



Holy Cross Catholic
Secondary School

September 16, 2020, 6:30 pm

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Michael Faught, Michelle Iliescu, Alida French, Bev Pitcher, Shelley Rizzo, Patti Evaristo, Paul Chaves, Susan Pereira, Jennifer McDonald, Sandra Michaud, Nick Cotman, Lisa Lollar, Stephanie Humphries, Nancy Hoogenrad

Student Reps: Madeleine/Caleb

1. Welcome: Principal Michael Faught
2. Prayer: Led by Nick Cotman
3. Election of council Members- Five Positions:
 - Chair: Michelle Iliescu
 - Co or Vice-Chair: Nancy Hoogenraad
 - Secretary: Shelley Rizzo
 - Treasurer: Alida French and Susan Pereira
 - OAPCE Rep: Michelle Iliescu
4. Students Council Update: Madeleine and Caleb

- Caleb, head boy: Grade 9 day took place and went well. Council tried their best to give them a good experience and it was very successful.
- Virtual talent show in 3 weeks: HC's GOT TALENT- Will be live on YouTube channel
- Madeline, head girl: spirit wear- new designs coming! Flash sales!
- Main goal- welcoming and inclusive community and want everyone to feel comfy. Want to make sure they reach remote learners too.

5. Pastoral Report: Nick Cotman

- No mass for now

6. Principal's Report: Mike Faught

- Good start to the new year! They missed a lot of events but wanted to make sure grade 9s felt welcome and at ease. They were kept in their cohorts but participated in welcome events.
- Grade 10s came for day two
- All grades present on Tuesday 8th
- Octomester- all day period one class, 22 days
- Staggered lunch and breaks for all
- Very different vibe in the school. Always just a few people in the halls, no big rush like they're used to
- Working fairly well. Teachers already tired- new schedule is tough for them too
- Very important to meet kids where they're at and find the pace that works to relieve stress and keeps them motivated but keeps them moving forward at the same time.

- They're trying to normalize things as best as they can to get students back on track
- Social distancing is tough- daily reminders over PA- Mr. F getting many calls from community with distancing alerts and reports.

7. Student Generated Funds Report: Alida French and Susan Pereira

Nothing to report tonight

8. Teacher report: Jennifer McDonald

- Council kids are amazing!
- Staff and administration are really stepping up. They're absolutely doing the best they can- embracing technology and finding creative ways to support the school community
- Student council sent out surveys to ask about first week and highlights: The results from grade 9s showed 4 out of 5 stars- amazing experience so far and some really, nice comments came in.

9. Community Report/Public Health: Lisa Lollar

- Nothing will be perfect! They've been working hard to get messages out, but almost immediately, things change and new information is coming in
- It will get better!
- Right now, 5 active cases in the Kingston community
- Lisa is helping to open Queen's testing centre but also helps at the Leon's centre
- They're struggling to get Queen's students on board

- Need to find a way to get people really invested in the cause and communicating the issues with their kids
- Outdoor time is a challenge. It's safer, but there are still dangers
- Wear your masks!
- Mr. Faught says that there's about 99.9% mask compliance inside the school but the hardest part seems to be kids coming and going to/from the bus
- Approx. 70 kids can be on a bus. Kids should be wearing masks on the bus too
- Patti- asked about the protocol for kids that show symptoms. Lisa says to use the screening tools for schools that can be found online. There's a slightly revised version coming out.
- Public Health has a pro-testing attitude. There is nothing else that can distinguish a common cold from COVID. If they get a negative test, they can come back when their symptoms have improved over 24 hours and they no longer have a fever. If they won't get tested, they need to stay home for 14 days. Last option is to reach out to family doctor and have them confirm non-COVID diagnosis and have them recommend the student goes back to school
- Testing are long but it's good to get a baseline (in cases where child has illness like allergies), then watch for systems are different or more severe.
- Protocols: School community stays home when they're sick, hand hygiene, physical distancing, mask wearing, enhanced cleaning

10. OAPCE: Michelle Iliescu

Nothing to report tonight

11. Chairperson/Vice Chair Report: Michelle/Ana
Nothing to report tonight

Next meeting date: October 14th, 2020, 6:30pm
(wrap up first octomester on the 9th)

Meeting ended 7:30
Thanks for coming!!