



MEETING MINUTES

Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council

Monday, May 27, 2024

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Minutes Approved at the September 30, 2024 Meeting

ATTENDANCE REGISTER		COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR TERM: 2023 – 2024					
CSC 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	P		P
Marina Glinski	Co-Chair	n/a	P	P	P		P
Silvana Cordoba	Secretary	P	P	Vacant	Vacant		Vacant
Andrew Patterson	Treasurer	P	P	P	P		P
Edith Pencil	OAPCE Rep	n/a	P	P	P		P
Andrew Patterson	Parish Rep (St. Leonard)	P	P	P	P		P
Laura Prestia	Parish Rep (St. John)	R	P	P	P		P
	ROLE						
Jennifer Selvaggi	Parish Rep (St. Timothy)	P	P	P	P		R
Cindy Aristizabal	Member at Large	P	P	P	P		P
	ROLE						
Diana Speranza	Principal	P	P	P	P		P
Filomena Littlejohn	Vice Principal	R	P	P	P		R
James Vitale	Vice Principal	A	A	P	R		P
Patrick Marcolla	Chaplain	P	P	P	R		R
Krysia Ratulowski	Teacher Representative	R	P	P	P		P
Laura Fodaro	Non-Teacher Representative	P	P	A	P		R
Victoria F.	Student Representative	P	P	P	P		P
Malena C.	Student Representative	P	A	A	R		R
Cynthia Guido, Nav Sandher, Joanna Godino, Ida Lara							
LEGEND		P = Present		R = Regrets		A = Absent	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm. Attendance was taken.

2.0 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Welcome remarks were given by Marina.

2.1 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 Andrew, seconded by Laura, “That the Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council approved the Agenda.” CARRIED.

3.1.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Laura, seconded by Andrew, “That the Robert F. Hall Catholic School Council meeting minutes of January 15, 2024 be approved.” CARRIED.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Victoria provided the student council report.

We did 3 events this year.

1. Valentine’s Day (dress down day), Easter, Spirit Week

Valentine’s Day

- Student council celebrated valentines allowing students to wear valentines colour
- Students had the opportunity to participate in a hershey kisses jar contest with a chance to win big teddy bar

2. Easter

- April 2-5 easter egg hunt hid paper eggs around the school and students filled out qr code and saw that students filled them. No one found them all as they were \$10, \$15, \$20 gift card
- Photobooth for easter outside

3. Spirit Week

- Monday May 6 to Friday May 10
- Dress down day and dressing up fancy
- Tuesday we had a necklace game playing rock paper scissors to win the necklace back. At the end of day we would go around and count, the person who had the highest was 140. Top 2 students were awarded \$10 Tim Horton’s. Top teacher played and then student vs teacher - students really liked this activity
- Wednesday - food for sale, cotton candy, pop - fundraiser went to student council
- Thursday - game day - stack the cups and bottle flipped - grade 8 came into the school and we handed out crush
- Friday - karaoke in the cafe - lots of students liked it

Colour competition

- June 5 - grade 12 blue, grade 11 red, grade 10 purple, grade 9 yellow
- counting per each item they have
- People paint their nails

Post-secondary swag - June 12

- only 12

Suggestion from parent council - next year, first parent council ask council if they can do a fundraiser

Diana - Ms. Howell reached out to the board for list of approved vendors for quotes for the outdoor bleachers.

There is a link to make donations to board and specify which school it is going to

Parent asked whether a specific furniture item can be purchased as a donation - Diana: there is a process for this.

Marina asked Victoria whether parent council photos could be added to the yearbook - Diana: I can bring this forward for review, but we'll need to know if there is space

Marina- for next year student council should communicate how parent council could best support their efforts.

Karrie - it may take many years to get the bleachers done,

Karrie thanked all members and those in attendance for all their efforts attending and supporting CSC.

4.2 CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Nothing to report.

4.3 TREASURER REPORT

- Latest numbers - currently sitting \$2717.96 - we have some expenses.
- \$500 – Parent Engagement Night – Hospitality Dept Food
- \$82.83 – Joanna G. invoice for gifts given to guest speakers – Parent Engagement Night
- Total Parent Engagement event \$582.83 (includes HST)
- \$200 – Grad Awards
- Usually, we shouldn't carry over more than \$500
 - We have some options - we can carry over or allocate some
 - We need to keep some in reserve for next year
 - We get \$500 every year from the ministry - which is usually for parent engagement
 - Next year we may need to fundraise for the \$200
 - Diana said there was once discussion about chocolates for fundraising. Fundraising isn't common in high school - the activity fee has dropped to \$45. Types of fundraising: chocolate, pasta dinner night. If the parent council wanted to run a chocolate fundraiser, we would get the kids to sell. I've already had a request for Krispy Kreme for the Yukon trip, which is a full day fundraising event. It counts as 1 of 10 days but if parent council is running it after school it doesn't count as 1 of 10 days (Healthy Schools Act)
 - Karrie: Is the cotton candy made inhouse? Diana - yes, they made their own for the fundraiser (Student Council has a machine)
- Refreshments of coffee and cookies provided at all the CSC meetings this year has been taken care of by the school administration but moving forward will have to be covered by CSC if wanting to continue at a cost of \$45.
 - It was decided at this meeting that refreshments would be canceled for next year.

4.4 TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student council

- Catholic education week
- Parent teacher soccer game
- Council also voted in April - newly elected students will meet in Sept to plan for Terry Fox run
- We also hope to collaborate with parent council to fundraise for picnic tables and bleachers once we have more quotes, we will circle back to parent council

Mindfulness Morning with Mom

- mindful morning with mom Saturday May 11 from 10am -12pm at the school
- weekend starting mental health week
- goal was to promote wellness and healthy relationships
- grade 7 and 8 feeder schools were also invite
- spinning, gratitude workshop, Christian meditation, yoga and self defense
- each student took 3 workshops and had a healthy lunch and received a swag bag

Prom update - Melanie Oliveira

- Melanie kindly reminds parents that if they donate Candy for the prom, please get donations to the school by June 10, 2024 - so far they have twizzlers, sour patch kids, fruities. Must be pre-packaged. Peanut are free.
- Parent: How many kids are going to prom? - varies every year - this year is around 400
- Parent: How did semi formal pay for all of this? Diana – ticket cost
- Marina: Diana are you able to ask the organizing teacher if they can start early so we can proactively look into options for fundraising/donations. Right at the beginning of the planning an email can go out to all parents. Parents can help.
 - Diana: teachers volunteer on top of their regular teaching responsibilities so not that easy to source at the beginning of the school year. As soon as we know how CSC can help we will let you know.

4.5 VICE-PRINCIPAL REPORT

- Jim Vitale shared his experience as RFH's new VP
- Jim started a robotics program at the school he was previously at – could be something CSC may want to fundraise towards to bring program to RFH
- Marina asked that a proposal come forward to CSC to understand what is required to run this type of program
- Krysia: There is something for everyone in the school with the different clubs
 - I am introducing a summer reading program with Sora - app to access all of Dufferin Peels e-books (and some audio books) and also sync'd with the Caledon library

4.6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Religion Education in Catholic Schools Presentation

- Covered learning the catholic classroom, religious education and family life education
- Changes to catholic life program - parents inquire about the curriculum
- Learning in the catholic classroom focuses on student knowledge and skills as well as values and actions; relationship between learning and believing
 - Religious education and family life education deal more with the teachings of the catholic church
 - Catholic teachers continue to present the issue of human sexuality within the fullness of a faith based family curriculum that teaches the content of our faith, values of persons, human relationships, commitment and social responsibility
- All secondary students take part in 1 religion course every year - prayer , liturgical services and annual retreat
- Secondary religion courses
 - grade 9 discipleship and culture
 - grade 10 Christ and Culture
 - grade 11 Faith and Culture
 - grade 12 Church and Culture
- Family life education comprises approximately 20% of religious education curriculum
 - Courses present the catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family

New York Trip

- New York trip approved - Arts plus one - total of 40 students and 4 chaperones (1 to 10 ratio - half male/female)

Friday Hall United Student Leadership Experience (Conference)

- brings all the leadership groups together to collaborate team building and develop leadership skills came together in the library last week (80 kids)
- We did some goal setting, vision - it promoted cross networking between the different groups and planning for activities for next year
- My commitment to provide more opportunities to collaborate and more leadership training and how we can create their resume and portfolios so they are able to amplify the leadership skills that they are building
- Leadership group selects a few students from the group to attend the conference
- Leadership groups: Student Council, ABC, Wolfpack Cares, Wolfpack Leaders, Phys. Ed. leadership, South Asian group, and SAGE

Diana thanks everyone for their participation in CSC

- Karrie - question: why doesn't the athletic banquet allow other athletes who didn't make the team but are still very much involved in sports clubs? I think of all the students who play sports but aren't being recognized.
- Diana – traditionally athletic banquet is for the teams that play competitively for the school. It's not for the sports club participants. I can bring this up with the athletics department. There are other competitive groups like dance that compete but aren't included. I will look into including other athletes that will just have to pay an athletic banquet fee. Currently the cost of the athletic banquet is included in the athletic team fee.

- Karrie: Just want to thank the leaders of parent engagement event Joanna and Ida
 - mention special Olympics as Yazmine made it for the special Olympics
 - June 10-13 in Chatham Kent
 - Its overnight - there is a student fee of \$50 which includes accommodations, transportation, this year we have to hop on Guelph bus and pick up in Shelburne
 - 8,000 athletics and 2500 coaches/police officer
 - We could have sent a unified partner - I had to go to the top of the special olympics admin and explained the situation at RFH they don't have a special needs program/room
 - Karen's daughter Azura, a former RFH student, will go with Yasmine. It allows her to go to a leadership conference there.
 - I won't be here next year so my ask is that administration puts it out to teachers to lead this
- Diana: I put this out to teachers but there was no response. I've also asked for a Special Olympics Presentation
- School Shorts
 - The supplier sent me the photo so I will be sending it out - communication to go out the first week of June so the comm goes out to incoming grade 9

4.7 CHAPLAINCY REPORT

- In April, the 4500 pairs of socks collected during Lent were delivered at the beginning of the Easter season - Good Shepherd Refuge continue to be so very grateful for the yearly donations provided by RF Hall
- Yearend Mass took place Friday May 17 (in keeping with the season of Easter)
- Catholic Education Week was a great success.
 - Began with a Liturgy of the Word over the P.A. - "We are called to love"
 - Drive thru/Thank you! Parents dropping off their kids in the morning received a freshly baked cookie with a message to say thanks for supporting Catholic Education
 - Faith Witness Talks by Ava and Angelica took place on the Wednesday of CEW, as they went around to classes witnessing to the influence and formation of Catholic education on their lives
 - On the Thursday of CEW, a fourth Period school clean-up took place, using supplies provided by the Eco-Crew - using pickers and garbage bags we cleaned up the parking lots and field
 - Gathered for a praying of the rosary on the Friday for general intentions for Catholic education Week
- Christian Meditation continues to be offered to classes, with a renewed push as we enter CPT and exam time - practicing good mental health through the development of spiritual health.
- NEW TRIP FOR 2025 - THE YUKON!
 - 10 students will have the opportunity to travel to the Yukon from May 10th - 18th, 2025, with Our Lady of Mount Carmel secondary school, working to cleanup a camp for children in the diocese of Whitehorse, explore the northern culture, and take in the sights and sounds of our territory farthest to the northwest of Canada
 - information session will take place this Friday May 31st throughout all lunches
 - student interviews for the 10 spots available will take place the week of June 3rd

- a tentative parent info night for students who have been selected will take place on Thursday June 13th

4.8 OAPCE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

OAPCE celebrated 85 years (1939-2024)

- OAPCE's April 13 conference at Monsignor Percy Johnson Secondary School in Etobicoke was a resounding success, thanks to attendees, sponsors, and vendors. Featuring engaging keynotes, workshops, and networking, it sparked discussions and exchanged innovative ideas for advancing Catholic education in Ontario.

OAPCE Newsletter

- Encouraging everyone to sign up for our [newsletter](#)

Parent Survey

- The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) values the input of parents as they plan their focus areas for the upcoming year. Your responses will help better understand the needs and concerns of parents in Catholic education in Ontario and guide our advocacy efforts accordingly.
- Link to [parent survey](#)

4.9 PARISH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

4.9.1 ST. LEONARD'S PARISH – BRAMPTON

- St. Vincent de Paul summer camp

4.9.2 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH – CALEDON EAST

Easter Lily

- orders due by March 17

Ash Wednesday mass

- 9am and 7pm

Stations of the cross

- Mass 6pm on Friday during lent followed by the stations of the cross at 7pm

Soup for soul!

- Soup dinner taking place in the church basement.
- February 16 at 7:30pm after the station of the cross and March 2 at 6pm after mass
- This is a free event put on by the CWL

2023 Tax receipt issue

- There were issues with the 2023 tax receipts (Christmas receipts missing);
- 300 additional tax receipts to be sent out as a separate receipt.

4.9.3 ST. TIMOTHY PARISH – ORANGEVILLE

No update

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Special Olympics - Karrie

5.2 Parent Engagement - Karrie

- Thank you to Joanna/Ida who led the parent engagement event

5.3 Year to year funding

- Cindy - What can we do to help graduation and prom continuously as catholic school council something we can do to allocate a fund towards graduation/prom
- I spoke with someone at St. Andrews parent council donates \$500 towards graduation
- What are we doing with the remaining \$1,800 in our funding - can we donate some to the graduates for this year and next year?
- Diana: you might want to consider increasing your bursary
- Diana: As of today: 464 (grade 9) 375 (grade 10) 393 (grade 11) 361 (grade 12) - total 1593
 - 3-4 classes that have 1 period that it won't be used - the board requires rooms to be used throughout the entire year
 - guarantees an additional secretary
- Marina - we tabled the year-to-year funding discussion and will add the year to year funding for discussion to our first meeting of the year to make a decision

5.4 CSC First Mtg Date - Karrie/Marina

- September 30, 2024 - 7pm
 - election night

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

6.1 CLOSING PRAYER

Marina G. led the closing prayer.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm - Next Meeting: Sept 30, 2024