

Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2022

Virtue of the Month: Conscience

Minutes APPROVED January 30, 2023

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		
Janice Eldridge	Secretary	Danielle Howlett	Vice-Principal
Cynthia Guido	Treasurer	Rob Weatherbee	Vice Principal
Freduah Agyemang	DRAPCE/OAPCE Rep		
Karen Barnett	CCCSC/BECDM Rep		
Andrew Patterson	Parish Rep (St. Leonard)	Patrick Marcolla	Chaplain
		Krysia Ratulowski	Teacher Rep
Laura Prestia	Parish Rep (St. John)	Laura Fodaro	Non-Teacher Rep
Karrie Daponte	Parish Rep (St. Timothy)	Phoebe M. & Mya D.	Student Rep

Attendees: F. Agyemang, K. Barnett, K. Daponte, T. Hinsperger, D. Speranza, L. Prestia, L. Fodaro, A. Patterson, K. Ratulowski, A. Khan, E. Marrocco, Phoebe M., Mya D.

Regrets: P. Marcolla, R. Weatherbee, D. Howlett, J. Eldridge, C. Guido

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06pm

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Attendance

3.0 Opening Prayer – T. Hinsperger

4.0 **School Council business:**

Motion to approve last meeting minutes by Ms. Marrocco and seconded by Mr. Patterson. Approval of Agenda by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Marrocco

5.0 **Reports:**

5.1 **Student Council Representative Report– Student Reps – Phoebe M. & Mya D.**

The council has been busy working on Terry Fox Run, Halloween, Remembrance Day & Photo Retake Day.

They have been actively noticing changes in the student body and have been working together to figure out how to move forward. They have a better understanding of a student's individuality.

Some ideas they have been brainstorming for future are Christmas Door Decorating (Halloween Door Decorating was so successful and was great to see all the school spirit), Variety Show, Larger Event-possibly student vs. teacher's hockey game and treats that go to a charity, possibly held after exams.

Upcoming Winter Events – DRAMA Winter Arts Festival December 15

Upcoming Swag Days – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month

Upcoming Civvies Days – TBA. Ms. Speranza explained that we currently have 1330 students and, as she and Mr. Weatherbee are new to the school, they want to be able to identify students from visitors to keep everyone safe.

5.2 **Chairperson Report** – T. Hinsperger

Position of CCCSC/BECDM Rep added to this year's roster of parent council members.

Still looking for a parent to fill the role of parish rep for St John. Laura Prestia asked to be the parish rep for St. John - all approved.

Round table discussion - any ideas can be brought up at meetings. We are open to active discussion as to how we can contribute to the school community. Notify Ms. Hinsperger if you have any agenda items to add prior to upcoming meetings.

5.3 **Chaplaincy Report**- D. Speranza reported on behalf of P. Marcolla

Scare Aware Hunger Drive – 2100

Retreats are wrapping up. One left for grade 11, World Religions, in which they have been visiting various places of worship.

Deck The Halls – Gift Cards & Cans, collecting December 1st to 9th, will go to FTP and local students

Father Bob will be here December 9 – Advent Mass and Wed, Thurs & Fri @830am in school chapel, all are welcome, including the community.

Outreach Chaplaincy Team – December 7 – making lunch and handing out in community (Toronto).

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

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.

Book Club

★ In keeping with a whole school literacy program, the White Pine book club is up and running. The book club meets once a month to rotate and discuss the ten books selected by the Ontario Library Association.

Guest Speaker

★ The 4U1 English participated in a King Lear workshop with Shakesperience last week. It was run by Marvin Karon and included Stratford's own Dante Jemmott who starred as Romeo a couple of years ago and was in Chicago this year—also appeared in CBC's miniseries *Revenge of the Black Best Friend*. The funding for the workshop was provided through Scotiabank as was free to students.

Bullying Awareness Week

★ Last week was Bullying Awareness Week. The wolfpack cares group chose to focus on cyberbullying this year. A photo booth was set up prompting students to identify times of bullying and ways to prevent it. Daily announcements provided opportunities to reflect on the impacts of cyberbullying.

Semi-Formal

★ Grade 11 students enjoyed a Pink and Purple Paradise themed Semi formal on November 24, 2022, at Caesar's Banquet Hall in Bolton. Our last semi was in 2019! Students were very appreciative of all the hard work that goes into planning such an event-by-event organizers Ms. Bzdyk and Ms. Seon.

Football Champions

- ★ Our football team are ROPSAA Champions!
- ★ This team went undefeated all season.
- ★ Tryouts started in August and there was a total of 55 students on this varsity team.
- ★ Mr. Sweeney commented that there was amazing commitment from the team throughout - they showed up in to practice ready to go even in the harshest weather conditions.
- ★ Scouts from various universities attended Wednesday's game.

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.

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.

Parent Initiated Ideas – excited to offer this – uniform collection drive, ongoing whole year, please wash and drop off at office. We will do our best to offer the piece of uniform missing, A call home will be made to bring an item to school for your student. Otherwise, student will be asked to stay in office. Please wash item before returning. Presently Ms. Howlet and I take turns to wash,

Parent Engagement Night – target parent involvement, have we applied for Grant? Please bring to table next meeting your ideas for next semester.

Parent Council Involvement – Gr.8 Parent Info Night, Parent Teacher Night and at Get Ready Program in August, possible set up tables promoting Parent Council, sign-up sheet & maybe offer refreshments.

5.6 VP Report – absent – report by D. Speranza

Enrollment – 1381 next year, 1328 this year

30-year-old building, plans for construction projects. Feels ample space in building to use without moving to portables.

The Caledon Library will be leaving us and moving into space down the road at the Caledon East Arena. Students Library Cards will still be valid at new location. She will ask at library if there will be a fee for non-residents.

Last Friday for PD DAY, teachers engaged in PD Power School-health & safety section

5.7 DRAPCE/ OAPCE Report – F. Agyemang

5.8 CCCSC/ BECDM Rep – K. Barnett

Will send more info of next meeting to be distributed.

Ms. Barnett strongly encourages all to attend these meetings.

Opportunities for our RFH students. But we don't hear about them because it is assumed due to distance and no bus parents can't get them there. We need to be a voice.

5.9 Parish Reports:

Mr. Patterson provided an update with respect to St. Leonard Parish

Ms. Daponte provided an update with respect to St. Timothy Parish

6.0 Treasurer's Report – L. Fodaro on behalf of 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:

Ms. Prestia asked if we have a group or place that collects semi-formal or prom wear? Ms. Speranza advised that this is coordinated with the Social Work Department through our school board.

Contact Mrs. Carnovale, SW, at our school. Ms. Prestia is interested in assisting with this and will provide her name to Ms. Carnovale.

8.0 Closing Prayer: T. Hinsperger

9.0 Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: January 30, 2023