

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

**Tuesday, November 28th, 2017
6:30 p.m. – RND Library**

Attendees: Terri Daniel (Principal), Nick Woolley (Vice Principal), Alain Carrier (Chair), Tawnya Stringer (Vice Chair), Nicole Szumlanski (Secretary), Lillie Shillington, Dan Deptuck, Ashley Cheung (Student Rep.), Robert Lefebvre (Student Rep.), Judy Forte, Bryndis Swan, Karen Hunt

Regrets: Lesley Kendall, Chantel Lavoie, Denise Sammon, Lorraine Kennedy (Staff Rep), Betsy Donald, Danielle Hogan, Joanna Besselink (Vice Principal)

1. Prayer. Led by Vice Chair Tawnya Stringer.
2. Welcome & Introductions. By Alain Carrier
3. Old Business.

Review of last School Council Meeting Minutes October 24th, 2017.

Terri D. asked to have a note added to the October minutes under Arising Business from the floor about the council approving a motion made by Nicole S. to have \$450 to buy business cards and design a Regi School Council floor banner to be used at the first interview parent night.

- 3.1 Why did the name change for the senior game Billy MacLeod Memorial (a student that was murdered in 1985)
Action: Terri did ask about the senior football game (Billy MacLeod Memorial) and did not get any answers. Terri will investigate this and will get back to us? Deferred for the next meeting (Feb). Terri will find more information about this.
- 3.2 Security follow-up: **Discussion occurred about what the next steps should be with regards to security. Terri suggested that she would reach out to some key partners and Dan D. said that he could support any next steps. More discussion needed at the next meeting (Feb).**
- 3.3 Uniform policy review:
See New Business section.
- 3.4 OAPCE Conference: Tawnya attended the OAPCE on DATE: Voice for parents in catholic at the provincial level. **Tawnya provided the conference summary to Nicole for the minutes.**

4. Recurring Business. Updates and reports.

a. Student Council Report. Students to send me their report

b. **Student Generated Funds Report**

See document.

c. **Pastoral Care Team Report**

FIAT **“Faith in Action Team”** events - (formerly RHUM)

- Class lead Clothing drive for upcoming Thrift shop
- Green Team “FUNraising” Pumpkin Carving Contest – compost the waste, toasted the seeds!
- Poverty Challenge Quinte with SHSM Non-Profit students and others. Very eye-opening!
- “Live Different” values-based presentation last week for Grade 9’s on 'Compassion'.
- FIAT Students to volunteer at The Toy drive, and Nativity display with elementary students in Dec.
- Advent campaign beginning – Food baskets for Salvation Army (Grade collections) and Homeroom collection of toys/\$ for toy drive (kids/ Teens) for Dec. mass collection.

Nov liturgy for Veteran’s week and the month of All Souls – We kept to our Wed mass day and time and did a liturgy of the word to keep it very familiar to the experience of mass. With our own LCol Alain Carriere as the guest speaker, it was a powerful liturgy! We had a special tribute before the liturgy began on the anniversary of Passchendaele (with music from the CD of deceased RND staff member Jo Bolarinho - "A Living prayer") and we had a musical reflection after Alain with the names of Regi alumni who fought in the wars (guitar/solo by Mr. Stelter - "fiddler's Green" by Tragically Hip). We lit candles in remembrance of our deceased loved one’s written in our Book of Remembrance this month. It was beautiful, and we plan to do something similar next year when Remembrance Day is again on the week-end.

Reconciliation – All Grade 9’s had opportunity to examine conscience, meet with Fr. Jim and to refresh their memory about the sacrament. Grade 10’s and 11’s will gather tomorrow (Wed. Nov. 29th) for the opportunity with visiting priests.

Indigenous Student Group - We have begun again. We have had two more students join our community from Northern Indigenous communities, and they have been a great addition to our school. Louis Wesley from Attawapiskat is now in his third year and is ready for leadership, so this group is great for him. We hope to do monthly awareness raising events in the common (like offering music, food, language learning etc) perhaps with the base being the Grandfather teachings (Honesty, Truth, Humility, Love, Courage, Wisdom, Respect) which tie in nicely with our Catholic teachings.

We were able to take 2 members of our group to the shared conference between LDSB and ALCDSB earlier this month, and it was a worthwhile experience. Next time we’ll

have more time to prepare to bring more students. (Religion classes brought other students)

SGIC – Respecting Differences. Students have asked to begin again under a new name: *Sexual and Gender Inclusivity Club*. There are about 10-15 students in attendance each Wednesday at lunch in a classroom. We hope to have groups participate in the Amnesty International "write for rights" on the week of Dec. 11th. Rights of people of gender and sexual minorities are being trampled in Chechnya and this is NOT ok with the Catholic church or the world, so it would be a good chance to bring some awareness to the catechism which says "they must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" we will also have the shsm - non-profit sharing the Development and peace postcards for people to sign in support of women supporting peace throughout the world.

Student/Staff support – as requested (staff on medical leave, 1 student just had brain surgery, many people to pray for and support. Nice to see so many staff stop by to mention a loved one who they want prayed for – our prayers are powerful around here!)

Event support – Tony Melendez – great witness of joy and overcoming adversity. VERY faith filled message. Had students singing songs of faith with great joy! Live Different.

New but not grade 9 lunch - great to meet new students, many from other countries this year, 2 from northern Ontario as mentioned, one refugee from Syria a student displaced from the hurricane in Honduras, many new from Philippines, central America and elsewhere!

Bereavement group – for students who've lost a parent is beginning soon in preparation for the Holiday season which is often quite challenging.

Advent/Christmas mass on Wed. Dec. 20th at 9:30 in the CND Gym.

Upcoming Chaplaincy Conference in April – Planning meetings are well underway thanks to the leadership of Jo Belanger and Anita Bedore!

d. Teachers' Report. Report to be sent to me and attached.

e. **Principal's Report**

Midterm report cards headed home last Thursday, which always prompts discussions between home and school as we support students in their learning goals. Our fall sports season wrapped up, with many success stories, including KASSAA finals appearances for our junior girls' basketball and senior boys' football teams, KASSAA championship for our junior boys' volleyball, EOSSAA AAA championship for our X-Country Team and reaching OFSAA quarterfinals for our senior boys' volleyball team. The winter season is now underway. Preparations for The Wizard of Oz, running next week, are at full tilt. Get the word out there that tickets are still available but going fast. Improv Fridays are up and running. There are so many clubs available at RND; if your son or

daughter is unsure, have them ask their homeroom teacher or guidance counselor for more information. Check the RND website frequently.

Staff worked on flexible seating and UDL (universal design for learning) which is about flexible approaches and demonstrations of learning at our last PD Day.

5. New Business.

- a. Screenagers screening after action review. See attached
- b. Security follow-up. See old business: Terri suggested setting up a meeting with McMurter and Dan will help out as needed.
- c. Uniform policy review. Discussion occurred about what suggestions could be made about the uniform policy. Most of the discussion was about whether it is feasible to have the spring uniform as an option for the fall time when it is still warm. There was discussion about the formality of starting school with the fall uniform and also about short sleeves. The two suggestions were: to allow both the spring and fall uniform to be worn or to only have the fall uniform worn. Terri stated that she would bring these two suggestions back to the administration at the school.

6. Arising Business from the Floor. Nil

7. Correspondence. Standard mail and emails. The school council received a mail invite for the CSCA Meeting on Dec 13. Alain attended on behalf of the council.

8. Next Meeting dates.

February 13, 2018

April 10, 2018

May 15, 2018

9. Adjournment (including Prayer leader for next meeting):

Alain wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Prayer Leader: Alain Carrier will lead the prayer for the next meeting.