

BISHOP SMITH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2016

Robert Tate Library

MINUTES

1. Prayer

Mrs. Watson

2. Welcome

Parents and vice principals, and introduction of Parent Council

3. Minutes

May meeting minutes approved

4. Executive Election Process

- 4.1 Chair Person elected - Peter Lapointe
- 4.2 Vice-Chair shared - Elana Graham and Arlene Gallagher
- 4.3 Secretary - Chantel Carriere

5. Chaplaincy Report - Mrs. Watson

- Staff Catechesis: Sept 1st focus on prayer, scripture, reflection, and change
- Reconciliation: continues Monday mornings with Fr. Scott, staff supported
- Chapel Passes: students use chapel pass to be excused from class
- Fr. Scott very involved with the school on Monday morning confessions and making the chapel more available
- Opening School Mass: Sept. 15^h - celebrants were Fr. Peter Do and Fr. Mike Goring
- St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen continues commencing October 1st
- Grade 8 workshops: Holy Mass, The Eucharist, Our Blessed Mother
- Ancora Team: (means "anchor" in Latin) Pastoral/Social Justice Team supporting many local organizations (Robbie Dean Centre, Pregnancy Centre, Soup Kitchen)
- Theology of the Body starts in class for Grade 9's after Thanksgiving. Bishop Mulhall purchased textbooks and materials
- Student and Staff Mass: in Chapel Oct. 20th @ 11:05 a.m.
- Theology of the Body for teens available at the Cathedral Oct 16th to Dec. 18th. \$50 a person for dinner and books. Every Sunday evening 6:30-8:30 following Mass @ 5:15. Contact Fr. Scott Murry: s.josephmurray@gmail.com

6. Correspondence

- Nangor Day - pictures and article in The Daily Observer
- Good News released statistics on on-line e-learning for students reaching ahead on courses. Approximately one hundred students took gr. 12 religion and gr. 10 civics and careers courses this past summer
- Thank you card received from a Bishop student who was awarded the SC bursary

7. Student Leadership Report

- Dance was extremely well attended, 161 students paid \$2 cover charge for admission
- Shaw Woods outdoor community and leadership building experience - Grade 8's
- Grade 11's volunteered to help grade 8's with this program; goal is to help ensure that students experience a smooth transition into high school

8. Ministry of Education

8.1 Foci for 2016-2017

- 4 Core Goals: Achieving excellence, Ensuring equality (bullying), Promoting well-being (help from outside agencies, mental health, student success group); and, enhancing public confidence (transparency, open door policy)
- Collaborative professionalism
- Health and Safety: on going (fire drills and lock downs), Ryan's Law, Diabetes educator from PRH to come to next staff meeting
- Mike Britton presented about the English Department trying to use descriptive feedback instead of marks to improve student achievement this first term
- Teachers are interacting more with students at their desks
- Final English mark will include an exam
- Teachers providing a more communicative mark versus a numerical mark (old grade school approach)
- Work load changes for staff and students

8.2 On-line Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test trial: October 20th, 2016

- EQAO plans in progress
- Practice and preparation days (late September and early October)
- EQAO fact sheet available
- Last year's on-line exam was pulled due to technology issues
- An opportunity will be available in March for all grade ten students to complete the OSSLT in written form - as per past practice
- Some students may require extra support

9. Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

8.1 Board theme for 2016-2017 - *"Our Legacy as Faith-Filled Community Builders"*

8.2 School calendars available in both print and digital form

8.3 EQAO for RCCDSB - Math and OSSLT Results, as well as SSCH plans
2015 - 2016 results are very successful for the Board and Bishop Smith CHS

10. Bishop Smith Catholic High School

- 9.1 Enrolment and Staff update (gr. 8, 126; gr. 9-12, 598; thus, total 727 students); overall student enrollment is up
- 9.2 School Cash On-line update (approx. 65% of population). Getting encouragement from Board and improved home communication
- 9.3 Events Calendar (on school website) - a valuable month by month planning tool
- 9.4 Parent Teacher Interviews: Thursday, October 13, 4:00-7:00
- 9.5 OSSLT online trial: October 20th
- 9.6 Recruitment and Retention: OLS Open House
 - Open House held at Our Lady of Sorrows. Mrs. Huckabone and Tina Noel attended on behalf of Bishop Smith and answered parent questions
- 9.7 Parent Communication: Bishop in Brief newsletter, e-letter, Twitter, school website
 - Mailing list of parent committee confirmed
 - Bishop Facebook page up and active
 - Twitter @ Bishop Smith CH
- 9.8 Graduation 2016: Discussion
 - Looking for input to shorten the night and efficiently present certificates and awards
 - Discussion will be carried forward to next meeting

11. Inaugural Parent Involvement Committee Mass and Adult Faith Formation Session

- 10.1 PIC - Parent Involvement committee.
Wednesday, October 5 @ St. James in Eganville, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday October 24th @ 5:30 p.m. (to avoid Halloween)
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