



Holy Heart of Mary High School

International Baccalaureate

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School Council Meeting Agenda May 8, 2024

In attendance: Hayley Alloway, Krista Brown, Darrell Gover, Mark Goulding, Lori Greene, Matt Horan, Kyle Massey, Jane Pearson, Susan Taylor

Regrets: Fiona Cellis, Gerry Heffernan, Carla Roberts

1. Welcome/Call to Order. Hayley called the meeting to order. Seconded by Mark.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

a. March 27, 2024 Review and acceptance. Reviewed and accepted by Hayley Alloway.
Seconded by Darrell Gover.

3. Reports:

Principal's report

a) Congrats to our HHM students selected for the RISE Awards. This is presented to Level II high school students who demonstrate academic excellence in STEM.

- Jassem Almutawa
- Hannah Cameron
- Frank Chen
- Daniel Cheng
- Ella Ilijanic
- Natalie Mitchell

b) Huge shoutout to the HHM Robotics team who won THIRD place overall out of 14 teams from across Canada at the 2024 regional MATE ROV competition today!

In addition to their third place ranking, the team won first place for their marketing presentation, first place in their engineering poster, and team captain Allison Hutchings won the Steve Brown memorial Leadership award!

- c) Sharing some good news about recent HHM participants/winners in the Pope Youth Film Festival.
- Congrats to Cassiopeia Parsons, Devan Yetman, Sam Farquharson, Raina Inkpen, Joel Howse, and Tyler McGinn who won the award for best cinematography
- Lindsay Clarke won the award for best writing
- Jorja Rae Kelly won the award for best producing

All short films can be found on the Pope youth film festival YouTube channel in the drama reel.

- d) This year we had some students participate in the Canadian Association Physicists exam. We had 3 students write the exam. ALL three placed well provincially! The top exams will be sent to the national marking board. Our provincial placing for the students are:

2nd Place: Aditya Jain

Tied for 5th Place: Evan Fang and Frank Chen

Frank was also invited to apply for the Lloyd Auckland Invitational Mathematics Workshop, a very prestigious event through the University of Waterloo.

From those who apply, only 70 students are selected from across Canada.

- e) Allison Hutchings was the recipient of the prestigious Schulich Scholarship, valued at 120,000 at McGill University.
- f) Our Performing Arts program has launched a lunchtime initiative, we call it the **Performing Arts Lunchbox**. There's no audition and names are drawn from a hat to eliminate some barriers for students.

After the event, the performers receive feedback from a few leadership team members and myself. The rules are simple: groups have to be 5 or less, we only provide two mics, and we cannot accommodate bands. The goal is to provide more performance opportunities for students in the program.

LunchBox 2

May 9th at 11:30 am

A mini-variety show of performances of randomly selected Performing Arts students hosted by Mainstage students Isaac Coady and Hayden Somers.

The Actor's Nightmare (Theatre Arts Class)

May 15th & 16th at 11:30 am

An accountant named George Spelvin is mistaken for an actor's understudy and forced to perform in a play for which he does not know any of the lines.

Performing Arts Night (Program Awards)

May 29th at 7 pm - 8 pm

This will have some performances, our annual awards, and graduating students will receive the Performing Arts Certificates.

Musical Theatre Cabaret (Musical Theatre Class)

June 4th at 11:30 am

A selection of songs, dance numbers, and scenes from various musicals.

- g) The Chamber choir is going to Montreal next week for the National Podium conference.

4. Business Arising:

a. 50/50 Fundraiser

- Gerry Heffernan reported his findings on Rafflebox. The school would take 35% of the profits with 50% won by the recipient of the fundraiser. Rafflebox would take 7% of the profits.
- It was discussed that this was a smaller profit margin than ideal, but would lessen the administrative/clerical workload.
- Jamie also discussed the possibility of a school fundraiser by having an alumni event/gala. All agreed this would be a wonderful endeavor and a positive event for the community. It was also recognized that this would be time intensive to arrange.

Feeder Schools

- The feeder school fundraisers identified were Bishop Feild and St. Theresas.
 - Bishop Feild has 'A Grand in Your Hand' in December and a 50/50 fundraiser in May.
 - Krista Brown discussed that a 50/50 fundraiser was just launched in May and would coordinate with HHM next year to help avoid overlap
- Other schools for consideration: St. Paul's, Bishop Abraham, Brother Rice, Mary Queen of Peace, Eastpoint Landing

5. New Business:

a. BioGenius Grant

Hayley discussed the BioGenius Grant which rewards a school \$50,000 for lab and science upgrades. Hayley wrote a letter on behalf of the school council. It has gone to Carla for review.

b. Security Camera Update

Jamie discussed the meeting this afternoon regarding the upgrading, adding and repositioning of the security cameras. This will involve cameras in and outside the

school. Once approved, there is a 6 month window to get the tender. Conversation was also held regarding the need for improved camera systems, surveillance and lockers to accommodate the growing population and needs of the school community.

c. Technology Upgrades

There was also discussion surrounding the need for technology upgrades in the school (Chromebooks for classrooms; student replacement). There was conversation about how this might be more enticing for the school community as a venture than the security cameras on their own.

d. Retirees/Fundraising

It was brought up that at O'Donel, retired teacher alumni come into the school during fundraising events as both a social opportunity and to count money, tickets and 'give back' to the school community.

6. Meeting Schedule:

Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Meeting #1 October 25, 2023
Meeting #2 November 22, 2023
Meeting #3 December 20, 2023 (postponed to new year)
Meeting #4 January 17, 2024
Meeting #5 February 21, 2024
Meeting #6 March 27, 2024
Meeting #7 May 8, 2024
Meeting #8 June 5, 2024

7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. Moved to adjourn by Jamie. Seconded by Jane.