

BISHOP TONNOS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

December 6, 2021

AGENDA

Attendees: Mr. Barone, Anthony Mari, Rosie Donnelly, Elizabeth Wong, Stefanie Seiler, Cassandra Noien-Atme, Izzy Grzelak, Jonathan, Mark Maguire, Michele, Diana Galama, Jamie West, Amparo de la Garza, Kerri Wright.

1. Prayer – see attached
2. **Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting** – Minutes available at <https://bt.hwcdsb.ca/school/catholicschoolcouncil/?fileID=521275>
Note: these are posted within a couple of days following each CSC meeting.

Kerri Wright motioned. Anthony Mari seconded.

3. Chair Report(s)

- ProGrant:
 - o Need to have everything done for June 1st. Topic on the table is around cyber safety and mental health/wellness as a combination to support the struggles that our students have been facing with COVID where much of their socialisation through it has been through online social networks.
- Adopt-a-family: There are about 35 families that we are supporting this year.
- Fundraising Ideas: Often would do fundraisers at Christmas time and/or do a play. We haven't been able to do this due to COVID. We do need to do fundraising this year. Ideas for this year include:
 - o 50/50 draw
 - o Produce Express: Order produce online and go to Fora's in Ancaster and pick it up. They have fundraisers. Diana is going to get some details for us on this.

4. Student Council Report

- Mascot's birthday: Last Friday with birthday cake and balloons to get Student's spirits up.
- Kahoots with the students.
- Toonies for tuition: raises funds for schools across the country who are not funded by their provincial governments. Last year we were one of the leading boards in the country to raise funds for this.
- Funds are getting low because they haven't been able to run the big events that they would normally run like dances and prom. They are going to come up with

their own version of a spirit wear top in the New Year. They are also doing popcorn.

5. Principal's Report

- Lottery license is in process. 62 page document to complete and requires a number of folks involved to complete it. The school will be submitting it to the city soon. Money from this is being considered to be allotted to a new sensory room.
- Halloween for Hunger: Chapel full of food. Will be used primarily for our Adopt-a-family recipients (approx. 35 families). Any food that's left over will go to the Ancaster Community Foodbank.
- Grade 8's: Normally would have met with all the feeder schools by this time with guidance counsellors and prefects.
 - i. All of the feeder schools have had a virtual visit and was very successful.
 - ii. Will be reaching out in January to start registration process for the feeder schools.
 - iii. Launched Grade 8 parent information video. Has been viewed about 300 times so far. Approx. same number that we would get in person.
 - iv. Enrolment is just over 1300 total.
- Volunteer hours question: Is there any thought about reducing number of volunteering hours due to the loss of time due to COVID.
 - i. The number has been reduced this year to 20. Nothing said yet for next year. Will know in August but aren't anticipating a decrease for next year like they did this year. We will find out for sure in August.
 - ii. Made some changes to what qualifies as volunteer hours including: using up to 10 hours of part-time paid work as eligible for hours; walking a sibling home from school; etc.
 - iii. Typically, most children start their volunteer hours in grade 9.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Approx. \$280 dollars. Lottery will give us some flexibility to work for future projects. Funds will primarily be used for sensory room first. Sign out front is also a priority this year.
- Each year we can add future projects with an amount to use funds raised in one year, to another year, with special projects in mind.

7. New Business

- Volunteer hours: See last item in Principal's report.

8. Adjournment

- Anthony motioned. Jamie West approved.

Catholic School Council Prayer

God, the source of every good gift

You have called us together as servants to do your will

Grant us the light of your spirit

To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.

May we work together in harmony for the common good

May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect

May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents

May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership

May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer

May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care

God of Love

You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit

For the common good

May your blessings radiate from us to others

In a new spirit of service

We ask this through Jesus Christ

The Light of the World

Amen