



Bishop Ryan Catholic School Council
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2022

Attendance:

Michael Lawlor (Principal), Laura Hollingshead (Treasurer), Cher Chorney (Chair), Stephanie Femia (Vice-Chair), Eunice Gonzalez, Chris Chorney, Catherine Colatosti, Olthia Adili, Paulo Alves, Jaime Alves, Lisa Girolami, Gbolade Shobowale, Kelechi Enyinniah, Seun Shobowale

1. Opening Prayer – 7:05pm Michael Lawlor and Laura Hollingshead

2. Election of Officers

- Chairperson - Cher Chorney
- Vice-Chairperson - Stephanie Femia
- Recording Secretary - *Vacant*
- Financial Secretary - Laura Hollingshead
- Teacher Representative - Melissa Polizzi
- Non- Teacher Representative - Kathleen Thompson
- Community Representative - Rick and Rosemary Ferroni

Members at Large

Eunice Gonzalez, Catherine Colatosti, Olthia Adili, Paulo Alves, Jaime Alves, Lisa Girolami, Seun Shobowale

3. Oath and Commissioning of newly elected Council commenced

4. Principal's Report – Michael Lawlor

- Mr. Boyle, former teacher of BR was charged by police last year regarding former BR students
- He has recently been found guilty of several charges.
- SACHA and other sexual assault resources continue to be available to students and staff to help them with any questions or concerns regarding this case or as a reference/guidance.
- All teachers have been mandated, by the Ontario government, to take a sexual assault course and must be completed by September 15, 2022
- Terry Fox run will be held on the school track and will be held on September 28th.
 - Two new Vice-Principals have joined the school - **Mr. Tortis and Ms. Boyce**

5. Open Forum

- Parents are concerned about the process for guidance appointments at the beginning of the school year. Students needed to stand in line at 6am to get appointments.
- Parents also didn't understand why online appointments were not offered sooner.
 - **Mr. Lawlor will investigate why so many appointments were required compared to previous years.**

6. Concerns were raised about the Guidance Instagram Post; it did not seem inviting for students.

- Mr. Lawlor will look at this post and discuss with guidance office.

7. Will we continue with council questions prepared last school year for superintendents?

- Council would like to examine this further.

8. Students seem to be confused with bus numbers as some busses do two routes a day and have both routes posted.

- Mr. Lawlor will communicate our concerns with the bus company.

9. Celt-X robotics will be hosting a golf tournament as a fundraiser October 2, 2022.

10. Concerns about the size of the school continue, more specifically about sports teams that have number limitations.

- Mr. Lawlor will examine how many students try out to see if this is an issue.

11. Will there be a school dance?

- There will be a grade 9 dance and possibility for future dances

12. How do students find information about volunteer opportunities?

- They can find information at student services and opportunities are projected throughout the day on the tv slates in each classroom.

12. Parents are wondering when diplomas will be ready for graduates.

- Diplomas are in the process of being complete. Communication will be sent out when they are ready.

13. Parents felt that if they were not part of a feeder school to BR (ex; moved into the area), not much information was shared regarding grade 9 orientation.

- Mr. Lawlor will look into this for future.

14. Meeting Adjourned – 8:30pm

Next meeting – Monday October 17th, 2022