



Bishop Ryan Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2023

Attendance:

Michael Lawlor (Principal), Cheryl Chorney (Chair), Laura Hollingshead (Treasurer), Juliana Puszta (Student Representative), Isabella Cinelli (Student Representative), Paulo Alves (Secretary), Rick Ferroni (Community Representative), Rosemary Ferroni (Community Representative), Jaime Alves, Bunmi Bosedes, Linda Infurnari, Tina Grzicic, Seun Shobowale

Unable to attend: Kathleen Thompson, Melissa Polizzi, Stephanie Femia, Catherine Colatosti

Special Guests in attendance: Daniel Chong, Callaway Johnson

1. Opening Prayer – 7:00pm Juliana Puszta, Isabella Cinelli
2. Declaration of conflicts – None
3. Student Council Report – Juliana Puszta & Isabella Cinelli
 - Puppy Day for Bell Let's Talk
 - limited spaces, 1st come, 1st serve, small fee through cash online
 - Blue Shirt Day – January 24th
 - Exams – January 26th to February 1st
4. Transportation Planning Representatives – Daniel Chong & Callaway Johnson
 - DSR (Daily School Route) Survey was sent to students to find out the following:
 - See what mode of transportation students are using to and from school, and gear the sustainability of that transportation mode.
 - Infrastructure Barrier
 - HSR bussing – increase bussing and/or provide bus pass where applicable.
 - Met with Mr. Lawlor to do a site observation and look at parking lot issues.
 - New signs will be placed on school property to better direct traffic and busses. These signs are to promote parents to use a different entrance rather than using and parking in the area allocated for busses only.
 - Will continue working with Student Council
 - Will update Parents once completed.
 - Information can be found at **Dailyschoolroute.org**.
5. Motion to approve November Minutes – Jaime motioned; Laura seconded.
6. Business Arising from Minutes – Cheryl Chorney
 - Non-Teaching Representative Report – Tabled
 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention Request
 - Updated Information sent to Mrs. Boyce, and presented at meeting for review and no feedback given regarding these changes.

- Parents will be notified prior to when anti-bullying activities are happening at the school.
- Accountability on how situations are dealt with.

7. Chairperson Report – Cher Chorney

- Pro-Grant Funds
 - \$900 funds awarded.
 - Date for event changed to February 28th, 2023 (previously February 22nd).
 - Guest Speakers – Christina Soar, Aaron Parry, Natasha Valconi
 - Keynote Speaker -Kendra Fisher, former member of Team Canada Women’s Hockey program.
 - Invitation sent out January 17, 2023 via school messenger and Bishop Ryan Families will have 2 weeks to RSVP.
 - Feeder Schools will be invited if numbers are low.
 - Volunteers needed for event, week before, and night before.
 - Invitation review, no changes needed.

8. Principal Report – Michael Lawlor

- Student Enrolment, engagement, and transactions
- March 1st & 2nd, next semester selection backup paper selection
- Question regarding University views on spares
- Grade 8 feeder school visits, January 25th, current students will be sent home at 12 noon.
- Questions about final exams
 - 1 exam per day, 8:15 am start time.
 - February 2nd, P.A. Day.
 - February 3rd, view exam results, new classes.
 - Bus schedules are not adjusted and will still be at the end of the day.
 - Students will have an area in cafeteria to study if they have to wait for bus.

9. New Business

- Issues with Attendance Reporting
 - Students marked absent by substitute teachers.
 - Attendance department calls going to voicemail.
- Mr. Lawlor will speak with Teachers advising that they submit attendance for students volunteering for school events, one day prior to event.
- Suggestion by parent to add an option on school messenger allowing parents to give a reason why classes are missed, rather than “unexplained” option that is now given.
- Questions Regarding School Capacity for School Board
 - Creation of a new subcommittee to present challenges, concerns, and requests.
 - Present case to board.
 - Email any questions for the School Board.

10. Meeting Adjourned – Motioned by Jaime Alves; seconded by Rick Ferroni