



**Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School
Catholic School Council Meeting
November 20, 2023
Minutes**

Attendees:	Akwugo Balogun, Alessandra Zecconi-Mitchell, Anthony Bombardieri, Anthony Mari, Bode Akinturide, Cassandra Atme, Cathy Tassone, Giulia Spadafora Falco, Jamie West, Kim Derkach, Ledy Vargas, Lisa Castronovo, Luke Chan, Maria Calabrese, Patrick Reilly, Terra Alfano, Toni Kovach
Chairs:	Anthony Mari, Cassandra Atme
Guest:	Toni Kovach, Assistant Superintendent of Education, HWCDSB
Minutes:	Lisa Castronovo

1. Call to order 7:03pm
Prayer
Land acknowledgement
2. Guest – Toni Kovach, Assistant Superintendent of Education, HWCDSB
Toni's first placement was at BT in 2007, currently oversees BT and STM and elementary feeder schools into BT
Involved in "Safe Schools" – oversees suspensions, bullying in her portfolio
Importance of re-establishing relationship building after covid and engage in respectful relationships discussed
Many students are coping with struggles through vaping, various side effects of vaping discussed
Priorities – faith first and foremost, parents to set an example that faith is first (parish-home-school)
Academics – outstanding at BT, in some areas the promotion isn't there, pay mutual respect to the trades. If there is a gap in courses, establish what is needed, eg. If there are not enough BT students who select French subject, will share with other schools to make up a class
Mental health, wellness and belonging – stop children from vaping, is a health hazard; ensuring our students are healthy as vaping has long term health impacts
Will be reviewing/updated the uniform policy due to safety/equity/community reasons
3. Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting (September 25).
Minutes found here: https://bt.hwcdsb.ca/parents_guardians/catholic_school_council

4. **Council Chair Report:**

Parent conference was a great success, great speaker and breakout sessions
Parents encouraged to attend; is a yearly conference with different themes every year
Pathways Night at Liuna Station for grades 8-12 had a great turn out

5. **Student Council Report:**

Teacher appreciation day, Sweet Paradise provided apple fritters
TNT news with grade 9/10/11, taking over announcements on Friday's and Titan talk interviews
Titan Bingo took place over announcements, winning class prize was candy
Grade 8 day with feeder schools was a big event
Fall sports media day, each team selected some players/took photos/action shots of athletes
Halloween assembly great success, teacher costume contest winner Mrs. Beatrice, student council dressed up as Super Mario Brother
Future ping pong, soccer tournaments
Christmas – hot chocolate, food drives, door decorating, elf on the shelf around the school
Spring events – semi formal for grade 9/10, prom for grade 11/12

6. **Principal's Report:**

Halloween for Hunger was a great event/success, supported Good Sheppard and Neighbor to Neighbor, we may work with other high schools next year on this event
Musical talents from BT at the home parish mass, another mass planned for the spring
Mr. White earned the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence (STEM – Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics)
Academic achievement awards/director's awards took place November 13th
Week of November 20th – Bullying prevention week
St. Vincent de Paul Society in our community (see attachment)
Advent mass taking place December 21st, 9am at BT. Please let Lisa Castronovo know if you would like to attend (dl.castronovo@rogers.com)
Total 27 suspensions from September 25th to today – 9 for vaping, 12 for inappropriate behavior, 5 for altercations, 1 for a student under the influence

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Pro grant \$500 for trustees

8. **Questions/Other Business:**

Bring forward any fundraising ideas

Upcoming CSC Meetings

Jan 22

Mar 25

May 27

All meetings will be held at 7 pm

Adjournment 8:57pm

Next Meeting: January 22nd, 2024 – 7pm