

Attendees: Lily Gall, Sammi Khachi, Rodolfo Rivas, Tracy Taylor, Karen Ditoro, Joanne Jones, Lenie D’Souza, Bernadette Madill, Grace Melo, Benny Lynette Tinoco, Ceyda Tocsoy, Rey Reyes

Absent: Angela McIntyre

Principal - Gino Montanari

Vice Principal – Kevin Wong

Holly Roberts – Teacher representative

Claire Peace – Social Worker – non teaching representative

Student representative – Sharen Jarjis

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer – Lily Gall
2. Approval of Agenda – accepted
1st - Lee Weare – 2nd - Tracy Taylor
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None
4. Principals Report – Gino Montanari
 - Review of School Administration and introduction of VP Mr. Kevin Wong
 - Increase in twitter presence attributed to Mr. Wong active role in that regard
 - Role of School Council is to advise and provide feedback to assist parent and student engagement within the high school
 - Student Performance - Applied courses students performed academically from 2013/14 - 58% to 71% this year which is 6% above the board average. The academic students fell from 85% to 81% which is 6% below the board average. This is just a high overview of the statistics and additional information is needed to put this data into the appropriate context.
 - A computer lab is being installed into room 213
 - Overview of annual school generated funds plan – details of which may be added to minutes by Mr. Montanari.
 - Charity fundraisers by school Councils are permitted but restricted to one major and one minor fundraiser per academic year. Monies to be raised have to be marked for their intended use. i.e. cover council event expenses. In addition to those categories already detailed council recommended the wording be changed to include a category: “at the discretion of school council for student and school needs as deemed appropriate”.

5. Chairs Report

Introduction and welcome of Sharen Jarjis - JV student representative joined school council and will provide updates on school events this year.

- Breast Cancer awareness "Pink week" raised \$3000.00
- Recent food drive netted 2800 cans of food, which will be distributed with the assistance of SOS and Mr. Dunn to the Milton Food Bank..
- October 30th, Haunted house event – raised \$2000.00 which will assist in covering some of the cost for a student leadership conference in Niagara on Nov 8, 9 and 10th.
- Nov 12th – grade 8 students information night (Note: request for school council presence)

Action item: Lily Gall to seek volunteers for Nov 12 School Council presence and determine with Mr. Montanari if and who from council will speak.

Council Chairs meeting October 21 – Lily Gall

- Keynote speaker was Kate Jones who presented on "Understanding kids behavior" kid She presented a personal questionnaire activity based on personality dimensions and succeeding with your kid's "colourful personality."
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
They are hosting their annual conference on May 6th and 7th, 2016. CPIC will cover cost of registration for council members who wish to attend.

Action item: Council to seek two volunteers to attend this conference.

- CPIC Parent Volunteer Award – Council members to start looking for candidates for nomination (April is when the winner is selected).

Action item: Chairs will inform council when nomination forms available in April.

- HCCEF (Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation fundraisers:
Last year's Dinner with this Bishop – \$20,000
Last June's Golf tournament - \$15,000
Nov 4th dinner with the Bishop event is already sold out

The foundation provides assistance to students in need to ensure that all are able to attend school with the necessities of life. This includes food and clothing as well as ensuring students can fully participate in all aspects of school life, which are normally open to all students, and therefore, enable them to succeed and achieve their potential.

HCDSB – The Board of trustees is currently working on the next multi-year strategic plan beyond

2015. The Process involves six phases and they are currently in phase 3, which is consultation with stakeholders.

Action item: there is telephone town hall on Nov 19th at 7 p.m. Parents and ratepayers can provide input on what should be the focus in the long term plan. There is also a quick online survey (5 questions) that can be completed.

Parents Reaching Out (Pro) Grants for School Council

2015-2016 – School Council applied in May 2015 for the Pro Grant and \$1000 approved by the Ministry of Education.

Project and proposed budget information was explained to school council.

1. The project must be completed and the funds expended by June 30, 2016
2. The last day for school council to submit on-line reports to the ministry is July 15, 2016.

Action item: Council needs to decide on two issues.

1. A speaker
2. Whether this should be a standalone event or merged with another event to ensure parent engagement (attendance).

Action Item: October meeting – The Principal asked all Council members to start thinking of a speaker for this year's Pro-Grant.

Lily would follow-up with school council for speaker

Used Uniform Sale – looking for direction on whether this is something that school council is interested in pursuing and what items need to be purchased to facilitate this process. Other Schools have them and have raised between 5 to 8K per school each year.

- Gr.12 Students donate three items of clothing and provides them the opportunity to wear civilian clothing during the three days of exams in June.

J.V.'s important dates 2015-16 – calendar provided and is available on school website.

Career Day / Fair – agreed this is something worthy of repeating but need clarity on format. Mr. Montanari. Agreed that a spring event this year will target grade 10 and 11 students and next academic year (this fall) the event will be repeated for grade 10, 11 and 12 students.

Action item: all to be completed before Dec 1st.

1. Tracey Taylor and Joanne Jones to share the attendee list from last year's event.
2. Finalize a date for the event so attendees can mark the date ASAP.
3. Chair or co-chair to attend staff meeting on Dec 1st, to ascertain teacher feedback and direction for this year's event.
4. Sub-committee to be finalized to continue work on this event at Dec 7th, meeting.
5. 1-2 Parent Representatives to join JV Career Pathways Committee. The committee meets 4 times/year (first meeting has already passed). Mr. Montanari is looking for parent representatives available during the day; will confirm remaining meeting dates.

6. Bernadette Madil, Joanne Jones, Tracy Taylor and Rodolfo showed interest.

JV Family joint initiative – Tell Them From Me.

Last year we formed a partnership with family of schools and meet at Queen of Heaven with various school councils. This was a partnership with Halton Health Department, (Rosie Ilinsky) Public Health Nurse and HCDSB – JV FOS

The Goals Joint School Council:

1. Develop knowledge around building positive mental health in our children/youth.
2. Raise awareness about anxiety/stress in youth 10-15 (how to recognize).
3. A place to share tips/strategies/activities to help parents address stress and anxiety.
4. Promote discussion among Parents: Sharing school specific ideas, initiatives and resources
5. Parent support beyond the individual school environment
6. Provide opportunity for parent networking
7. Utilize parents knowledge and skills to build assets within our FOS

Action item: need two volunteers to assist with arranging this year's event.

1. Lee Weare
- 2.

Rosie will attend the next school council meeting on December 7th to further this discussion.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Parent engagement

- Uniform committee – two day sale.
Will need to purchase totes for storage of clothing.
Gently used and clean uniform to be donated.
Use tables to display clothing.
Sale would be held during registration week in August before 2016/2017 school year commences.
Canvas grade 12 students for donation for exam – civilian attire
Other students can donate as they deem appropriate
- International Dinner - proposing month of April (but not the 7th or 21st)
Recap of last year's event:
Sold 300 tickets last year at \$10.00 as person. All tickets sold out.
Most of the food was provided by local businesses in the community.
Some dishes was prepared by school council members in JV kitchen
Hospitality students also helped with the food preparation
40 student volunteers – set up, cleaning, serving food
may need to increase cost of tickets; this year's event is a fundraiser not community-building

Action Items:

1. Mr. Montanari will check with HDCSB calendar for availability of JV facility.
 2. Parent Engagement Committee to discuss the details and planned the event.
- Art exhibit – Catholic Education Week
Arts and music department – council could be present to sell small items for fundraiser for the arts department.
2. Faith Development – Lenie D’Sousa
- Catholic Women’s League Advent Retreat with Father Jim is scheduled for Dec 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are invited to the event. It would be held at Our Lady of Fatima School Gym.

Student volunteers needed by the Saint Benedict Parish.

- Volunteer’s to help setting up the gym at Lady of Fatima Saturday mass at 5 pm.
- Volunteer’s for Children’s Liturgy.
(Students can earn volunteer hours)

Parent Handbook Update

. Kevin will set up a link to Parent Council tab on JV website. Will add the Parent Handbook links that have been compiled to date.

Action Item: Sammi to provide Kevin with the file.

Meeting adjourned.

Next School Council Meeting – Monday December 7th at 630 pm