

Bishop Smith Catholic High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 30

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance	P	R/A	Attendance	P	R/A
Evelyn Brunette, Chair	√		Jennifer Schori		√
Noelle Yermiy, Secretary	√		Jen Wills		√
Annemarie Reist	√		Bill Crogie		√
Chantel Carriere		√	Julie Pilatzke		√
Yvette Bourque		√	Leah Bouwman	√	
Sara Lehnen	√		Angela Yahnke	√	
Jessica Hartwig	√		Olivia Mahon, Student Council	√	
Christine Sennett	√		Hailey Graham, Student Council		√
Annemarie Reist	√		Julie Huckabone, Principal	√	
Crystal Schroeder	√		Chris Mulvihill, Vice-Principal		√
Christine Kelly	√		Katie Scott, Vice-Principal		√
Patty Hamilton	√		Angela Watson, Teacher Representative	√	
Wendy Reeves	√		Jodie Kutschke, Teacher Representative	√	
Kristopher Reeves	√		Min Goyette	√	
Agenda Items	Discussion				
1.0 <u>Land Acknowledgement</u>	J. Huckabone				
2.0 <u>Prayer and Chaplaincy</u>	<p>A. Watson led the prayer</p> <p>Theology of the Body started recently, retreat type sessions really wonderful, 21 students from Bishop, Jean Lajoie, our home-schooling population, and St. Joseph's High School; program will continue in November and December</p> <p>David Afelskie, Religious Education Coordinator, tasked with assisting Mrs. Watson, he's doing a monthly workshop with our grade 7 classes, Mrs. Watson doing workshops with grade 8 classes</p> <p>Advent begins on Sunday, December 3, our life skills group will work on advent calendars starting the end of November</p> <p>Image of God sessions with Patrick Sullivan, great speaker at Our Lady of Sorrows, each one-hour session stands alone, 7:00-8:30 p.m., next session on November 8</p>				
3.0 <u>Adoption of Minutes</u> September 25, 2023	Adopted/accepted by those present				
4.0 <u>Student Leadership Updates</u>	Olivia updated us on the Haunted House experience which moved to the drama room for accessibility. A costume contest was held with prizes for the scariest costume, best group, best DIY, and judge's choice.				

	<p>Fall dance - there was hope for a better turn out, next dance will be on Friday, December 1. Large surplus of hot dogs last time so we will try to do an online order next time.</p> <p>Halloween school assembly tomorrow with games, a spill or fill your guts activity, costume contest, feel what's in the box, holler for a dollar, and teacher vs. student family feud activity</p> <p>Grade 7's went through Haunted House today</p>
<p>5.0 BSCH Updates</p> <p>5.1 Special Education</p> <p>5.2 OSSLT/EQAO</p> <p>5.3 School Communication</p> <p>5.4 Safety Procedures</p> <p>5.5 Mental Health Team Support</p> <p>5.6 Anti-Black Racism</p>	<p>Student Individual Education Plans (IEPs) picked up at Parent/Teacher Interviews or mailed out</p> <p>Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for grade 10 students, a graduation requirement, to be completed on November 23 and in April, lots of coordination with English and Special Education departments in preparation for this, monitored Chromebooks, pressure felt by some students, practice test will be administered on November 16, teachers touching base with students who may need more help or guidance</p> <p>Medical emergencies onsite on October 16, everything is fine, two ambulances as well as police were onsite, shocking rumors resulted in a difficult few days, messaging coming out with 'lock down' language, etc.</p> <p>Parents with NRTC0 email addresses may not be getting emails as they tend to be blocked by the NRTC0 server</p> <p>More information coming, we are working closely with the Safe Schools Coordinator within our Board and with our superintendents</p> <p>Last week was mental health week in RCCDSB, refer to the mailer from last week</p> <p>Communication procedures and management responsibilities also addressed (who to contact when), Mrs. Scott overseeing students with A-K last names, Mr. Mulvihill overseeing students with L-Z last names, our student population is larger this year</p> <p>Incident involving the N word being written on a locker, not sure when it was written, locker door removed and replaced, Safe Schools Coordinator coming to start conversations to make sure everyone feels safe and included, zero tolerance for this type of behaviour, more information to come</p>

<p>6.0 <u>Transportation</u></p>	<p>Some routes with no bus, still have random cancelations, no bus for sporting events due to availability and cost, grateful that parents have been helping with transportation to and from games</p> <p>Return of student activity fee? We may consider this to help offset some costs like transportation</p>
<p>7.0 <u>General Discussion</u></p>	<p>Healthy snacks for grade 7 and 8 students? A healthy snack station is set up at the bus loading doors so students can take what they want, we also have fruit and granola bars available in grade 7 and 8 classrooms</p> <p>Outdoor recess in the winter months? There will be a gradual changeover with indoor options. Currently, students are in the cafeteria or the grade 7-8 yard. Basketball nets were installed recently.</p>
<p>8.0 <u>Adjournment</u></p>	<p>Next meeting will be held on December 4, 2023</p>