

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

Present: Jeanine, Kahy, Vicky, Nathalie, Jill, Shane, Meredith, Silvana, Elvira, Gayle, Lara, Lien, Jacqueline, Ildiko, Akinola

Regrets: Mariam, Elizabeth

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

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

- Thundercard give away went well, supported local business: Sweatset draw
- Thursday Nov 21: Thundercard dress down day. If students purchased card (\$25) get extras like dress down days, name entered is special draws. Students can pay \$5 for extra dress down day. The money funds student council initiatives.
- trying to get more fans out at our team games..thinking about first 20 get \$20 gift card
- Christmas week: council is discussing possible activities: cookies decorating, gingerbread house building, donut eating contest
- Christmas assembly: interactive with students and teachers.
- Shalom Manner volunteer work, being active in our community

D: Staff report: Ann Lanthier:

- ☐ \$350 was requested from CSC by Mrs. Jarrett and Mrs Tritchew for BT Varsity Lacrosse Team - For equipment bags (\$100 - \$150 + tax), additional lacrosse balls (\$60 - \$100 + tax) and a ball bag (\$40 - \$60 + tax). CSC Agreed.
- ☐ \$500 was requested from CSC by Mrs. Jarrett, Mr. Gambale, Mrs. Volpini & Mr. Urlocker for Blessed Trinity Social Justice League to help offset costs of Black History, Multicultural & Indigenous initiatives for the 2024-2025 school year. a) \$10-15 + transportation costs for Black History Month Field Trip. b) Multicultural Week

Celebrations: Flags of the World (\$50 - \$75 + tax); \$200 for supplies for Multicultural Food Festival; \$500 - \$1000 for Guest Speaker / Performance Group. c) Indigenous Garden - \$1000 for project at large. CSC Agreed.

- ☐ \$400 was requested by Mrs. Lavigne for Science Olympics. BT hosts Science Olympic event which involves over 100 students from every grade and includes invitations to Gr 6 & 7 students from feeder schools. Costs will cover trophy, ribbons, consumables and T shirts for students running the events. CSC Agreed.
- ☐ \$500 was requested by Mrs. Beltrame-Presta and Mrs. Jarrett for the Pilgrimage Committee to support costs associated with running the pilgrimage: a) permit \$50, b) signage along route \$200, c) incidentals including food \$250
- ☐ \$450 was requested by Mrs. Gallo for Competitive Cheerleading and Game Day Spirit Squads for Megaphone & pom poms. CSC agreed to \$350 + tax for pompoms.
- ☐ \$1000 was requested by Mr. Wiley & Mrs. Sgambato for Special Education Breakfast Club for ongoing food items for students' breakfasts. CSC Agreed.

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

F: Reports: NCPIC, OAPCE, SEAC Jeanine. Laetitia not present so paused on these reports.

G: Discussion Items

1) 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,

- 2) By-laws: CSC is legislated year to year.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Heidi went through the Literacy and Math Action Plans. Drew attention to the main areas, the focus for students, teachers and assessment.
- 6) 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.