



## Bishop Ryan Catholic School Council

### Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

#### Attendance:

Michael Lawlor (Principal), Cheryl Chorney (Chair), Laura Hollingshead (Treasurer), Paulo Alves (Secretary), Kathleen Thompson (Non-Teacher Representative), Melissa Polizzi (Teacher Representative) Rick & Rosemary Ferroni (Community Representative), Jaime Alves, Bunmi Bosede, Catherine Colatosti, Lisa Girolami, Tina Grzicic,

Regrets: Seun Shobowle, Juliana Pusztay, Isabella Cinelli

1. Opening Prayer – 7:11pm Kathleen Thompson
2. Declaration of conflicts – None
3. Student Council Report – Read by Cheryl on behalf of Isabella Cinelli and Juliana Pusztay.
  - President elections ended - Isabell Cinelli, the Student Body President for 2023/2024
  - Normal council elections- Had a meeting with the candidates today April 17, 2023
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> – Semi-formal at Michelangelo Banquet Centre
    - Tickets will be on sale until Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> or until sold out.
  - Movie Night – in progress, end of the year
4. Motion to approve February Minutes – Lisa motioned; Jaime seconded.
  - Name correction, Lisa Girolami was in attendance, not Julianna Monaco
  - Change “Irrigation Project” in February Minutes to DREAMS irrigation project
5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - None
6. Non-Teacher Report – Kathleen Thompson
  - De Mazenod Door – Half of funds collected from Fast4Justice will be used for student needs
  - Be Not Afraid Event Home, School, Parish Event – March 26, 2023
    - About 25 people in attendance, great collaboration and ideas on how to reconnect students and families with the parish.
  - "Walk with Christ" Pilgrimage – April 30, 2023
    - Forms due immediately
    - Added a third bus
  - New parish priest - Father David departing, Father Andrew to replace in June
  - Easter Mass – April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - St. John’s Bible – illuminated bible from the Diocese currently being hosted at Bishop Ryan
  - Food Insecurities – programs available, donations, gift cards
    - School has large fridge available for storing of non pantry donations

- Donations of foods needed such as milk, cereal, cheese sticks, non pantry items, sealed hard boiled eggs.
- Donation of gift cards are always good to have as students can use them to purchase lunches or food for home.

#### 7. Treasurer – Laura Hollingshead

- Parent Engagement Event – Financial Expéditeurs
  - Annual Grant (\$900), donation from Rick and Rosemary Ferroni (\$100), was enough to cover the event
  - HST was covered by the Bishop Ryan
  - \$400 remaining from the Grant
  - Possible ideas for remaining funds; Freezies after exams
    - Movie Night - Work with Student Council on their movie night in June. Cheryl Will confirm with Teacher Representatives what we could provide funding towards.

#### 8. Chairperson Report – Cher Chorney

- Resignation of Vice-Chair, Stephanie Femia
  - An email was sent out to all council members informing them of Stephanie’s resignation.
  - As we did not have a meeting scheduled in March, it was decided that a secret vote to fill or leave position open will be done via email. After secret ballot was completed, position will not be filled– see attached Chairperson’s report
  - However, Michael Lawlor has mentioned that in case chairperson is not able to attend a meeting one of the council members will have to be available to step in.
- Parent Engagement Grant
  - Remaining funds (\$400) - Tabled for next meeting
- Creation of a new CSC & Knights of Columbus – “Kindness, Compassion & Inclusivity” award
  - Subcommittee Formed – Cher Chorney, Rosemary Ferroni, Jaime Alves and Bunmi Bosede
    - Details such as name of the award, the monetary amount, how to apply, and future maintenance to be decided by subcommittee - Motioned by Rosemary, seconded by Jaime
- Subcommittee Update Re: Questions for School Board.
  - Requested a meeting with the School Board. Dates provided for meeting outside of regular council meetings – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Brief synopsis was provided as to where the subcommittee is with the business case being put together.
  - To date we have been informed that they are currently trying to work on Mr. Daly’s schedule and will get back to us.

#### 9. Principal Report – Michael Lawlor

- Student Enrolment, engagement, and transactions
  - Registration at 95%
  - Catholic feeder registration going well
- Graduation Valedictorian Chosen
- Spring Formal – May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Allegations of Anti-Black Racism

- Allegations particularly made against two school administrators
- Ongoing investigation being conducted by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Fluctuations in school administration as a result – Acting Vice-Principals Hermon Mayers and Sara Cannon welcomed to the community

10. New Business

- Parent Concerns regarding Black Graduation Program
- Common Concerns from Parents – please see attached Chairperson’s report

Tabled for next meeting

- Parent Interview night
- Progress Reports

11. Meeting Adjourned – Motioned by Rick; seconded by Jaime