

**Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School
School Council Meeting
Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018
6:30 p.m. – RND Library**

Attendees:

Lillie Shillington, Nicole Szumlanski (Secretary), Alain Carrier (Chair), Joanna Besselink (VP), Terri Daniel (Principal), Nick Woolley (VP), Michaela Dowling (Student Council), Matthew Mullholland (Student Council), Chantel Lavoie (Vice Chair), Patty Jansen, Stephane Bilodeau, Anna Ryder (Guest Speaker)

Regrets: Mary Elaine Carty, Chris Mazzeo (Teacher Rep.)

1. Prayer. Provided by Mr. Stéphane Bilodeau. Thank you
2. Welcome & Introductions.
3. Review of last School Council Meeting Minutes September 25th, 2018: One edit corrected. Approved: Lillie Shillington moved to accept the minutes, Patty Jansen seconded. Minutes passed.
4. Recurring Business. Updates and reports.
 - a. Student Council Report

Past Events

September 26th - First School Mass of the year

- First time council will be helping with opening prayer, prayers of the faithful and communion
- Also helped for setup and clean-up

October 9th - 12th Spirit Week

* Tuesday: Cozy Day

* Wednesday: Twin Day

* Thursday: Denim Day

* Friday: Garnet and Gold Day

- Communication to student body through posts on the student council Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat stories
- Lots of school spirit shown by council and the rest of the school

October 5- Friday night Lights

- Council sold approximately 300 tickets beforehand at lunch
- Many more tickets were sold at the door however Regi did not sell out
- Student Council arrived early prior to the Junior game and set up a merch table at Richardson Stadium and sold merch throughout the event

- Student Council focused on leading cheers, distributing signs and noise makers, and running the merch table.
- After the first half of the senior game the student council cleaned up the merch table and collected all the noise makers.

October 12th – Pep Rally

- All materials for the games Hungry Hippo and Doughnuts on a String were bought and organized prior to the event.
- Teacher flash mob was organized through lunchtime practices as well as a video of the dance that was sent out to all teachers.
- Student council focused on cheers and games
- After the pep rally students were sent to the stands to watch the end of the Junior football game.

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

- Student turnout was less than expected but there was a student council representative and everyone had a good time

October 16th - PH Classic

- Council helped with set-up and clean-up
- Focused on selling merch, food, as well as leading cheers
- A toonie toss was held at half of each game to help raise money for cancer research
- About \$3000 raised for cancer research

October 17- Second mass of the Year

- Student Council helped by putting up signs, setting up, and cleaning up
- Council helped by reading and bringing up to gifts

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

- Tickets sold at lunch the week prior by student council
- Council focused on setting up, selling food and merch, and cleaning up
- Hired a sound guy and rented the equipment
- Bigger turnout than expected

Future Events

October 25th - Blood drive/ non-uniform day

-We are doing a blood drive

-7 kids getting on a bus on Thursday and going to give blood

- non-uniform day

October 31st - Halloween events

-Putting on events in the commons

- Possible events pumpkin carving in homerooms, giving out candy in the commons

November a really laid-back month normally because school gets pretty hard, there aren't that many holidays, or events going on.

November 2nd - Picture retake day

- Student council will help the photo takers out with student's who haven't got a picture yet or would like a retake

November 11th-Remembrance day

Around November 11th a Remembrance Day ceremony because Remembrance Day falls on the weekend.

- b. Student Generated Funds Report
- c. Pastoral Care Team Report

Oct. mass at St Mary's last week last Wed! Walked to/from, weather agreed with us! Very positive feedback from staff, great memory making as a community! Deacon Barclay (retired RND staff) preached!

Ms. Lord's monthly choir outing to the Waterford Retirement to sing last Thurs.
Students growing in confidence talking to elders, and elders talking more.

Grade 9 retreat last Friday. Luke Stocking from Development and Peace facilitated for about 70 students! Walked to/from Our lady of Fatima, making lots of good church connections this month! (kids should feel comfortable going to church even if their families don't attend!)

FIAT - Faith in Action Team met yesterday to discuss "Packing Lunches" for students in Moose Factory, as a way to show support and solidarity. There's a group from Kingston that delivers support on a regular basis via "Friends of the North - Misiway" Project. Who have the ability to deliver food/goods in early December. <http://friendsofthenorthmisiway.com/> We'll try to promote a classroom collection to include non-perishable things like Granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes and things our students look forward to in their lunches!

ACSA - African Caribbean Student Association from Queen's met once with some of our youth after school and are coming back in early November to do some cooking and culture! We encourage students of African or Caribbean descent to come and share and learn more about these rich cultures, and to be in solidarity with others who understand the degree of silent (and not so silent) racism/ignorance that exists in Kingston Ont. Some Thursdays after school in Nov. (dates TBD)

Poverty Challenge Quinte is this Thursday at Loyalist. We still have room for a few more Gr 11/12 students. Permission forms in office.

Book club has begun. First book is "the Giver" by Lois Lowry. Book club will meet Thurs. Nov. 8th at lunch in chaplaincy to discuss.

P7 Christian faith exploration has begun, with 7-10 students each week!
Continues on Thursdays at lunch in room 141 with Ms. Scovill.

Remembrance day liturgy on Nov. 7th.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteer opportunity on Nov. 9th.

Live Different presentation for grade(s) 9?10? Nov. 23rd 10am.

Chris Bray (Catholic Christian musician) here afternoon of Nov. 20th.

Period 4 Grade 10's will be scheduled to come to the chapel later in Nov.
to discuss reconciliation in faith.

Bereaved student support group begins Nov. 22nd in P4.

World religions host the indigenous dancers on Nov. 23 in chapel.

Indigenous student group has begun again. Outing today at the Napanee
river catching salmon with Ms. Bell and Ms. Kritsch.

Next gathering TBD.

d. Teachers' Report: Chris Mazzeo

ARTS:

The RND Senior Concert Band is presenting a concert on Friday
November 9 at 7 p.m. entitled: **Music of Europe and World War I, A
Century of Remembrance**

The concert will feature the Senior Band, Junior Band, Choir and special
guests The Kingston Youth Orchestra in an hour-long celebration of music
and songs of Europe. All are welcome.

The Senior Concert Band is excited for our trip to **Chicago** in April to
perform in the festival of Gold at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall.
Also, we secured tickets to the hit musical Hamilton!!

The Choir, under the direction of Ms. Lord, has been busy performing at
Masses both at the school and at St. Mary's Cathedral. They have also
performed two meaningful concerts at the Windsong Dementia wing of
the Waterford Retirement home. Meaningful to the students and to the
residents.

And finally, mark your calendar for December 5 to 8 and attend **Into the
Woods** at RND our major production of RND Arts!!

ATHLETICS:

Winter sports start up about the second week of November

Parents should be aware that teams now pay for their own transportation,
team fees, still \$30 for supply and athletic fees. This causes student
athlete fees to go up. Still pretty cheap compared to club sports and other
high schools.

Students who want to be involved but are having financial difficulties can
always get assistance.

New athletic information board above the water fountain by the CND gym.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Draft IEPs were mailed home Oct 11th, ahead of the Oct 16th deadline.

Referrals for psycho-educational assessments are underway.

SERTs, Guidance Counselors, and Youth workers have been given the info on the Queen's programs: Successful Transitions Online and Mentoring Program (STOMP), and Online To Success (OLTS). We are accepting student registrations now. These two programs are transition programs for students in Grades 11 and 12 with learning disabilities, ADHD, ASD, and/or mental health disorders (such as anxiety or depression) who plan to attend college or university. They begin in March and are 8-week, online courses that guide students through various activities and assignments designed to prepare them for the challenges they may face in post-secondary school.

STUDENT SERVICES:

College and University visits are continuing. They are listed on the Student Services D2L page and on the School Calendar.

The Academic Awards Ceremony is to be scheduled for Friday, November 16 at 10:00 am .

Take Your Kid To Work Day is on Nov 14th.

MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS:

Nothing to report

OTHER MISC ITEMS:

The second evening of parent teacher interviews will be held tomorrow from 6-8pm.

Picture Retakes will be done Nov 2nd

This Friday is a PA day. The focus is on our faith and faith development.

Last day of term 1 is November 7th.

Midterm reports will be sent home November 19th.

Academic awards assembly has been rescheduled for November 16th at 10am.

e. **Principal's Report**

Parent-Teacher interviews continue tomorrow evening. Our Bill MacLeod Friday Night Lights evening is now entitled: Bill MacLeod Memorial Cup as was asked from the Catholic Council in 2017/2018.

This event was held at Richardson Stadium was a big success – 2400 tickets sold. It's an expensive venue but a pretty special venue for the players and fans. Queen's security was pleased with the behaviour of our

students. The PH Classic, hosted here at RND this year, was also a big success, both in numbers and in support of local breast cancer research initiatives.

This PD Day is a regional faith day for adult faith development. Annie Anghelescu won an OFSAA Silver Medal at Golf and our Field Hockey Team lost a close game to FSS in the semifinals yesterday. As soon as the fall teams wrap up, look for winter sports to get underway. All involved with the musical continue to make good progress.

5. Old Business.

- a. PRO grant way ahead and Mr Brett Ullman presentation on Tuesday Nov 6th,2018. Lillie provided an update: Patty, Nicole and Chantel and Lillie and I met to plan. Marketing has included the website, facebook, the board office communications, church bulletins, KFL&A PH nurses. Snacks for event for will be for 40-60 people.
- b. Parent-Teacher interviews Wed Oct 24th, 2018. Chantel, Patty, Alain and Nicole will be attending to stand at the table.
- c. Remembrance Day Service Wed Nov 7th ,2018. Alain will be present for this service.
- d. Timeline and Key Events for RND Catholic School Council (Chair).
ACTION: Alain would like to have a DRAFT completed by Nov 27th.

6. New Business.

- a. Anna Rider proposal for a screening of the film Over 18 (Impact of on-line pornography on our children and youth).
Anna presented to the school council about the film: Over 18.
A discussion occurred, and a date was suggested for April 8-12, 2018.
Anna stated that she would send us the poster they used at KCVI as a starting point. Terri also mentioned that she was in touch with the ALCDSB about the appropriateness of this film and the board is supportive. Terri also touch based with the school police being involved and also the Catholic Youth Worker.

Action: Lillie made a motion to arrange a date and committee at our next meeting. Chantel seconded this motion. All was in favour.
- b. Consolidation of action points from School Year 2017-18 (Chair).
ACTION: Alain is going to look through past minutes to account for all actions in the 2017/2018 year. More to follow.

- a. Arising Business from the Floor. Round table. Timeline and Key Events for RND Catholic School Council (Chair).
 - Chantel asked if when Alain is writing up the Timelines and Key Events could include key contact name and numbers.
 - Alain also asked if we can consider having an award for a council member (Sherri Lachine). Discussion occurred with no decision made about setting up an award.
7. Correspondence. Standard mail and emails. None to note of.
8. Next Meeting date.
Tuesday November 27th ,2018 at 6:30 pm in the RND High School Library.
9. Adjournment at 7:30 pm: Chantel motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Nicole Seconded
Prayer Leader for next meeting: Chantel