



## Bishop Ryan Catholic School Council

### Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

#### **Attendance (Virtual Meeting due to storm):**

Michael Lawlor (Principal), Cheryl Chorney (Chair), Laura Hollingshead (Treasurer), Isabella Cinelli (Student Representative), Paulo Alves (Secretary), Kathleen Thompson (Non-Teacher Representative), Jaime Alves, Catherine Colatosti, Larry Medeiros, Lisa Girolami, Sharon Moran, Melissa Polizzi, Mona Taha

1. Opening Prayer – 7:00pm Kathleen Thompson
2. Declaration of conflicts – None
3. Student Council Report – Isabella Cinelli
  - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
  - Hockey Games
  - Grade 8 Tour of the School
  - Valentines Candy Grahams – Previous Week
  - Black History Month – working with diversity.
  - Semiformal – May (with limited capacity and first come, first serve ticket sales)
  - Movie Night on the field – June
4. Motion to approve January Minutes – Lisa motioned; Jaime seconded.
5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - Accuracy of Attendance in Class
    - Discussion with staff, substitutes, and coaches requiring list ahead of time.
    - Verify previous days attendance including reason for previous day absences.
    - Follow up on absences that have not been verified.
6. Non-Teacher Report – Kathleen Thompson
  - Ash Wednesday Services
  - Irrigation Project – DREAMS Service Trip January-February 2023
  - Student letters to seniors
  - 12 hr fast on March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Be Not Afraid Event Home, School, Parish Event – March 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Invited council members to attend.
7. Treasurer – Laura Hollingshead
  - Parent Engagement Event – Financial Donation
    - Rick and Rosemary Ferroni - \$100 cheque
    - Home Depot – Centennial Store – 2x \$50 gift cards
    - Ren’s Pets Hamilton - \$25 gift card

## 8. Chairperson Report – Cher Chorney

- Parent Engagement Event
  - Attendance numbers about 100 to attend as per survey response
  - Invitation sent out to feeder schools
  - Invitation sent to other secondary schools by Michael Lawlor
  - Donations, 13 donations for door prizes
  - Tim Hortons donating coffee and donuts
  - Fresco donating coffee, sugar and cream
- Subcommittee formed re: Questions for school board
  - Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, build a business case
  - Seun Shobowale and Jaime Alves members of subcommittee
- Motion for \$100 from committee funds for Parent Engagement Event – Laura motioned; Kathleen seconded
- Issues with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Bishop Ryan Parent Facebook Group
  - Concerns regarding behaviour and issues from parents on Facebook page. Cheryl had to issue a notice to remind parents that FB page was created as a source of sharing information, to be kind and respectful of one another.
  - Status of Aspen App for Parents – School still in the process of learning to navigate the app.
    - Issues with transition, attendance, and reports
    - Does not look like the app will be ready for parents to use this school year.

## 9. Principal Report – Michael Lawlor

- Student Enrolment, engagement, and transactions
- Ash Wednesday
- Robotics Club
- Hockey and Volleyball teams, championships
- Registration Documents
- Course selection for next year, next week
- Deadline for Christian Services Hours (40 hours) by March 1st, for Grade 12 students
- Grad Photos – March 9<sup>th</sup>
- March Break – March 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>
- Vaccination Catchup Clinic – March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Issues with hosting large formals or several days to accommodate capacity of school wanting to attend:
  - cost of security, hall, music services and security issues within the student groups
  - issues at school sporting events are some examples of a large group of students gathering

## 10. Meeting Adjourned – Motioned by Paulo; seconded by Catherine