

Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

September 26th, 2022

Virtue of the Month: Faith

Minutes APPROVED November 28, 2022

RF HALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS (2022 - 2023)			
<u>PARENT MEMBERS</u>		<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u>	
Tina Hinsperger	Chair	Diana Speranza	Principal
Karen Barnett	Co-Chair	Danielle Howlett	Vice-Principal
Janice Eldridge	Secretary	Rob Weatherbee	Vice Principal
Cynthia Guido	Treasurer	Patrick Marcolla	Chaplain
Freduah Agyemang	DRAPCE/OAPCE Rep	Laura Fodaro	Teacher Rep
Andrew Patterson	Parish Rep (St. Leonard)		Non-Teacher Rep
Vacant	Parish Rep (St. John)		Student Rep
Karrie Daponte	Parish Rep (St. Timothy)		

Attendees: A. Adebayo, F. Agyemang, C. Aristizabal, K. Barnett, K. Daponte, J. Eldridge, C. Guido, T. Hinsperger, D. Howlett, A. Khan, M. Magus, E. Marrocco, A. Patterson, E. Pencil, N. Sandher, D. Speranza, R. Weatherbee,

Regrets: S. Cabral, P. Marcolla

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06pm

- 1.0 Welcome
- 2.0 Attendance
- 3.0 Opening Prayer, In honor of truth and reconciliation day upcoming- T. Hinsperger
- 4.0 **School Council business:** Motion to approve last meeting minutes by E. Marrocco and seconded by J. Eldridge. Approval of Agenda by A. Patterson and seconded by C. Guido
- 5.0 **Reports:**
- 5.1 **Student Council Representative Report-** No Current report from student council. No rep present.
- 5.2 **Chairperson Report** - T. Hinsperger
Nominations for parent council roles for the 2022-2023 school year took place.
Position of treasurer was added to this year's parent council.
Still looking for a parent to fill the role of parish rep for St John.
Parent council meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on the following dates at 7:00pm at Robert F Hall:
November 28, January 30, March 27(potentially held at St. Benedict Catholic School in Orangeville), May 29.
- 5.3 **Chaplaincy Report-** D. Speranza reported on behalf of P. Marcolla

Retreats are starting this week Wednesday September 28 for the grade 9 students. Starting with a mass with Father Bob, followed by a walk to Caledon Community Complex for some outdoor activities. Lunch will then be provided, and the youth minister from Bolton will be the guest speaker in the afternoon.

Grade 10 retreat will be in October at St James Anglican Church and then facilitated by Hopestone.

Grade 11 Retreat will be an extension of the grade 11 world religions curriculum. The students will be visiting a Hindu and Buddhist temple.

Grade 12 retreat will be in May or June and focus will be on continuing to live and grow in catholic faith as a young adult out in the world post-secondary.

Starting next week Father Bob will be hosting mass three days a week in the chapel, Wednesday to Friday.

October 4th will be opening mass with Father Bob for school, on the feast of St Francis day. Emphasis on gathering the school community again, lunch will follow mass and other activities for students in the afternoon.

Annual "Scare away hunger" food drive will take place starting after Thanksgiving and running until Halloween. A goal of the school to re-stock the shelves after thanksgiving for the Orangeville food bank.

Rosary club has started up again, on Wednesday after school. A late bus is available to students upon request to Mr. Marcolla.

The chaplaincy team has assembled and will be assisting with grade nine retreat day.

The new stations of the cross have successfully been hung up in the chapel.

5.4 Teacher Report- M. Magus

Students are back to a semester model. Students seemed to have adjusted well.

Terry Fox day was celebrated on September 26, 2022.

Retreats start on September 28, 2022. Lunch provided by the hospitality department for these students.

Orange shirt day is on September 30th, 2022, for the National Day of Truth and reconciliation.

Many clubs and sports teams have started up again, including but not limited to cross country, flag football, band, SAGE club, tennis, rosary club, videogame club, soccer etc. Follow halls daily announcements on twitter to stay updated. @rfhtweets

5.5 Principal Report – D. Speranza

Just a reminder to parents the importance of paying the \$65 school activity fee. This fee covers the cost of many schools driven activities and incentives, the cost of retreats for the student body, as well as the cost of the yearbook for each student. This is paid via school cash online.

October 20, 2022 will be the school open house/ meet the teacher night. Parents will be able to book a time slot online for an interview with the teacher(s) Refreshments will be provided by the hospitality department.

Academic awards will potentially be held in November. Celebrating those students from grades 10-12 who achieved 80% or more in their last school year, as well as awards for best in subject.

Parents and students are encouraged to download and use the 'My School Day' app.

Late busses are available to students who are in clubs and/or sports. Sign up for a late bus with the teacher in charge of that club/sport. They run from Monday-Thursday and drop off in the

respective town at 4:30. There are busses running from Hall to Orangeville, Brampton, and Shelburne.

Robert F Hall currently has a total of 1322 students enrolled. The school needs six more students to enroll by Wednesday September 29th, for a total of 1328 students otherwise the school will have to let go of one teacher. This will cause more re-organisation of classrooms. The school is projected to have a large increase in student population in the upcoming years.

A major challenge at Robert F Hall currently is with students vaping in bathrooms. The school has a no tolerance policy for vaping. Any students caught will be automatically suspended. Bathroom doors are propped open during the school day so that the vaping can be monitored. Even with doors propped open the children still have full privacy to use facilities for their intended purpose. The school has adult student monitors who are at the school to monitor the cafeteria, hallways, bathrooms, and outdoors with busses, before, during and, after school.

There is an online reporting tool available to students through both the school and boards website. Alternatively, students can email their teachers or give notes to their teachers if they are too uncomfortable to speak aloud to teachers about any concerns they have.

Reminder to everyone that mental health support and services are available.

5.6 DRAPCE/ OAPCE Report:

No report this meeting.

5.6 Parish Reports:

No report this meeting.

6.0 Closing Prayer: Hail Mary- T. Hinsperger

Next meeting: November 28th, 2022