

Attendees: Lily Gall, Sammi Khachi, Tracy Taylor, Karen Ditoro, Grace Melo, and Ceyda Tocsoy

Principal - Gino Montanari

Vice Principal – Kevin Wong

Holly Roberts – Teacher representative

Claire Peace – Social Worker – Non-teaching representative

Student representative – Sharen Jarjis

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome/Opening Prayer – Lily Gall
2. Minutes- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Action Items – Parent Handbook- Sammi requests help; need to insert links into info she has compiled. Tracey/Grace volunteered. Gino suggested waiting until after MC dinner with goal of posting by school year end. Will establish timeline at next meeting.
  - Approval of Minutes- Lily 1<sup>st</sup>; Holly/Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>
3. Vice-Principals Report – Kevin Wong
  - February 23<sup>rd</sup>- Student Senate hosting Black History Month activities; 12 reps/school will be attending a conference at Bishop Reding
  - April 5<sup>th</sup>- JV hosting “See the Problem, Be the Solution” where elementary students collaborate with JV students; posters/movies/songs will be created with winners posted on buses/bulletin boards etc.
4. Principals Report- Gino Montanari
  - Pleased with his first semester at JV- success
  - His Thursday afterschool talks in Room 105 will be resuming in March- shares personal stories with students
  - New registration- 15 new students in the past week; will close soon; will emphasize religion as he has received 16 challenges to religious course exemption; cross will be constructed in house by shop class, to be installed in atrium
  - Report cards-distributed this Friday
  - Lockers- bolting those without locks
  - SI Resources- students must return; new computer lab being constructed in Rm. 312 from textbook savings
  - Immunization- clinic being held tomorrow Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>; targeting kids born in 1998/1999; must be up to date or up to a 20 day suspension commencing sometime in March will be issued.

- Monthly calendar- suggested to add “Month at a Glance” calendar to main JV webpage; send out via SynerMail; suggestions include adding more specifics for each student on School Cash Online system
- Search Institute- Gino passed flyer regarding Developmental Relationships; HCDSB doing one activity/remaining months of school year: Express Care (Feb), Challenge Growth (March), Provide Support (April), Share Power (May), Expand Possibilities (June); examples were given of things JV already doing to support initiative (therapy dogs and free smoothies during exam week)
- Proposed activities- Fair in May 2016, Open House in August 2016 (instead of Curriculum Night)

5. Student Representative- Sharen Jarjis

- Therapy dogs and free smoothies were available during exams and coinciding with mental health week
- February is multicultural month; activities include an event every Friday, weekly quotes, cultural food with recipes to share; will be a speaker on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Chastity talk- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 9/10
- Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Student feedback on the first semester was good

6. Career Day Report- Holly Roberts

- Will be held morning of Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for approximately 320 grade 10 students
- 28 speakers to date- 30/32 max
- D. Rabenda/T. Pinelli/guest speaker coming
- After March break kids will pick sessions they want to attend
- Move to early fall for 2016/2017 school year

7. Chairs Report

- Parent Workshop hosted by Rick Lavoie. The Topic will be helping your child with Learning Disabilities find social success. Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Aldershot High School (Auditorium), 50 Fairwood Pl. W., Burlington, ON. Visit HCDSB for Registration details.
- Learning Disabilities Association of Halton Parent Workshop Series- all free and located at various locations in Halton, next is Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> in Oakville; **ACTION ITEM:** Karen will ask Kevin to post on JV’s main web page
- JV FOS Cluster of Schools Meeting- A date has been selected for the evening of April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 for the event. The event will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School. All Council members are invited to attend.
- Show Your Support in Catholic Education- check out Talk Ontario website
- OAPCE- Conference to be held May 6-7<sup>th</sup>; CPIC will cover the cost of registration for Council members who wish to attend. Theme is “Different Gifts, One Voice: Living our Virtues in a Virtual World.
- CPIC- Parent Involvement Award nominations. Start thinking of someone you would like to nominate for this award. **ACTION ITEM:** Lily will pass on information when she receives it

- Uniform Sale- Sammi/Bernadette/Grace on committee to date; 2016/2017 school year will be for collection (3 items from kids) with sale proposed for August 2017 **ACTION ITEM:** find volunteer to transport two donated racks; Grace will check to see if they can be taken apart

#### 8. New Business

- Milton Transportation- City of Milton has a five year plan dated 2013-2017 **ACTION ITEM:** Lily forward link to Kevin to post on JV website.

#### 9. Sub-Committee Reports

- Parent Engagement- Multicultural Dinner (April 21<sup>st</sup>)
  - o Tickets/Payment- Ceyda can get free printing through employer RICOH, checking with legal department to see if they require name on ticket; Gino said OK if necessary; method of payment not need on ticket; sales now available on SchoolCashOnline, tickets can also be purchased via check/cash at JV office; Parent Council members cannot do cash sales; Gino can do cash sales at door on night of event
  - o Advertising- Art department will do posters for school, Sammi has purchased supplies **ACTION ITEM:** save the date will be posted on the JV website along with call for parent volunteers; weekly announcement will be made at JV and Kevin will tweet info
  - o Pro Grant- can be used for event: \$500 for speaker, \$250 for printing; HCDSB will take back unused amount
  - o Entertainment- drama teacher busy with play **ACTION ITEM:** Sammi will contact her after 1<sup>st</sup> week in March
  - o Volunteers- **ACTION ITEMS:** Gino needs dates for: 1) Syner mail send calling for parent volunteers 2) list of student volunteers; to be decided at subcom meeting Feb 17<sup>th</sup>
- Faith Development
  - o CWL Lenten Retreat- Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 9-12 noon at OLF gym; mass followed by talk "Year of Mercy" by Fr. Jim; lunch and refreshments provided.
  - o Update on Euthanasia
    - Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Suicide- talk given at JV on December 8<sup>th</sup> by Alex Shadenberg; point was that evidence from Belgium and Oregon show that euthanasia/assisted suicide laws are abused; check out his Euthanasia Prevention Coalition website: [www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)
    - Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide-sponsored by Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical, Jewish and Muslim leaders across Canada; want Canadians to sign as evidence of the numerous/diverse groups of Canadians who do not support physician-assisted suicide; to sign go to <http://euthanasideclaration.ca/sign-the-declaration/>
  - o St. Benedict Lenten/Easter Schedule- posted on main page of JV website

#### 10. Finalized Selection Criteria for a School Principal

- Council members discussed and finalized Selection Criteria for a School Principal. ACTION ITEM: Lily Gall to return completed forms to Janine Neuman (HCDSB) by email or fax by Friday, February 12, 2015.
  
- **NEXT MEETING: MONDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30pm**