day- K. Daponte to research this

Suggestion of Ice cream truck- E. Marrocco to research this

Motion brought forward to allocate a \$200 bursary this 2022/2023 school year, and each year henceforth. Motion unanimously passed. Sub Committee formed (C.Guido, A.Patterson, and J.Eldridge) to build criteria for and division of bursary.

8.0 Closing Prayer - T. Hinsperger

9.0 Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: March 27th 2023 at 7:00 PM