

Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School

Catholic School Council Meeting

November 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Anthony Mari, Jamie West, Deirdre Moony-Moccia, Alessandra Zecconi-Mitchell, Sherri & Matt Martin, Stefanie Seiler, Carm Barone

1) Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting – October 26 Minutes

2) Student Council Report

- Student council is busy raising spirit and conducting pep rallies. Many successes in all sports.
- Currently focus on Wellness Week, Comfort Sales with Hot Chocolate
- Looking to a dance/winter formal

3) Suspension Data

- 8 suspensions since last report; relatively quiet at this time of year.
- Chaplain is running an Adopt a Family program – classes have adopted families to provide items on a wish list. Food hampers will be distributed from Halloween 4 Hunger food collection.
- November 16 – Director's Awards & Top 20 in each grade get to attend small assembly (Approximately 700 students on the Honour Roll). Both Director and Superintendent attended.
- Grade 8 Parent Info Night was on November 14 – very well attended. Prefects acted as ambassadors and toured school with scavenger hunt in welcoming environment.
- Numbers for next year – just under 1500. No major changes for next year. Some interest from people outside of our board inquiring about BT.
- Busy month with GHAC championships: junior girls basketball, jr boys volleyball, football, cross-country. Available on live stream for families.
- Tomorrow girls volleyball, boys basketball, and hockey are starting up.
- Student Demographics Survey – extended until December 9th. School will set aside time will be set aside in period 1 to complete the 10 minute survey. It is an anonymous survey completed by a 3rd party.

Questions:

- i) Is the honour roll celebration always held during the day? *Yes, it is always hosted in the morning.*
- ii) Student Council, is it always a dinner style? Some wonderings around cost of tickets, wasted food, and seating arrangements. *Typically, senior prom has a meal and junior prom does not include a meal.*

4) Pro Grant Projects

- See document provided by A. Mari regarding project parameters and sample projects
- Please read through and forward any suggestions at the next meeting
- Due Date is flexible; usually used between February and April

5) HWCDSB Parent Information Sessions

- Evening sessions with comprehensible knowledge with dynamic speakers
- Parents were able to select sessions that interested them
- Topics included bullying, mental health, etc.
- Many local resources available across the city: how can we increase awareness of these supports?
- Director was present at the event
- Feedback: preferred the Saturday morning event as it included a gallery walk and vendors

6) Treasurer's Report

- \$461.90 in the Parent Council account
- Money needs to be set aside for pizza for the 40 Hour Famine & the year end Graduation Award
- Parent council can consider fundraisers for 2022-23 year – often sell snacks at special events to generate funds
- Typically raise \$300-400 per year
- What might be some of the fundraisers for this year?
- Letter for community partners – can we distribute to Indigo, Boston Pizza, M&M, etc. Must be released by Mr. Barone - he will create a letter of interest sponsorship/partnership

7) New Business

- Bathrooms and lack of soap concerns – no soap is available for students. Unfortunately, many bathroom dispensers have been removed. Over the summer, new sinks were installed with built-in soap dispensers.
- Bathrooms and loitering – students hanging out in washrooms and makes students using the washroom feel uncomfortable
- Bathrooms during gym class – some students worry about cell phones and possible photography
- Cafeteria microwaves – need to be cleaned and maintained regularly. Can we get supplies near the microwave so students can tidy up after usage?
- Garbage in halls – how can we increase respect and awareness with students to maintain a clean and safe learning environment? How can we show support and respect for caretaking staff?
- Graffiti in the elevator – inappropriate language is present--etched in--can we get this removed? Can we give students a space for graffiti?
- Instructional concerns—ensuring student success at mid-term point in the semester: according to *Growing Success*, students have until the end of semester to submit outstanding work and there should never be a surprises to caregivers. Currently, no formal credit rescue days – depends on the department and the teacher.
- De-streamed classrooms – what might we see and hear in the grade 9 classrooms that promote equity and inclusion? Shift in mindset so more students access 1D programming
- Less concerns regarding the plaza – appears quiet now

Next meeting: Monday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room