

**Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School
Catholic School Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
6:30 p.m. - Upper Room**

MINUTES

Attendees: Lillie Shillington, Nicole Szumlanski (Secretary), Alain Carrier (Chair), Joanna Besselink (VP), Terri Daniel (Principal), Nick Woolley (VP), Chris Mazzeo (Teacher Rep.), Carmen Davies, Gareth Davies (Student Council), Hannah Doyle (Student Council), Chantal Lavoie (Vice Chair), Jaime Emmerson, Lesley Kendall, Patty Jansen, Mark Peters, Janie Jang, Beth McNally, Colleen Krasna, Stephane Bilodeau

Regrets: Mary Elaine Carty, Judy Forte

1. **Prayer:** A. Carrier provided the prayer for the evening entitled “School Council Prayer” at www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english6/p03567.html

2. **Welcome & Introductions:** T. Daniel provided a welcoming statement and asked each person around the table to provide their name and who they have as a student at Regi.

3. **Election of Executive and Members:** The following persons were present and nominated into the following positions. They were unanimously voted into their positions on the council: A. Carrier (Chair), C. Lavoie (Vice Chair), N. Szumlanski (Secretary). Congratulations to all.

4. **Business Arising:**
 - a) **Meeting Dates 2018-2019:**
 - Tuesday, September 25th - 6:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, October 23rd - 6:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, November 27th - 6:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, February 5th - 6:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, April 2nd - 6:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, May 14th - 6:30 pm**

If parents want a magnet for their fridges with these dates on, come into the office to get one.

b) PRO Grant Application, Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018 (Tentative Date):

L. Shillington reports that the school council has applied to have Brett Ullman (motivational speaker) come and speak to the students, staff and parents on Tuesday, November 5, 2018. Cost approx. \$900 for the two talks.

L. Shillington has been checking the ministry website daily about the process of the grant its status. She has emailed the MPP, and the ministry and has not heard anything yet. T. Daniel told us that there is a freeze on the grants from the ministry at this time.

Discussion occurred: A. Carrier asked for a motion to proceed with School Council funds to pay for Brett Ullman even if we do not get the grant money in time. Stephane Bilodeau put forward a motion to proceed using our council fees until we find out about the grant money. Lesley Kendall seconded the motion. The council voted: **Motion was carried by the council.**

ACTION: A working group will meet to start organizing the marketing for the event once Lillie has spoken to Brett about confirming dates. Lillie stated she will connect with Brett about possible date changes by email tomorrow.

ACTION: An email will be sent out to this working group with volunteers including P. Jansen, L. Shillington, N. Szumlanski, C. Lavoie. The group will contact T. Daniel for any support needed. A report of progress will be provided to the council at the next meeting in October.

ACTION: Tentative date for Brett Ullman is Tuesday, Nov 6th: Can T. Daniel check the space at Regi for a presentation to the student on that day and check for any other conflicts happening on that day?

5. New Business:

- **Student-Generated Funds Report:**
The fund's report was sent around for parents to review.
- **RND Student Council September Report**

RND Student Council Instagram: @rndstudcouncil

RND Student Council Twitter: @rndstudcouncil

ACTION: Student council and parent council will try to support each other with communicating events through social media.

Past Events

August 27-31st - A Head Start Program

- Student council volunteered from Monday-Friday at the school.
- Council was responsible for leading anti-bullying discussions with groups of grade 9 students
- Planned events for lunchtime (games for students to get involved in and get to know each other)
- Organized after-school sports activities to introduce grade 9s to some of the sports offered at Regi (basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee and badminton)

Friday, September 14 – Grade 9 Day (afternoon)

- Organized station leaders and group leaders for grade 9 events
- It ran from 12:00-2:30
- Variety of events from tug-of-war to relay races and water balloon tosses
- Grade 9 picture in the middle of the field said '22 for Class of 2022.

Sunday, September 16th - Terry Fox Walk at SLC

- Council and members of the RND community walked 5km to raise money and awareness at the Terry Fox Walk
- Focused on raising awareness for the Brady Trophy (awarded to the high school with the most participation between Holy Cross, RND and Bayridge)
- RND won the Brady Trophy

Wednesday, September 19th - Picture Day

Friday, September 21st - Posters in the Commons to sign for Jake and Johnny, the students from Holy Cross who were in a car accident

Upcoming events/things we are currently planning for or involved in:

September 26th - First School Mass of the year (first-time council will be helping with readings and communion)

October 9th - 12th Spirit Week

- Tuesday: Cozy Day
- Wednesday: Twin Day
- Thursday: Denim Day
- Friday: Garnet and Gold Day

October 12th – Pep Rally

October 12th - RND night at the Kingston Frontenac's Game

October 19th - Coffeehouse in the cafeteria at 7 pm (sign ups and auditions happening before)

- **Pastoral Care Team Report**

Pastoral update:

All Grade 9 classes took turns coming to the chapel this month for the whole period, to learn more about the meaning and flow of the mass. I hope this contributes to a more full, conscious and active participation at tomorrow's mass.

When polled (with eyes closed) about faith background and practice, I was surprised to see that only about 10% attend a place of worship weekly. That's low for us. Lots of room to share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ!

Monthly volunteering: Reserving more time each month for formal volunteering - took older FIAT (faith in action team) students to St. Vincent de Paul to volunteer on Fri. They hope to have monthly collections and connections to this great local charity.

We also have a Habitat for Humanity build taking place on Cowdy st. So, trying to encourage older students to volunteer there also on the PD day or Saturdays. Justine Lord's Sr. Religion class went to my mom's nursing home to sing last week and hope to return monthly this semester. It was AMAZING! (for students and the elderly!).

Our students also want to run a "Flip Flop Friday" next Fri. for the Red Cross to help locally (Ottawa) and globally (U.S. and Philippines).

Mrs. Zbrovsky's students in 2 classes volunteered at St. John's church to help the parishioners set up for their annual bazaar.

New but Not Grade 9 Lunch - we had a chance to share pizza one day in the chapel. Really neat international, new to Ontario or new to us students. They made connections with each other and know they're not alone in this big school!

Indigenous 3 sisters garden on Cowdy harvested 6 pumpkins, about the same amount of coloured corn, lots of beans too! Use in decor tomorrow and prep for soup etc. after tomorrow!

Met several times with Indig Ed lead Shawn McDonald, elder Helena, and Indig art teacher Nancy Bell to plan for some upcoming learning opportunities for Indig students and friends. (first lunch meeting on Oct. 9th at lunch)

SGIC (sexuality and gender inclusivity) is up and running on Wednesdays at lunch with student leadership and the support of myself and our youth worker Amey Cancian. Quite a lot of confident students attending. They are enjoying the social aspect of spending lunch in a safe space (214), and hope to do some education for staff, continuing a tradition that was started last year. (the language changes very quickly as does our understanding of what these students need to feel welcome and safe)

Thrift Shop has been open in the Chaplaincy centre on Tuesdays at lunch or by chance. All items only \$2.

Anime has begun on Fridays at lunch. Ms. Scovill has offered her room and help to supervise this semester! Great kids showing great leadership and having fun with a common interest!

Ms. Scovill has also offered her room and supervision for a student-led faith group. She and I will preview the material and be in attendance. We hope some students join this student leader (Jocelyne Shaw) on Oct 4th at lunch.

The Mentoring of our youth with some of the Queen's African Caribbean students association is about to begin again. This group is keen to share African-Caribbean culture with interested students. (Probably beginning after school on Oct. 10th or 11th in Food and Nutrition room if available).

SHSM Non-Profit, FIAT and other interested students are welcome to participate in the Poverty Challenge in Belleville on Oct. 25th. and the Toronto Street retreat on Nov 14th.

FIAT leaders along with Development and Peace animator Luke Stocking are planning a retreat day for interested Grade 9's at Rideau Acres on Fri. Oct. 19th. Cost TBD but hoping for support from the board.

Oct. mass will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on Wed. Oct. 17th. You are welcome to join us!

That's all for now. Our prayers are with the family of Gr 9 student Maddie Couture as they grieve the passing of her sister Beth, and our prayers are with the boys from HC who were in the car accident this month. Peace and blessing to you all in your ministry to youth at RND.
Mary E.

- **Teacher's Report:**

- ARTS:

- This year's Production is Into the Woods
 - 35 students will be performing
 - It will run from Dec 5th-8th
 - The senior band has 65 students. They are planning to perform in Chicago this Spring.

- ATHLETICS:

- The fall season is in full swing with the following teams up and running:
 - Basketball (Girls Jr & Sr)
 - Cross Country
 - Field Hockey
 - Football (Jr & Sr)
 - Golf (Girls & Boys)
 - Volleyball (Boys Jr & Sr)
 - Friday Night Lights Football games will be played at Richardson Stadium (Jr @ 5:30, Sr @ 7:30)

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- IEPs will be mailed home Oct 11th, ahead of the Oct 16th deadline.
- Students who are new to RND and have an IEP have been introduced to the Spec Ed department and have been taught how to access our services and resources.
- Our new furniture is scheduled to arrive tomorrow. It will help us to cater to a wide variety of student learning needs and will therefore create an improved learning environment for our students.
- As part of a Collaborative Inquiry from last school year, the department received 14 new laptops to be used by our students in our Learning Strategies classes.

STUDENT SERVICES:

- Our guidance counsellors have finished their grade 9 visits to period 2 classes. All grade 9s have now been introduced to their guidance counsellor and have been taught how to make a guidance appointment with them. They also received tech training on accessing Office 365, One Drive, and D2L.
- College and University visits are ongoing. They have been well attended. They are listed on the Student Services D2L page and on the School Calendar.
- The post-secondary information night was held last Thursday. It was not as well attended as previous years.
- The Academic Awards Ceremony is to be scheduled for November.
- Take Your Kid to Work Day is on Nov 14th.

MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS:

- There will be a Can Jam tournament on Wednesday, Oct 3rd at lunch. Costs will be \$5 / team. All proceeds go toward student wellness initiatives at RND.

OTHER MISC ITEMS:

- Picture day was Sept 19th. Retakes will be done Nov 2nd
- The school and school board have provided teachers with laptop computers. The laptops will replace the teacher desktops that are currently located in classrooms and workrooms. The desktops will be serviced and redeployed to our student labs on Friday.
- The Improve team is up and running again. Over 35 students are involved this year. They meet every Friday and some lunches.
- The RND Robotics Club will be starting Thursday. They will be meeting 3 days a week at lunch.

- **Principal's Report:** T. Daniel to send to N. Szumlanski

EQAO Grade 9 Math Results: J. Besselink reported that RND led the ALCDSB in EQAO math scores and RND students scored well above the provincial average. 92% of our students taking academic math course scored at or above the provincial standard (levels 3 and 4). This is a 5% increase from the previous year. 70% of our students taking applied math course scored at or above the provincial standard. This is a 10% increase from the previous year.

Information points from the Floor:

- Ontario University Fair happening in Toronto this coming weekend: Sept 28, 29, 30, 2018
- Questions from the floor: A parent asked about where to find the awards, bursaries and scholarships. They are in the D2L, Maplewood portals. T. Daniel suggested that parents ask their students for login information so that they can see these areas for information on attendance, marks, homework and tests.
- An email was received from a parent, Anna Rider about a film called Over 18 that was shown at KCVI and Vanier last year. Check out www.over18doc.com This parent may come to the next meeting to present her idea of hosting an event showing this movie to parents.
- Remembrance Day service at school will be held on Weds. Nov 7th
- A. Carrier plans on writing a policy to hand to the next chair in 2019 about the process of the meeting throughout the year.
- A parent asked about if our grant presentation speaker might talk about healthy screen use. Another parent mentioned that Screenagers is being shown at a few schools again this year as a resource to research into.

6. Correspondence:

Alain received some fundraising materials. It was passed around the table at the meeting and then recycled.

7. Adjournment:

Next meeting date: Tuesday, Oct 23, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the library. S. Bilodeau has volunteered to provide the prayer for the next meeting.