



MEETING MINUTES

Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council
 Monday, January 15, 2024
 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER		COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR TERM: 2023 – 2024					
CSC VOTING MEMBERS	ROLE	OCT 2 2023	NOV 6 2023	JAN 15 2024	FEB 12 2024	APR 8 2024	MAY 27 2024
Karrie Daponte	Co-Chair	P	P	P			
Marina Glinski	Co-Chair	n/a	P	P			
Silvana Cordoba	Secretary	P	P	Vacant			
Andrew Patterson	Treasurer	P	P	P			
Edith Pencil	OAPCE Rep	n/a	P	P			
Andrew Patterson	Parish Rep (St. Leonard)	P	P	P			
Laura Prestia	Parish Rep (St. John)	R	P	P			
NON-VOTING MEMBERS							
Jennifer Selvaggi	Parish Rep (St. Timothy)	P	P	P			
Cindy Aristizabal	Member at Large	P	P	P			
STAFF MEMBERS							
Diana Speranza	Principal	P	P	P			
Filomena Littlejohn	Vice Principal	R	P	P			
James Vitale	Vice Principal	A	A	P			
Patrick Marcolla	Chaplain	P	P	P			
Kryisia Ratulowski	Teacher Representative	R	P	P			
Laura Fodaro	Non-Teacher Representative	P	P	A			
Victoria F.	Student Representative	P	P	P			
Malena C.	Student Representative	P	A	A			
COMMUNITY GUESTS							
Joanna Godino, Ida Lara, Dina Bronco, Cynthia Guido							
LEGEND		P = Present		R = Regrets		A = Absent	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Attendance was taken.

2.0 OPENING PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Marina G. led the opening prayer and land acknowledgement.

3.0 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Laura Prestia, seconded by Andrew Patterson, “That the Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council approve the Agenda.” CARRIED.

3.1.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Laura Prestia, seconded by Andrew Patterson, “That the Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council meeting minutes of November 6, 2023 be approved.” CARRIED.

3.2 MEETING PROCESS MOVING FORWARD

Marina G. provided an update to members regarding the recent change of CSC membership with the resignation of Silvana Cordoba, Secretary. This position remains vacant and support of current members will be requested to assist in future meetings to take meeting minutes.

Edith Pencil has assumed the position of OAPCE Rep.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Victoria F. provided an update on all the events and activities led by Student Council.

Lots of great activities happened over Christmas season:

- Christmas Variety Show
- Candy Grams
- Door Decorating Contest-top 3 got a prize
- Planning and working on Valentine’s Day festivities and Swag or Civvies Day TBA.

4.2 CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Council Members vs. Non Voting Members

Due to bylaw guidelines restricting members in holding a voting position if employed by the school board, both Cinda A. and Jennifer S. will assume ‘non’ voting positions while remaining on CSC.

4.3 TREASURER REPORT

The Financial report has had no changes, with no funds spent.

Andrew provided an explanation of the funds in the account, and the carryover of funds from covid.

-\$2,617.96 total

-\$1,617.96 to allocate as we see fit

4.4 TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- An overview of the Role of the Student Trustee was provided:
- Info and application are posted via the ‘Students’ tab from the school website. Student Trustee Elections, Grades 10 & 11 students are eligible.
- If more than 1 candidate, speeches will be heard on all lunches in the cafe February 8/24 and then students will vote on Student Council Elections Google Classroom.
- Board Elections will be held February 21/24.

4.5 VICE-PRINCIPAL REPORT

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Wed. Jan.24 Period 1 Exams
- Thurs. Jan.25 Period 2 Exams
- Friday Jan.26 Period 3 Exams
- Mon. Jan.29 Period 4 Exams

- Tues. Jan.30 Inclement Weather Date - if snow day exam will move to this date.
- Wed. Jan.31 Exam Review Date-regular school day, students will be marked absent.
- Thurs. Feb.1 PD Day - turnaround day.
- Fri. Feb.2 Semester 2 Begins.
- Feb. 12 report cards distributed.

4.6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

- The school board has decided to not offer additional buses during exam week as a cost cut measure. RFH has the highest number of bussed students and most busses in our board with 1085 students presently.
- Parents will be informed via school messenger of no mid-day busses and procedure of what will occur until dismissal-approx 4 hours after exams.
- School administration will have supervised quiet spaces for studying, lunch and social areas.
- 305 surveys were completed by (bussed) parents regarding buses on exam days.
- Internal survey will be tomorrow in class.
- Exam times for grades 9 & 10 are from 9-10:30am.
- Exam times for grades 11 & 12 are from 8:30-10:30am.

Potential Concerns & Questions:

- Library will not be open due to exams being facilitated in this space.
- All students must be in full uniform entire day on school property during exams.
- Quiet spaces will be provided for students.
- Students will need to report if leaving for the day (ex. to Caledon East Library)
- Students will be required to stay in exam room until exam period completed.
- TBA if Cafe will be open.

Prom:

- Tues. Jun.25/24 @Royal Ambassador.
- Theme: Ms. Oliveria sent on google classroom choices for themes, top 4 choices will be in a survey for students to vote on winning theme.

Graduation:

Thurs. Jun.27/24 @CAA Centre in Brampton.

Tuesday, January 23/24 communication will go out to parents.

4.7 CHAPLAINCY REPORT

Homeless in Toronto Trip

Mr. Marcolla with a group of students went downtown Toronto on a mission to feed the homeless in reflection of helping those in need. The group handed out paper bag lunches and visited the homeless in Allan Gardens. This mission instilled a sense of gratitude and poverty in spirit to live in faith of our God and Savior.

Deck the Halls Christmas Campaign

This year's campaign raised donations of hygiene products for CCS-Caledon Community Services and Family Transition Place (FTP). We have an overwhelmingly generous school community, and we were able to donate 50 care packages in gift bags to FTP, the rest of the products went to CCS.

A collection of gift cards for students/families in our RFH community, admin and CYW & SSW worked together to distribute to those in need.

Winter Coat Drive

- Out Of Cold Program - now until this Friday, January 19/24.
- any size, any gender, gently used (no coats in need of repair will be accepted).

Ash Wednesday

- February 14/24, open for all students and community guests.
- Ashes will be placed - Period 1 Grades 9 & 10, Period 2 Grades 11 & 12.

Coldest Night of The Year

- Sat. Feb.24/24.
- meet at the Caledon East Community Centre.
- mayor speaks then walk 2-5km.
- after meet in community center for warm chili & drink.
- donations to website-Team Wolfpack, Team Captain Mr. Marcolla.
- Mr. Marcolla will put in announcements.

4.8 OAPCE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Celebrating 85 Years

- OAPCE will host a special event to celebrate this milestone - Regional Conference April 12 & 13/24.
- WHAT: OAPCE 85: A Celebration of Change, commitment & Catholic Education.
- WHERE: Toronto's Msgr. Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School.
- 1st Guest will be His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo who will lead us in Holy Mass.
- Theme and location TBA.
- Next CCCSC meeting is Feb.5/24.
- Next OAPCE/DRACE is Feb.15/24.
- St. Benedict C.E.S. hosting Anti-Human Trafficking Presentation Jan.18/24 @7-8:30pm.
- Encouraging everyone to fill in surveys and sign up for a newsletter. Will send link to Co-Chairs to send out to the council.

4.9 PARISH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

4.9.1 ST. LEONARD'S PARISH – BRAMPTON

- Confessions @4:45pm every Saturday.
- Jan.27/24 Bake Sale after all masses.
- Feb.3/24 @11am-12noon food drop off.
- Envelope pickup at all masses.

4.9.2 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH – CALEDON EAST

- Envelope pickup at all masses.
- Young Adult Ministry Jan.14/24 @1pm.
- First Communion Meeting Jan.17/24 @7pm.
- Young Adult Social Jan.19 @6:45pm at Caledon Hills Brewing Company in Palgrave.
- Grief and Bereavement Jan.20/24 @10am.

- EDGE Youth program is led by volunteer RFH students. Open to elementary grade students (grades 4-8)
- EDGE program runs bi-weekly on Sundays at the Parish next session - Jan .21/24 @1pm.
- Lost n Found Feb.4/24 Mass.
- Baptism Preparation - Feb.7/24 @7:30pm.
- Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN.

4.9.3 ST. TIMOTHY PARISH – ORANGEVILLE

- This weekend Men’s Group-any age, youngest member 20 years old, oldest seniors. Meeting is to discuss and explore and share resources.
- Feb.10/24 @11am Mass - CWL -Catholic Women’s League Bake Sale.
- Feb.14/24 - Shrove Tuesday - Knights of Columbus Pancake Supper.
- Envelope pickup at all masses.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Uniform Shorts Update - Principal Report

- Shorts will be available for purchase and can be worn starting September 2024.
- Usage timeline - Tuesday after May Victoria Day Long Weekend until last day in June and First day of school in September until Friday prior to Thanksgiving Weekend in October.
- Communication will go out to tech classes after course selections that shorts won't be permitted.
- In the case of extraordinary circumstances of warmer weather administration will make adjustments as required.

5.2 Semi-Formal

- Conflicting Nashville trip is NOT occurring anymore due to lack of interest and enrollment.
- When: Thurs. May 16/24.
- Where: Tentative Royal Ambassador (looking into best price).
- Lead Teachers: Ms. Gileppo and Ms. Bajc-McLeod.
- Donations-work with the principal was the answer given at the Co-Chairs training with the board.
- Principal - will allow only if no tax receipts, no credit to company needed, welcomed if donating as a parent and to reduce costs per students tickets (examples of donations; balloons, centerpieces, other decor items)
- Fundraising is allowed by parent council if it is beneficial to all students.

5.3 Grad Swag - Principal

- Rogue Grad Swag - will not be allowed on swag days as not official RFH swag, a group of students organized themselves and did not have approval from school admin.
- Official Grad Swag - there was a deadline for designs and then grade 12 students could vote on the Grad Google Classroom for the winning design.
- A picture of winning design has been added to the Grad Google Classroom.
- In future pictures of swag will be provided on school cash online.

****school doesn't make any money on the Grad Swag****

5.4 CASH ONLINE - Principal

- Will ask Music Department for pic of Music Swag.

- Will ask Athletics if they can order the 'Grey Jogging Pants' and 'Black Nike Wolfpack Hoodie'.
- Student Council and Student Run Events will continue to have CASH ONLY events that are a minimal cost \$1-3.
- 20% fee for usage so not worth to have online for minimal purchases.

5.5 Special Olympics - Karrie D.

- Principal asked for email contacts to have SO contact Mr. Pallucci for SO Unified Athletes-Karrie Daponte will forward.
- WHAT: Special Olympics Ontario School Championships.
- WHEN: June 10-12/24.
- WHERE: Chatham-Kent, ON
- Qualifiers are fast approaching for Bocce, Floorball, Soccer & Basketball.
- Qualifiers for Athletics (Track & Field) will be virtual and deadline to submit TBA soon.
- We have had 1 SO Athlete attend in 2023, 1 SO Athlete qualify in 2020 but canceled due to Covid, 1 SO Athlete participating in 2021 & 2022 virtually due to covid.
- Any student with a cognitive disability qualifies to be a SO Athlete.
- Any student without a cognitive disability qualifies to be a Unified Athlete.
- It would be wonderful to see 1 SO Unified Athlete attend this year-amazing opportunity to help coach and be a mentor and friend. They also compete against other Unified Athletes and go to a Leadership Conference that looks amazing on their resumes.
- opportunity for FREE Floorball Equipment - Karrie D. will send Principal email from SOO regarding the form to fill out.

5.6 Parent Engagement Night - Karrie D. & Laura P.

- In December 2023 sub-committee lead Laura P. unable to fulfill the role, requested support and Karrie D. stepped in.
- CCS Topics - myBlueprint & Indigenous Communities (prior topic was Human Trafficking but was already being covered next week).
- Cynthia G. explained what the plan was last year: 3 topic carousel plan dependent on RSVP's.
- potential date during Education Week In May.
- Sub Committee to meet and make plans and give report at next council meeting.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

6.1 CLOSING PRAYER

Marina G. led the closing prayer.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.