

BISHOP SMITH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 30, 2017

Robert Tate Library

MINUTES

1. **Prayer**
 - Mrs. Watson
2. **Welcome**
 - Parents, principal, vice-principal and teachers
3. **Minutes**
 - December meeting minutes were discussed
4. **Student Leadership Report - Emma Young**
 - Studying for exams
5. **Chaplaincy Report** - Mrs. Watson

JANUARY

- Welcome a priest, Fr. Bill, as a presence to pray as a school community. He spoke on the importance of prayer during difficult times.
- Wellness week - Jan. 23-27. Mental health package, "Building Resiliency", focus for grade 8's with daily prayers during morning announcements.
- Trip to St. Joseph's Oratory in the planning stages, with potential for collaboration with MVDH, St. Joe's, and Holy Name. Looking into idea's for financing.

FEBRUARY

- Ancora - Valentine O'Grams, with proceeds to the Pregnancy Support Services
- Grade 12 Grad Retreat: Feb. 23rd
- Holodomor National Awareness Tour: Feb. 27th. Educational day for students to visit a travelling 40 footer RV with interactive display/tour about Holodomor and the killing of Ukrainians. A history lesson.
- Theology of the Body: Feb. 28th at St. Josephs during 1st semester
- 4 newly ordained priests to the area

MARCH

- Ash Wednesday: service in the chapel and class presentations - March 1st

6. Correspondence

Basketball, girls and boys a success
Volleyball, girls and boys doing very well
Bishop Hockey Highlighted
Year Book coverage at the national level recognized
Cake Auction highlighted - with proceeds supporting residents in the DR
Travis Wood mentioned in an interview by his high school teacher, Mr. Corey Bennett, in regards to his career and success in the film industry
Thursday - coverage of our students packing medicine and supplies into hockey bags for the Dominican Republic trip

7. Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

7.1 Director's Annual Report

Will be published and available - highlighting Board wide activities in schools

7.2 PIC Meeting

- Feb. 1st @ our Lady of Lourdes
- Will be attended by staff due to late announcement

7.3 Retirements

- Michele Arbour and Peter Adam will retire in June

8. Bishop Smith Catholic High School

8.1 Arts and Technology Showcase and Open House -Thursday, Jan 19th

- A week ago, the school opened up to showcase the talents of students
- Official open house for newly renovated spaces e.g. kitchen, Robert Tate Library
- Robert Tate Library signage and décor was highlighted in the newspaper

8.2 Gr. 9 Math EQAO - Jan 24-25

- Went smoothly last week. 53 writers this semester with 11 needing extra support
- This grade nine math assessment is worth 15% of course mark
- No surprises, some field questions
- Math is done twice a year, once each semester
- OSSLT - Literacy test - 2nd attempt planned for March 30th, in pencil and paper
- Booster literacy program for students with IEP's who need extra support

8.3 Semester One Exams: January 27th - Feb. 2nd

8.4 Semester 2 staffing changes: Tim S. Erin F., Katie Scott, Tricia S., Chris S.

- Julie Moon acknowledged by Council

- 8.5 DR Experience Mission Trip: Feb. 3-11
- Leaving night before to sleep in a hotel to accommodate an early morning departure
- 8.6 BSCH Open House: Feb. 15th 6:30-8:00 pm
- A important night for recruitment and retention
 - Course selections discussed
 - Recruiting for September
- 8.7 Semester 1 Report Card to go home on Feb. 16th
- 8.8 Grade 12 Retreat: Feb. 23rd @ Algonquin College
- Divided into three sections or workshops
 - A session of faith development after high school
 - Dave Noble discusses social media e.g. digital footprint
 - Retreat will end with students completing a survey
- 8.9 Grade 8 First Term Reports home: Feb. 24th
- 8.10 Grade 8 to 9 Parent Meeting: March 1st
- Discuss high school life and routines for students
 - Department heads talk about courses and student placement
 - Credits, volunteer hours, graduation requirements, extra-curricular opportunities
- 8.11 2016-2017 Course Selections: Feb. 16-March 6 (grades 8-12)
- 8.12 Parent-Teacher Interviews: March 8th 4:00-7:00 pm
- Wednesday before March break to accommodate holidays
 - Friday before March Break is a Board holiday this year
- 8.13 School Improvement Planning: SILC update
- Discussed high school focus this year for students and staff
 - Each semester activities for teachers during PA days
 - Planning and acting on the collection and interpretation of data
 - Teaching staff 1)departments to talk about like-minded idea's and provide feedback to one another on tests and assignments for years to come 2)look at work samples and culminating projects, assessments, and tests to encourage higher level thinking
 - Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) - teachers learning from each other, and about other subjects; keeping an open door policy and watching other teachers teach. Re-engaging ed. opportunities. Careful review of assessment pieces.
 - Used as a working document to reflect and direct and share with Administration
 - Faith development revisited at this time as well
 - Sharing open educational discussion on lessons
- 8.14 School Climate Survey: update
- Will be provided at our next meeting
 - Survey conducted two years ago; will be compared to this year

8.15 Projected Enrolment: update

- Increasing for the 2017-2018 school year

8.16 Recruitment and Retention: update

- Killaloe, Deep River and Eganville visits

8.17 Parent Communication: Bishop In Brief e-letter, Twitter, School website, email

- All going well

Open Discussion

Brought up by a concerned parent regarding questionable bus cancellation. Topic and reasoning (e.g. liability) was discussed amongst members.

9. Adjournment @ 7:30 p.m.

10. Next Meetings

- Monday, February 27
- Monday, March 27