

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

**Tuesday, February 19th, 2019
6:30 p.m. – RND Library**

Attendees:

Lillie Shillington, Nicole Szumlanski (Secretary), Joanna Besselink (VP), Terri Daniel (Principal), Matthew Muholland (Student Council), Alain Carrier (Chair), Lori McGriskin

Regrets: Nick Woolley (VP), Chantel Lavoie (Vice Chair), Chris Mazzeo (Teacher Rep.), Mary Elaine Carty

1. Prayer. Provided by Ms. Lillie Shillington.
2. Welcome & Introductions.
3. Review of last School Council Meeting Minutes November 27th, 2018 for approval. Approved by all: Motion for acceptance by T. Daniels, seconded by L. Shillington.
4. Recurring Business. Updates and reports.
 - a. Student Council Report.

Past Events:

Christmas Spirit Week, Cozy Day, Red & Green day, Hawaiian Christmas (Dec 17-21, 2018)

Students had the opportunity to go skating at the Memorial Centre on Friday December 21, 2018 in 3rd period.

Grade Eight Night: Snacks, clubs, Regi wear, Valentine Week Matchmaker and Candy grams

Future Events:

Semi Formal-Friday Feb 22, 2019 “Enchanted Forest” (coat check, pizza and chip station, and a smores bar.

Relay for Life (Expecting 200 students): Friday, May 24th

Last Coffee house, Friday May 24th

Blood Drive Soon (Bus)

- b. Student Generated Funds Report. Reviewed by council and discussed the amounts from the Pro-Grant monies received and invoices paid for Brett Ullman last fall.
- c. Pastoral Care Team Report: None
- d. Teachers' Report: None

e. **Principal's Report**

It has been a long time since our last meeting with lots of events in between. To start with, we are grateful for the support of parents and the work of the police following the threats to school safety in December. Police were here in under three minutes and were very diligent to ensure everybody's safety in a rapidly unfolding situation. Staff and students were highly compliant and that was noted by the police afterward. They said in many cases, there were unaware there was anybody in a room when they entered. We ask parents to continue to provide reassurances to their daughters and sons and to reinforce that complete silence (including cell phones and other technology) is a necessity for safety. It was reassuring that the police identified a suspect and that the suspect lives abroad.

Then, we moved on to bus cancellation days. Trying to figure out how to provide review and closure for courses and how to run an exam schedule that allowed for the PD Day on Friday and a start to semester two the following Monday was a challenge and we know it was stressful for students. The book room has been open extra days and extra hours in order to accommodate this shortened timeframe. If, at this point, students still do not have their textbooks, they should come to the Main Office for help.

Semester two is underway, albeit with plenty of disruptions thus far. We hope to get into a learning groove this week. Students have also begun making their course selections for next year. They do this online, with group sessions for the junior students. We hosted a Grade Eight Parent Evening and then an Electives Fair to help inform students about their choices.

As the winter season wraps up, we have two KASSAA silver medals in volleyball and three swimmers heading to OFSAA. Our Cheer Team came second in provincials and the math contests are underway shortly. Our Improv Team captured the Gold and are now competing in the nationals in Ottawa.

Students have their report cards and it won't be long until early progress reports are written. Check the school calendar for dates. An important date for grade tens is the OSS Literacy Test which takes place provincewide on Wednesday, March 27th.

Some of our students will participate in the yearly Boys and Girls' Club Grade 10 Speaker Series: this year, we will travel to KCVI to hear from Mike Downie, speaking about the Secret Path and Truth and Reconciliation, on Thursday, March 7th. The following day will be a Two-

for-Non-Uni to help fund the Rez Girls' Hockey Team who will be travelling to Kingston for a hockey tournament. They will visit RND during their stay in town.

5. Old Business.

- a. After Action Review. Finance \$1150.00 and outstanding points. Discussed.
- b. Timeline for School Council main events and councils and Terms of References will be distributed electronically for comments (Action Chair).
Action: Deferred until the next meeting: A. Carrier
- c. Alain provided the council with the RND Planning Council Planning Council Planning Timeline: **Action: A. Carrier provided a Council Planning timeline: Council to review the timeline and discuss it at next meeting on April 2, 2019.**
- d. Consolidation of action points from School Year 2017-18 (Action Chair).
Action: A. Carrier provided the Council meeting Topics from the school year 2017/2018. Defer to the next meeting for discussion.
- e. Follow-up on the screening of Over 18 (Anna Rider) during the April 8-12, 2019. Finalize dates for events and sub-committee work.
Action: Nicole to contact Anna and ask about whether they have held the movie during the day for the students and to ask if April 11th is a suitable day. Will Anna be the facilitator? A. Carrier has volunteered to introduce Anna. We will need a bio is needed for Anna. We will provide an honorarium. T. Daniel to connect with the catholic youth worker, human trafficking officer, community officer. Action: Plan an agenda for the evening at the next meeting.
- f. Recognition of former Council members' contribution. Discussed. Decided to not recognize anyone at this time. Completed.
- g. Catholic School Council Association – EAST meeting attended by the Chair on October 24th, 2018. The Chair will send an electronic summary of main takeaways. Next meeting by VTC February 27th, 2019. A. Carrier mentioned that one point that was brought up was whether recycling was done at the school. T. Daniels confirmed that that recycling is collected and sorted at Regi.

6. New Business.

- a. Key dates for Winter Semester (Parent-Teacher, graduation, etc...

Parent Teacher Interviews: March 28th
Graduation: Thursday June 27th, 2019

7. Correspondence. Standard mail and emails. None
8. Arising Business from the Floor. Round table. None
9. Next Meeting date. Tuesday April 2nd, 2019 in the RND High School Library.
10. Adjournment (including Prayer leader for next meeting)