

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

**Monday, March 27, 2017**

***Robert Tate Library***

**MINUTES**

1. **Prayer**
2. **Welcome/Intro**
3. **Minutes**
  - Minutes from previous meeting accepted
4. **Student Leadership Report**
  - Emma Young reported on on-going school activities
5. **Chaplaincy Report** - Mrs. Watson  
Absent
6. **Correspondence**
  - 6.1 January's Art and Technology Show Case article  
Review of Dominican Republic Trip article and pics  
Fraser Institute Ratings - Clint reviewed the data and explained the meaning behind the #s  
Fentanyl and other Opioids a concern - public presentation to be held April 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ BSCH. The Health Unit will be presenting. All are welcome!
7. **Renfrew County Catholic District School Board**
  - 7.1 Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) Conference: Nov 14-15, 2017
    - Parents welcome to join for Fall conference
  - 7.2 Dr. Greg Wells: May 18  
PIC committee speaker (see below)

Dr. Wells will be presenting in the gym at Our Lady of Fatima School in Renfrew @ 7:00 p.m. He is assistant professor at the University of Toronto and associate scientist of physiology and experimental medicine at The Hospital for Sick Children. At U of T, he studies elite sports performance, and at Sick Kids he leads the Exercise Medicine Research Program where his team explores how to use exercise to prevent, diagnose and treat chronic illness in children. He has dedicated his career to understanding human performance and how the human body responds to extreme conditions. He will speak about youth wellness and wellbeing and focus upon how technology affects the minds and health of our youth.

**7. Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (con't)**

7.3 Director's Annual Report and Notebook published quarterly; this publication was recently sent home with students

**8. Bishop Smith Catholic High School**

8.1 DR Experience Mission Trip: Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> (Clint Young)

8.2 BSCH Open House: Feb. 15 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- Peter spoke on behalf of Parent Council via pre-recorded message, a success
- Well attended; student and teacher-led tours

8.3 Semester 1 Reports home: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

- Grade 9-12

8.4 Grade 12 Retreat: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Algonquin College

- To discuss Faith and Journey, Life after school, digital footprint. Sandy Brandon discussed safe schools; Officer Shawn Peever attended and presented about "no-touching", flirting and dating issues

8.5 Grade 8 First Term Reports home:

- Sent home on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

8.6 Grade 8 to 9 Parent meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup>

- Discussed student and guidance services, highlighted courses and programs, talked about "what the school can do for your child", gave tours

8.7 2017-2018 Course Selections: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup> (gr. 9-12) and March 2-3 (gr. 8)

- Near completion; using myBlueprint's high school/post-secondary planning platform

8.8 St. Donat FSL trip: March 6-8

- Quebec Trip; 21 grade eight students attended this year
- Town welcomed them with a variety of outdoor activities (e.g. skiing, snowshoeing, etc.)
- Positive feedback - no injuries or other issues

8.9 Parent-Teacher Interviews: March 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 p.m.

- Second semester less attended compared to 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- Grade 8 side busy, high school slower, but well attended
- Phone calls home will be made as well for students not doing well

8.10 OSSLT: March 30<sup>th</sup>

- Second attempt this year; paper version (following digital version trial in the fall)
- Grade 10 literacy test is a requirement for graduation

8.11 e-learning Semester 2 and Summer School: Update

- 1<sup>st</sup> time with a grade 11 course who check in with on-line teacher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will attempt more scheduled timings; on line vs. pencil and paper
- option for our grade nine students to take grade ten Civic/Careers in summer

#### 8.11 e-learning Semester 2 and Summer School: Update (con't)

- Social Science courses expanding to on-line options in Ontario curriculum
- Trying to give students more options to stay in school

#### 8.12 School Climate Survey: Clint and Ms. Kraftchick

- Mrs. Kraftchick, current staff member, took on the added role of analyzing and breaking down the 2015-2016 data (survey) completed by students in grades 8-12
- Presented to staff already and showed focus groups of students
- Biggest concern to be explored further is mental health and well being
- Discussed how data relates to school improvement planning

#### 8.13 Assessment and Evaluation Journey: Update from Mike Britton

- Teachers are starting to replace marks with descriptive feedback (grades 9-10)
- Comparing last year student work to this year's work
- EQAO data comparison
- Encouraging feedback at all levels and looking into what tests look like without marks
- Varied student feedback; aiming to increase our evaluation of their thought process
- Some teachers like it without marks as it encourages student productivity
- Low marks may = low esteem; this can affect the teacher-student relationship
- Students are using the feedback to reflect on their learning and skills
- Challenges with descriptive feedback (without marks) - academic students are looking for marks, they are having difficulty focusing solely on written comments
- Mid-term must reflect a mark. Left up to teacher when to switch from descriptive feedback to mark mode during the semester.
- Use of this new technique varies by classroom

#### 8.14 EQAO and Fraser Report: Discussion

- Our literacy and numeracy numbers are good, but the legacy is just as important
- The applied stream is ahead provincially
- The academic stream results have been consistent over the years (with a slight rise)
- Three year trends help with forecast
- Pull from Data: we are able to compare ourselves to other schools
- Fraser report leaves out data that reflects a school's true impact on students and student learning

#### 8.15 Recruitment and Retention: Update

- Feeder schools orientation visits to Bishop will start soon

#### 8.16 Parent Communication: Bishop in Brief e-letter, Twitter, school website, eMail, etc.

- We continue to utilize as many channels as possible
- Working hard to keep everyone up-to-date

### 9.0 Adjournment @ 7:00

### 10. Next Meeting

Monday, April 24 - Robert Tate Library @ 5:30