

Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School Catholic School Council Meeting January 22, 2024

Attendees: Akwugo Bologun, Deirdre Mooney-Moccia, Patrick Reilly, Anthony Mari, maria Calabese, Terra Alfano, Giulia Spadafora-Falco, Rico Gambale, Olya Disyak-Chan, Alessandra Zecconi-Mitchell, Jamie West, Cassandra Atme

Chairs: Anthony Mari, Cassandra Atme

Minutes: Patrick Reilly

1] Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm. Anthony Mari lead the attendees in an opening prayer and read the land acknowledgement.

2] Review and Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2023 Catholic School Council Meeting.

The minutes from the November 20, 2023 School Council Meeting were circulated to all in attendance. The minutes were accepted with one amendment. Amendment: Toni Kovacs was identified in the minutes as "Assistant Superintendent of Education". Ms. Kovacs should be referred to as "Superintendent of Education"

3] Council Chair Report

Anthony Mari presented the School Council Chair report. Mr. Mari reported on the activities of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee since the last Bishop Tonnos School Council meeting in November.

It was noted that Bishop Douglas Crosby was the recipient of the 2023 Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education. The award was presented in honour of his profound contributions to Catholic education in Hamilton.

It was noted that Papal awards were presented to several local catholic educators

4] Student Council Report

The student council members sent regrets. Mrs. Calabrese presented a brief report on behalf of the student council.

5] Principal's Report

Mrs. Calabrese provided a summary of student suspension that have occurred at Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School since November 20, 2023.

Total of 13 suspensions. Violence Related = 8; Inappropriate Behaviour = 2; Theft = 3

Mrs. Calabrese acknowledged the diligent work of the Vice Principals and Faculty in maintaining a safe and vibrant learning atmosphere at Bishop Tonnos.

Registration has started for the grade 8 students from the BT feeder schools.

Registration/course selection for current grade 9, 10 and 11 students will begin in mid-February. Ms. Alfano reported that the guidance department will begin visiting classrooms regarding course selection in early February.

Mrs. Calabrese reported 1] Students starting grade 9 in 2024 will be required to take a least one Technology credit before graduation 2] All students need to complete a minimum of 2 e-learning credits before graduation (families may choose to opt out of the e-learning course delivery). Students are encouraged to reach out to the guidance department regarding e-learning options.

The Adopt-a-Family program at Bishop Tonnos was a huge success. Mrs. Calabrese extended thanks to the entire BT community for their generous support of this important initiative.

The BT Drama Society Christmas performance was a fantastic event. It played to a packed house!

Basketball games will now be ticketed events. Proceeds from tickets sales will be used to fund security at games to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment.

April 21st at 11am --The Spring Home-Parish mass: St. Ann Parish. All BT community members are encouraged to attend.

Jan 25 – Grade 8’s from BT feeder schools will attend a ½ day orientation at BT.

Feb 8 -- Red & White day for the United Way

Date to be determined – BT Film Festival

Date to be determined -- Semi-Formal for grades 9 and 10

Date to be determined--Prom for Grades 11 and 12

June 11, -- 2024 Graduation ceremony

June 12 2024. -- Graduation dinner dance –Details of the ceremony and dinner dance will be announced in the near future.

Fund Raising projects:

1]Score Board on the field requires replacement – fund raising plans to be determined

2]Convert an existing classroom to a cosmetology educational space. –fund raising plans to be determined

3]End of Year Community Event. Movie Night June 7th, 2024 6:30 – 10:30. The event will be open to all students and families in the BT community, including feeder schools. In-kind and monetary donations will be necessary to support the event.

6]Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report was presented

7] New Business

No new business

8]Adjournment

Chair, Anthony Mari adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm

Next Meeting: March 25 7pm, BT cafeteria