

***BISHOP SMITH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL***  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

***Robert Tate Library***

**MINUTES**

**1. Prayer**

Mrs. Watson

**2. Welcome**

- Parents, principal, vice principals and chair

**3. Minutes**

- September meeting minutes approved

**4. Student Leadership Report – Emma Young**

- Octoberfest – 100 sausages sold, combo offered for \$5
- Teacher Appreciation
- Dance held – 160 in attendance for \$2 a ticket. Dance DJ was student Emma Young
- Upcoming: Halloween Day, Reindeer Hunt
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Best Students Come Here Day – cupcakes will be offered

**5. Chaplaincy Report - Mrs. Watson**

- Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: Right to Life Dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Guest speaker is Andre Schutten. Please call Shane Allard (613)635-1809 for ticket information
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Remember Them. Daily scripture readings & activities preparing our hearts and minds for Remembrance Day. During announcements, classrooms, assemblies. To discuss sacrifice and peace. Activities will include post cards for notes of thanks to veterans. Special Needs books available to those students that would like to participate.
- Mini-Pro-Life Conference hosted by MVDH, presented by students from our Lady Seat of Wisdom – topic Euthanasia. Date to be announced.
- Bishop Mulhall has donated the Theology of the Body for in class study. 90% attendance from Bishop students
- Bishop – United in Faith Latin Mass Saturday mornings in the Sacristy. For Bishop those who want to learn more about serving in Latin.
- Soup Kitchen needing help. Student volunteers from grade 10 will be helping during the week

## 6. Correspondence

6.1 People for Education Annual School Survey – Mr. Young answered survey on our behalf. This survey makes recommendations to the government.

6.2 Newspaper Coverage

- Soup Kitchen for food Drive, Students always come though
- The passing away of Mr. Wayne Campbell, who worked for the school board with his wife Carol, who has decided not to continue with the Hila program. Their dedication and devotion to the students learning, will be felt. An advanced learner program will be re-established

## 7. Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

7.1 Parent Involvement Committee/School Council Evening: Review

Dinner with PIC attended by Peter Lapointe and Mr. Young to discuss:

- Where do you want to see our schools?

7.2 PIC Newsletter

- November 11<sup>th</sup> Parent to Parent communication (PIC) being sent home with kids

7.3 Community Partnerships & Community Use of Schools Process

- Our gyms are used nightly during the week for various programming, including Saturdays (sports, Phoenix Centre, Children services)
- Board process includes insurance and discussion of needs

## 8. Bishop Smith Catholic High School

8.1 Enrolment & Staff Update: Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Count Date (595 + 127 =722)

- + 15 students from last year
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8.2 P-T Interviews: Review

- Not a lot of parents in attendance, 2<sup>nd</sup> usually higher in attendance
- Maybe due to catching students struggling earlier in the semester, so then there is no need to come to the interview

8.3 OSSLT: Review

- 6 weeks into the school year worked on and then moved to an on-line process
- EQUAO - grade 10's did a trial run to be sure program is working. Then a week later when the entire province was on at the same time, all schools got a "white screen". By 10:30, school cancellation. 11:30 EQAO stopped the test and it was noted as a "intentional cyber attack". Report to follow.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> another test on-line with a paper copy as back up to be attempted
- This time frames provides more time to help at risk students, booster, and enrichment programs.

- 8.4 Take your Kid to Work Day (grade 9's): Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>
- While students are investigating career opportunities, teachers will be gathering to look at grade 9's needs, development, and compare data
- 8.5 BSCH @ WE Day: Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Students bused to Ottawa
- 8.6 Mid-term Report Cards & Progress Reports go home: Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Students bring home report cards with parent information sheet inside
- 8.7 Bulling Awareness Week: Nov 14-17
- Anti-Bulling Committee will be going around to each classroom for 4 days to ensure students are aware of the issues and concerns
- 8.8 DR Retreat: Nov 17-18 (to include PA Day)
- Attempting not to miss more school than necessary
- 8.9 PA Day: Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
- Reporting day for teachers
- 8.10 Reindeer Hunt starts: Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Students already starting to inquire to start date
- 8.11 Culminating Activity & Final Exam memo: Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Memo will be sent home regarding when culminating activity is due and when the exam is to help students better prepare and organize with home support
- 8.12 BSCH "Professional Learning Community": Year 3
- Behind the scene's stuff
  - Dedicated to staff development
  - High needs students
  - Teachers being cross trained in different subjects
  - Leadership in different departments to support different learning and teaching to encourage privatizing of the classroom
  - Teachers watching teachers teach and leaning from it and applying to other classroom and subjects
  - Great PA Day Speaker on Oct. 7 who discussed "Assessment & Evaluation"
  - Each teacher to get a copy of the book
  - Learning how different teachers are successful in their classrooms (without subjects involved)
  - Teachers enthusiastic about teaching from a different perspective
  - Helps not to lose experienced teachers great abilities
  - Board supported
- 8.13 Parent Communication: Bishop In Brief e-letter, Twitter, Website, email
- Coming out - Twitter link attached to school Facebook site. School website viewed regularly for morning announcements.

#### 8.14 Graduation 2016: Discussion

- A variety of options discussed and will be brought to teachers and further discussion required

#### 8.15 Activity Days/events: Discussion

- Having assembly's in the gym - it is very difficult while sitting on the floor and hard to hear
- Nangor Days may need to be rebooted and upgrades for entertainment
- SAC – normally join in with the grade 8's
- Student Council – no one ran last year. Maybe due to the fact that students are not accustomed to public speaking into a microphone or on stage
- Spirit influence – school is more than academics
- Lots of extra circular activities in school but some may not be worth the effort

#### Lock Down Discussion:

- Lock down drill got leaked out
- Kids were scared, even though they knew a drill was to happen
- Staff were exceptional
- Fire alarm was pulled while in lock down, students are told NOT to respond to the fire alarm. Lock down takes priority

### **11. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016