

**Regional School Council Meeting – April 25, 2019**

**Mother Teresa Catholic School**

In attendance: Karen Shannon, Michelle Iliescu, Alain Carrie, Joanne Evangelista-Lyons, Lisa Bickerstaffe, Jennifer Barry, OLMC, Marie Nolan McBride, OLMC, Dianne Lafortune, St. James Major, Tammy Dupuis, Melanie Wistead, St. James Major, Paloma Turnbull – St. Francis of Assisi, Teresa Dodwell

Discussion Items	
Rowan's Law Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen explained the background for Rowan's Law, March 2018; law is amended, and Ministry wanted School Councils to be aware of this amendment; Rowan's Law is now in the Education Act – all boards are expected to have and adhere to concussion awareness and management procedures</li> <li>• Discussion/questions about our forms and policies for return to learn and return to play</li> </ul>
OAPCE Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Wright from Trenton, offered to be a regional member of the provincial OAPCE table; the Board of Trustees agreed that he be our representative; Chris was the rep for approximately the last year and a half</li> <li>• Recently Chris assumed Trustee position on the Board of Trustees; therefore he has to give up the OAPCE Rep; we are looking for a replacement; someone who is currently a School Council Chair for one of our schools; it is a two year term; requires liaising with OAPCE provincial and our local Regional School Councils; person will attend meetings in Toronto (3 – 4 times per year); there is an option to phone in</li> <li>• If you are interested, write a letter to the Director's office and all interested applicants will be acknowledged, one person will be selected (send letter within a month's time); contact Karen if you have questions</li> </ul>
OAPCE Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference</li> <li>• Paloma and Jennifer shared that they enjoyed the breakout sessions; MTC Life Speaker talked about student and parent stress; Miguel Martinez (works within PRO Grant budgets); works with students first and then he holds the parent event</li> <li>• Paloma also attended a session about positive discipline</li> <li>• Jennifer shared that John Costif (The Church in your Home); every month was about something; your faith just doesn't have to be at church; can be in four o'clock traffic; session facilitator shared ideas for what to do at home</li> <li>• Marie attended a session about internet safety – information about cyber safety; his target audience is Grades 4 – 6;</li> <li>• Expo ideas/resources – rosary bracelet kits for kids to make for sacramental preparation; Sewing Studio Workshops for kids</li> </ul>

<p>New Committee on compiling school histories in ALCDSB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profiles of schools – historical and current claim to fame of every school community; Director is taking on the project with a few trustees to create a template of what the profiles will look like; it will be a web-based resource and will include interesting facts and information about every school in the system</li> <li>• Director would like two reps to join a steering committee to provide ideas and input to begin this spring (maybe June) and meet again in the next school year to develop the templates for School Councils and Principals to work on the templates</li> <li>• Joanne (chair of AOS) and Paloma Turnbull (chair of St. Francis of Assisi) and Marie Nolan McBride (co-chair at OLMC)</li> </ul>
<p>Parent Information Night at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 8:00 – public info about child sex abuse, sex trafficking, and sexual exploitation;</li> <li>• Det. Staff Sargent Jennifer Patton will present</li> <li>• Sessions will also be held with high school students</li> </ul>
<p>SafeTalk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our board is facilitating this training for parents (Kingston – May 14<sup>th</sup>, Belleville – May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa); 30 participants per session; particularly for parents in School Councils; suicide alertness for everyone</li> </ul>
<p>PRO Grant for next year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question about whether we will get funding for next year; Karen hasn't heard anything definite yet</li> </ul>
<p>Round Table Sharing</p>	<p>Regiopolis – Notre Dame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/teacher interviews in March – School Council has a table set up with magnets with dates of meetings to engage more parents in Council</li> <li>• Council Meeting – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – prepare an event that was on April 11<sup>th</sup> – documentary – Over 18 – availability of pornography on the internet; Council was not happy with the turnout; there was a panel discussion; member from OPP and other community members; Anna Rider is the contact (nurse practitioner); charge for movie was \$100;</li> <li>• Last council meeting is on May 14<sup>th</sup> – will set meeting dates for next year</li> <li>• Working on a few initiatives – school timeline of School Council Initiatives; information for future School Councils; developing Terms of Reference;</li> </ul> <p>Archbishop O'Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration of Dance and Cross Country</li> <li>• PRO Grant – Dr. Alex Russell</li> <li>• Preparing for end of year BBQ – parents and kids are welcome; hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, water; no charge; Knights of Columbus; bringing in Ray's Reptile Zoo; event is well-attended; have face painting, snow cones, henna artist; basketball games; tug-o-war; bean toss;</li> </ul>

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- Working on a constitution
- Developing a plan of things that are discussed throughout the year; how School Council is involved in events throughout the year and outlining it in print
- OLMC joined PRO Grant with Dr. Russell
- Cheesecake bakery fundraiser (cheesecakes in a jar)– raised \$2300 (not a lot of effort for School Council)
- Volunteer Appreciation – looking for ideas
- Year End Report – to share with next year’s Council
- Purchased two buddy benches and round picnic tables
- Maria from Papa’s Pizzeria is a great contributor to the school community

Mother Teresa

- Shrove Tuesday – sponsored by School Council
- Staff and students preparing for Beauty and the Beast Production
- School Council sponsoring May Readathon; pizza parties for most amount of time reading outside of school time per division
- School Council sponsoring purchase of different work stations/seating for classrooms

St. Francis of Assisi

- Vendor and craft sale was postponed to Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 9 – 3
- Preparing for Cross Country and Track and Field
- St. Francis will be running the canteen for Cross Country and Track and Field
- Will set up a calendar of events for the new year to keep School Council members informed and aware
- Gifts for confirmation for ten students; picture frame with their confirmation photo
- Benefited from Dr. Russell’s presentation for parents “Drop the Worry Ball”

St James Major Sharbot Lake

- Older students made Christmas planters as a fundraiser with parents; students gave up their recesses and lunch hours
- Filled pails with greenery, painted branches, pine cones, decorations
- Planning a fun day for the students/families in the spring
- Senior class selling Laura Secord chocolates for their year end trip to Ottawa; organized through BrightSpark

Holy Cross

- Gr. 8 parent info night – Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>
- School Council booth was set up for new parents to meet
- Jamaica mission trip in February

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comm Tech students went to LA on March Break</li> <li>• Band/vocals trip – in New York</li> <li>• Joined in for PRO Grant – Dr. Alex Russell</li> </ul>
One Roof Fundraiser at Regi – Coffee House - in memory of Beth Couture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open for all to attend tomorrow night at Regi</li> </ul>
Next meeting:	May 21 <sup>st</sup> – board office – dinner meeting – Dave DeSantis will join us and the new Superintendent of Finance will join us for the meeting to share the budget; 6pm