



**Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School**  
**Catholic School Council**  
**Minutes: November 20, 2024**

**Present:** Elvira Bangert, Vicky Forsyth, Shane Gregersen, Kathy Hartson, Gayle Hutton, Meredith Kalra, Nathalie McGregor, Lien Ngo, Akinola Oluwabureda, Silvana Pisatello, Lara Rowles, Ildiko Smilsky, Jacqueline Swart, Jill Traynor, Jeanine Whitnell

**Regrets:**, Elizabeth Parsons-Tritchew, Mariam Vieira, Laetitia Vucina-Beatty

**Admin/School:** Jim Whittard, Heidi-Ann Pörtl, Josie Sampson, Anne Lanthier

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**Meeting started: 6pm, Theatre**

**A:** 1) Mr. Whittard: opening prayer

2) Jeanine Whitnell: roll call, people signed in

3) Jeanine called for motion for approval of agenda: Lara motion, all approved

4) No conflicts of interest on council.

**B: Revised Policies and Vetting**

-Mr. Whittard spoke to each policy, provided a brief explanation for each. Links are live in the document.

**C: Student Council report:**

Isabella Pearson

- Thundercard giveaway - promoting alumni small business
- Stocking for December giveaway
- Christmas week
  - Decorating gingerbread houses, eating competitions (donut on a string), cookie decorating, Christmas assembly, teachers vs students, Lip sync battle, Obstacle course etc., Teacher tik toks, Games and challenges with students from the crowd
- Sports promotion
  - first 20 people to come to the basketball game get a \$20 gift card to Mcdonalds
  - Popcorn will be sold
- Out of uniform day
  - Thundercard holders only
  - Others can buy an out of uniform for \$5 or thundercard for \$2
- Student council trip to shalom manor
  - Volunteer with the retirement home to be active within our community

**D: Staff report: Ann Lanthier:** no report today as deferring her time to later when discussing the Staff requests for support funding from CSC.

### **E: Principal Report**

- Mr. Whittard introduced Ms. Heidi-Ann Pörtl: one of the two new VPs. Mr. Randy Pruyn will attend future CSC meeting
- Pilgrimage: moving it to Sunday allows for the intended message of “born out of service” and it was faith filled. Students and supporters putting their faith into action, taking time out of their lives to do the walk. Great showing of support from our staff
- University and College presentation going on: emailed parents from gr 11 and 12 students regarding University Fair, same night as our Parent/Teacher Interviews.
  - Encouraged attending fairs, virtual sessions and visiting schools when in gr 11, so that prepared for making those decisions and applications when in gr 12
- Grad photos are happening at the moment
- We are now in the Fall to Winter sports transition
  - Our Junior Boys Football did extremely well, making it to SOSSA
  - Our football program has grown with the varsity, over 100 boys involved
  - Lots of selection and choices for students with athletics and clubs at BT: Reach, Art, Social Justice, Safe Schools, and more
  - Winter sports include: hockey, basketball, wrestling, swimming, curling, indoor rowing training

### **F: Reports: NCPIC, OAPCE, SEAC**

No reports

### **G: Discussion Items**

- Uniform sales at parent/teacher interviews: Elvira and Mariam to run. Anne has three students to help out. Set up in cafe: 2:30pm- til 7pm. Require: debit/float (Josie will have that), signs up advertising
- By-laws: CSC is legislated year to year
- Request for funds: current funds total: \$9950.99
  - \$900 for scholarships (3 X \$300)
  - discussion of a buffer
  - went over each request and decided on support
- COMPASS report: looked at each area, questions regarding how the data was collected
  - each class was visited by Student Services and given time to go through the survey
- Literacy and Math Action Plans. Heidi drew attention to the main areas, the focus for students, teachers and assessment
- Pastoral Plan: Mr. Whittard went through the calendar and described what each date would look like, highlighting important dates

\*Spoke to remind everyone to check ThunderBolt and Community Calendar

**\*Future Meeting Discussion Items**

- grad breakfast (student services) Agricultural center
- re-look at funds and distribution, if any new requests
- compass survey

**Closing Prayer**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm**

Minutes: HP.