



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2019

CSC Members present:

Gerard Winn
Laura Carson
Karen Goodhand
Randy Steward
Jenn DeVuono
Catherine Ward (recording secretary)
Jen Bedford-McPhail
Susan Kavanagh
Bernita Blair
Kendra Willis
Anne Cook
Claire Wilson
Kristin Elliott
Rebecca DeVuono

CSC Members Absent:

Stacy Meenan Desi Meenan, John Connell, Carrie Connell, Fr. Stephen DeCarolo

Call to Order:

Chairperson Karen Goodhand called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer:

Kendra Willis

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict declared

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Goodhand circulated Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes:

1st – Susan Kavanagh

2nd – Bernita Blair

All in favour - *yes*

Presentation:

Constable Carrie Jenkins – School Liaison

Review of presentations given to students regarding bullying, assault, making excuses, consequences, child pornography, sexting, and human trafficking. As well, she left information sheets for parents about various social media apps.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Fr. Stephen DeCarlo has been teaching students about the chapel

Fr Paul Massel and Peter Bagnal coming in next week to discuss Christian Meditation

Jerseys have been bought with proceeds from the Poinsettia Sale

Health Unit has been in to discuss smoking and vaping – health risks and regulations

Information Items:**Principal/Safe Schools Report – Gerard Winn**

Events shared by principal (Christmas activities, Grade 8 Info Night, exams, Back to the 80's School Musical, Beginning of Lent)

Upcoming Events also shared (Lenten Retreat, Parent Teacher Interviews, Literacy Test, semi-formal, province wide mass for Catholic Education Week)

Student Advisory Council Report – Rebecca DeVuono

Events since last meeting shared (Donation to Ross Memorial Hospital, School Musical, Shrove Tuesday, Pink Shirt Day, International Acts of Kindness Day, Grain Challenge)

Upcoming Events (Rock Your Socks, semi-formal, Spoons Game, and battery collection)

Parish Update: Kendra Willis for Fr Stephen DeCarlo

New Young Adults Group started called Veritas

Men's Retreat upcoming

Women's Retreat a success

Reconciliation will be happening at schools during Lent

Parish organizing trip to National March for Life in Ottawa

Treasurer's Report – Jen Bedford McPhail

- Pro-Grant remaining funds for Parent Teacher Night refreshments & STA swag
- Fundraising Account funds used for purchase of jerseys

OAPCE Rep Report – Jenn DeVuono

New Board

Conference upcoming in Toronto, if interested in attending contact Michelle Kennedy

Award for Volunteer to Catholic Education

Discussion Items:

- Fundraising – defer ideas and revisit next year. Ramp up Poinsettia Sale next year.
- Volunteers for Parent Teacher Night needed. Please contact Karen if available.
- Catholic School Community Profile & Survey for Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Karen received; no responses from CSC members; Karen met with Gerard to discuss. Refer to handout.

Closing:

Shout Outs and Thank you's –

Thank you from Karen to members for coming and for their patience with the rescheduling due to weather

Future CSC Meeting:

May 6th

Closing Prayer – Kendra Willis

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm