

Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2023

Virtue of the Month: Kindness

Approved Minutes May 29, 2023

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

Attendees: A. Adebayo, F. Agyemang, C. Aristizabal, K. Barnett, K. Daponte, L. Fodara, C. Guido, J. Eldridge, T. Hinsperger, A. Patterson, K. Ratulowski, N. Sandher, D. Speranza, D. Wysokinski, Phoebe M., Victoria F., Sope D., P. Dametto-Giovannozzi (via Zoom)

Regrets: E. Marrocco, P. Marcolla, L. Prestia, E. Pencil

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04pm

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Attendance

3.0 Opening Prayer- T. Hinsperger

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

5.0 **Reports:**

5.1 **Student Council Representative Report-** Victoria F., and Phoebe M.

Student council is gearing up for Easter with a fun filled week of activities running April 11-14th

Starting Tuesday April 11th there will be a guest speaker, Sam Demma: Empty Backpack Tour, on mental health and building resiliency.

There will also be a virtual easter egg hunt using QR codes. There will be three winners who will receive a gift card and hopefully a signed copy of Sam Demmas book.

On Wednesday April 12th the student council will be selling mini eggs for charity. The charity is still to be decided.

On Thursday April 13th there will be a photobooth available to the students with pictures being emailed to students.

One day during this week of fun there will be a spring themed dress down day, encouraging students to wear florals and spring colours.

5.1.1 ABC Club Report- Sope D.

The ABC Club had a very successful black history month incorporating learnings and activities schoolwide.

There were four presentations during the month incorporating food, music and art, focused on, West Africa, South Africa, North America and Caribbean.

The ABC Club students were able to go on a trip to see Woman King.

The ABC students were invited to Access Day at the university of Toronto, where they were able to speak with other students of colour and attend workshops.

The ABC club has been talking about Microaggression minutes on the morning announcements. They have experienced some pushback from some students and staff at RFH and are continuing to educate, involve and include all students and staff in learning opportunities.

You can follow the ABC club on Instagram @RFHCULTURE

5.2 Chairperson Report – T. Hinsperger

Regarding the potential upcoming parent engagement evening, Toppers pizza quoted approximately \$1632.85 which was the least expensive pizza quote.

Ice Cream truck is costly at \$1000 flat rental and then \$6.50 per person for funnel cake, and \$3.00 per person for a cone

We could pay \$500 to the hospitality department to provide food for the evening instead.

A sub-committee was formed to finalize plans for parent engagement night. Sub-committee members are K. Barnett, C. Aristizabal and D. Wysokinski.

5.3 Chaplaincy Report- no report this meeting

5.4 Teacher Report- K. Ratulowski

Spring sports are up and running, including but not limited to Lacrosse, Rugby, frisbee, Track, Soccer and Badminton.

Ontario Secondary school literacy tests are complete.

Grad committee reopened school cash online for registration and grad gowns.

The prom committee is continuing to collect money.

Next meeting for graduation committee is on April 13th 2023.

5.5 Vice Principal Report – no report

5.6 Principals Report- D. Speranza

Spirit wear days will be on the second and last Wednesdays of each month.

Breakfast club runs every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at no cost to the students. This is funded by the YMCA and the hospitality department. In room 126 starting at 7:45am.

Parent teacher interview night was a success, hospitality department did an excellent job supplying food for the event, and wolf pack cares team hosted the event.

Sock Drive for Good Shepard is still running as a Lenten drive. Black Sock donations still welcome.

Female empowerment group sold ribbons and did a candy drive to raise money for Family Transition Place in Orangeville as an International Women's Day initiative. There was an article about it in the Caledon Citizen. The group raised \$700.

Notable Calendar Events:

April 2nd: World Autism Day, this event falls on a Sunday and will be celebrated on Monday April 3rd.

April 6th: Holy Thursday liturgy celebration with Father Bob for all classes. Chori, band and drama department presentation.

April 11th: Presentation by Sam Dema. 2 separate presentations in the gym for students about mental health and building resiliency.

April 12th: Day of pink. Students encouraged to wear a pink shirt with RFH dress pants to support and be allies to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. SAGE students bringing awareness to other students and advocating for gender equality. Buttons and loom bands will also be available to students. And a paint your pinky pink is encouraged.

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

April 24th: mid terms begin.

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.

5.7 **Parish Reports:**

St. Timothy -K. Daponte

2023 Envelopes still need to be picked up

Collecting textiles for St Vincent on April 8th and 9th

ShareLife Sundays are March 26th April 30th and June 4th

Reconciliation is March 30th at 7:00pm. Stations of the cross is on March 31st at 7:00pm

St. Leonard- A. Patterson

Confessions are every Saturday from 4-4:45pm

Sunday March 26th is ShareLife Sunday

Good Shepard Outreach continues to make meals for those in need pick up is from 11pm-noon on Saturdays.

Women's Spiritual Breakfast retreat on April 1st 2023, must buy tickets ahead of time.

St. John- no report

5.8 **OAPCE/DRAPCE**- F. Agyemang

Virtual Parent engagement meeting on March 29th, 2023, with guest speaker Teresa Hartnett, registration required.

The OAPCE 84th annual meeting will be held in Kingston Ontario on April 22, 2023. Registration required.

5.9 **CCSC/BECDM**- K. Barnett

March 30th at Alder Arena in Orangeville is a town hall meeting for parents of black children.

Speaking about challenges for children of colour with open discussion and dialog. Running from 6:00-7:30pm

Jodie Williams a representative for the indigenous community is starting culture camps again this summer. Doing land-based learning that is available to all students.

6.0 Treasurer Report- C. Guido

School Council Grand Total - \$1717.96

Report Available in Office

7.0 New Business:

Late Bus is full due to many clubs and sports running after school.

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 9:38pm

Next meeting: May 29th @1900