



AGENDA
BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023, 6:00PM
THEATRE

A. ROUTINE MATTERS – Jim Whittard

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call - Anne Watt, Diana Marrese, Jacqueline Swart, Lisa Maisonneuve, Vicki Forsyth, Jocelyn Geoghegan, Kerie Raymond, Shane Gregersen, BJ Stengel, Heather Chechalk, Gayle Hutton, Stacey Girard, Stacy Rankin, Samantha Michael, Laetitia Vucina-Beatty, Lara Rowles, Nathalie McGregor, Kathryn Harstone, David Welsh, Josie Sampson, Keegan Hedley, Jim Whittard, Anne Lanthier
3. Approval of Agenda - approved
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest – N/A

B. PRESENTATIONS – Jim Whittard

- a. Council Positions/Elections
- b. Chair/Co-chair
- Co-Chairs: Anne Watt and Diana Marrese
- c. Gently used uniform sale – Anne Watt
- Uniforms were folded and sorted nicely for CSC, which was a huge help
- Over \$5,000 was raised from the used uniform items
- Potential for running an additional used uniform sale this fall
- Co-Chairs and WHI will discuss potential date

C. REVISED POLICIES AND VETTING

- a. **Revised:**
 - i. 301.9 VOLUNTARY AND CONFIDENTIAL INDIGENOUS STUDENTS FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT SELF-IDENTIFICATION
 - ii. 302.5 STUDENT PARENTING
- b. **Vetting:** *Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered*
 - i. ADMISSION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS POLICY 301.1
 - ii. COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES POLICY 800.2

Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. November 1, 2023

D. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – President/Vice President of Student Council – Keegan Hedley

- Thunder Card fundraiser – over 800 purchases to date
- Thunder Card money has helped with creation of Super Locker (coming soon) and outdoor seating area by cafeteria
- Thunder Card also gives students access to free events, discounts on school activities, holiday treats and events, etc. As well as 6 extra out of uniform days
- Student Council goal this year is to engage and involve as many students as possible
- Grade 9 Student Council elections tomorrow – there are 5 candidates
- “Halloweek” events scheduled for the week leading up to Halloween
- Student Council planning 2 formals this year (one for juniors in April/24 at Galileo’s and one for seniors in Feb/24 at Winona Estates)

- Christmas Week will also have student council organized events
- Not a lot of interest from the student body in a Halloween Dance
- Student Council trying to increase its social media presence and be active with announcements at school to create an Internet brand
- Student Council trying to get more student voice and new ideas this year to engage the student community more

E. STAFF REPORT – Anne Lanthier

- Term 1 ends November 7th
- Report cards will be made available in the EdSembli Parent Portal on November 16th
- Parent-Teacher Interviews will be November 23rd from 4-7pm
- Teachers should have inputted some marks into EdSembli Parent Portal by now
- Pilgrimage Assembly will be October 18th and the Pilgrimage Mass and Walk will be October 27th – feeder schools invited and participating
- Grade 12 Grad Retreats at Camp Olympia – October 11-13th
- University/college info sessions happening almost daily at the school
- Student Services have been doing check-ins with grade 9s this week to see how they are doing and adjusting
- Grade 9 Open House was last week – successful
- Grade 10s are preparing for the upcoming OSSLT (November) in their English classes
- All grade 10 students with English this semester will write the OSSLT at the end of November – semester 2 will be grade 10s with English during semester 2
- Anne will liaise between staff and CSC with any requests for funds from CSC and CSC will decide if appropriate for CSC to provide funding
- All clubs and sports for fall are up and running at BT
- 55-60% of all grade 9 students have joined something (a club, a team, etc.)
- Students should be monitoring their own community service hours – reminders in religion classes
- School mass scheduled for November 16th

F. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Jim Whittard

- The school Web site has a global calendar, weekly happenings, daily announcements for parents and students to stay informed (I.e. Thunder Bolt, community calendar, etc. With important club and team dates, school events, etc.)
- Student community service hours forms go to students’ Religion teachers
- Policy for community service is on the school Web site (Ministry guidelines, objectives, etc.)
- Ministry requires every Ontario graduate to have at least 40 hours of community service – also listed on NCDSB Web site – this is an Ontario graduation requirement
- Community service forms available on the school Web site
- October is Pilgrimage Month – walk will be Oct 27th
- This is the 1st year that our grade 8s will be joining us as part of their Grade 8 Retreat
- This will introduce our grade 8s to Pilgrimage, raise money for developing countries, teach them about social justice, etc.
- To promote literacy, the ELS course is offered to help fill gaps and help students become successful on the OSSLT - building skills, etc.
- BT has interactive learning software to help with literacy – LEXIA – 2-year plan and used daily in ELS and 2nd semester of grade 10 (follows the same students) - an intensive program used every day for a full year (approx. 40 students at the school using the program)
- To promote numeracy at the school, we have GLS class (2 sections)
- Report Cards will be available to parents and students on November 16th and Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 23rd
- NCVLE – every classroom has this virtual classroom

- Grade 12 Grads have a grade 12 NCVLE site as well - I.e. scholarships, bursaries, post-secondary info, etc.
- June 24th – Graduation Celebration at Central Community Centre (St. David's)
- June 25th – Graduation Prom at John Michael's - Thorold
- Grade 9 Retreats were at Balls Falls – last week of September
- Lots of opportunities for students to get involved at BT - I.e. cross country, badminton, choir, Art Club, Book Club, Reach for the Top, Rolling Thunder Productions, etc. - many activities require zero training or prior experience however we also have some highly competitive teams
- Grad Retreat – Oct 11-13 – Huntsville – meant to be a “retreat” - will be rustic, high ropes, swing chair, outdoor activities, etc. - no new material being presented in grade 12 classes October 11-13 – no new content for students away for retreat
- AP Info – AP page is on the school Web site – AP prep courses in grades 9 and 10 help students exercise the skills they need for AP courses (I.e. grade 12 AP English)
- AP Program at BT – plan is that students will travel through the AP program from grade 9-12 to build skills in grades 9 and 10 to prepare for grades 11 and 12
- NUSTEP – a new partnership between BT and Niagara University where students can receive a high school credit and a university credit
- Grades 11/12 French – NUSTEP credit eligible – 2 credits at Niagara University toward a B.Ed.
- Trying to generate interest from the student body for both AP and NUSTEP programs
- Trying to launch NUSTEP with little to no cost for students
- Facility expansion – curbs in, asphalt next week – proper track coming in the summer – field should be installed before snow – hopefully up and running by spring (for spring sports - I.e. rugby, soccer, track and field, etc.)
- Ministry of Education application for expansion has been submitted – a priority at the Board – looking for investments in auto, hairstyling, theatre, tech wing, etc. - room at back of the school, English classrooms, etc.
- Pastoral Plan – all faith activities at the school throughout the school year, regardless of students' faith backgrounds, included
- SHSM – likely every child at BT eligible for SHSM certification – different areas (I.e. health and wellness, construction, non-profit, tech, etc.) - can be university, college or workplace bound – SHSM grads receive a seal on their OSSD and also get certification in First Aid, CPR, etc. - 2 credit co-op linked to SHSM

G. REPORTS: NCPIC, OAPCE, SEAC

- NCPIC Rep – Jocelyn Geoghegan
- OAPCE Rep – Jocelyn Geoghegan
- SEAC Rep – WHI
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H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- By-laws for review/feedback
- Requests for Catholic School Council funds

I. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Nov. 15, 2023; Feb. 7, 2024; Apr. 17, 2024; June 2024, all at 6:00pm in Room 130 – enter through the back parking lot

J. CLOSING PRAYER

K. ADJOURNMENT