Bishop Smith Catholic High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 25
6:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

Attendance	Р	R/A	Attendance	Р	R/A
Evelyn Brunette, Chair	V		Jennifer Schori		
Noelle Yeremiy, Secretary	√		Jen Wills	V	
Annemarie Reist	V		Bill Crogie		
Chantel Carriere	√		Julie Pilatzke	√	
Yvette Bourque	V				
Sara Lehnen	1				
Jessica Hartwig	V		Olivia Mahon, Student Council	1	
Christine Sennett	V		Hailey Graham, Student Council	V	
Annemarie Reist	V		Julie Huckabone, Principal	V	
Crystal Schroeder	V		Chris Mulvihill, Vice-Principal	<b>√</b>	
Christine Kelly	√		Katie Scott, Vice-Principal	√,	
			Angela Watson, Teacher Representative	V	
			Jodie Kutschke, Teacher Representative	√ -	
Agenda Items			Discussion		
1.0 Land Acknowledgement					
2.0 Prayer and Chaplaincy	A. W	atson le	ed the prayer		
	For particular Patricular In your In your In second	For students: Theology of Body, run as a retreat through the Diocese for students aged 14-19, One Saturday a month Oct/Nov/Dec, lunch included. See website for further details: www.pembrokediocese.com  For parents: The Alpha Course - introduces basics of Christian faith over 11 sessions, come as you are, free, supper included and childcare provided. See website for further details: www.pembrokediocese.com  Confirmation prep classes are already happening at Our Lady of Sorrows in Petawawa. Cathedral starting shortly.  Patrick Sullivan, Image of God Monthly workshops, free at Our Lady of Sorrows in Petawawa starting in October; grow in your spiritual life, spousal relationship as well as relationship with children.			
3.0 Adoption of Minutes June 6, 2023	Adop	Adopted by those present.			

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4.0 Student Leadership Updates	Riverfest was held and was successful. Variety of games played and BBQ. Grades wore their class colours.
	Members of the Student Council attended a Leadership Camp in September where they planned Riverfest as well as activities for the school year, a few to note over the coming months:
	Dance this coming Friday - \$2 tickets for grades 9 to 12 students, 7:30-11:00 pm, grades 7/8 dance will be held in 4th period - 'Just Dance 'theme
	Octoberfest will be on Friday, Oct 13, sausages for sale
	Haunted House planned for lunch hour towards the end October, donation for food bank as entry fee or maybe a dollar or two (to be determined)
5.0 <u>School Council Leadership</u>	J. Huckabone stated that Evelyn Brunette volunteered to serve as Chair. Noelle Yeremiy volunteered for secretary. If no objections, will we move forward with these parents taking on these roles for this school year.
6.0 BSCH Updates	
6.1 Special Education	K. Scott reported that it was a busy end of August transition for Grade 7-8 classes - to get the new classes set up with resources. Time spent on Individual Education Plans. Pleased to have Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Specialist, Josh Nokes, working in the school.
6.2 OSSLT/EQAO	EQAO-Math assessments for Grade 9 will be just before end of semester exams. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will occur in the fall and spring. Likely November for fall test. Staff busy preparing students and making sure onboarding is done to run successfully. Goal is to make sure everyone is successful.
6.3 Sports/Clubs	So many sports and clubs, details listed daily on our school website 'Announcements' page. Staff notice that the games club and the eSports clubs are very popular.
6.4 Chromebooks	Chromebooks took time to get in the hands of students this year with increased student population. Not sure if there would be enough for everyone. Challenges were aging out/procurement process and budget issues. All 7 and 8 students have them in their classrooms and all those in other grades have a device as well. Student contracts have been signed to ensure responsible use.
6.5 First Month Activities	Busy start to the school year.
	Teachers/Staff completed Health and Safety courses at the beginning of the school year.

## Terry Fox School Run in late September - a nice run/walk to Riverside Park; also a Dance, Truth and Reconciliation Day, and over 1000 students and over 100 staff attended a prayer service in the main gym. 6.6 Grade 7 & 8 Updates Grade 8's previously crossed over or shared space with the high school. Now very little crossover during the day, still on buses together, a lot of learning for the staff with both grade 7 and grade 8 at the school now Parent Suggestion: written copy of announcements on a bulletin board in the grade 7/8 wing. Students missing announcements Lunch is a different time for grade 7/8 students. Highschool lunch is from 11:00-11:50. Grade 7/8 lunch begins around noon. Prayer before meals has not occurred for the second lunch. Some kinks still need to be worked out on how to address a few things. Parent concern: long morning without lunch and then if sports occur at lunch students eat very late. Staff present at meeting haven't heard that from students. Majority of sporting activities and practices will be at lunch vs after school. Plans for intramural sports. Badminton (non-competitive) Confirmed it will be happening again. Basketball nets coming for new outdoor court on Oct. 15. Parent concerns - any guidance on rules in the yard? Hands off is a general rule. Recess is going well. Some students love it, some students would rather not be outside. Once weather comes, what will happen? Staff love the space and the fact that it is being utilized. They are still kids and need to exercise. Some Grade 7 parents feel like the move to Bishop for their children was rushed; especially those affected by busing issues coming in from towns outside of Pembroke. Also concerns about the yard delays (no basketball until Oct) 7.0 Transportation Lots of bus cancellations due to driver shortage/sickness. No clear answers from school staff, more so at the Board level. Board feels the stress from parents regarding bus cancelations. Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) communication very poor. Normally admin gets all notifications, some have been missed. Late transportation delayed, not starting until next week. 8.0 Adjournment Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 30