

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Catholic School Council 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 17, 2024

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

OLMC Library

Present: Josie Zuppa, Pamala Treneer, Robin Spencer, Amanda Tachauer, Leanna Duncan-Gray, Judeen Ferguson, Olimpia Panella, Heather Quesnel, Ann Marie Crombie, Natalie Nunn, Melanie Riberio, and Anne Simpson

Regrets: Verina Farrell, Milena DeGroot, and Ashlee Hibbert

Opening Prayer: Ms. Zuppa et al

Presentation of Agenda: Heather Quesnel

Approval of last month's minutes- Approved by Natalie, seconded by Robin- all in agreement

Report of the Principal- Ms. Zuppa

- Father Arpee
 - Came in and blessed all the classrooms
 - Great addition to our school community
 - He wants to gift families with a photographer for sacraments
 - ****ACTION****- Ms. Zuppa to follow up with Milena re the photographer used last year
- School improvements
 - Painting in front entrance- completed over Christmas break
 - Fence installed- kids are getting used to it
 - Mats are ordered for the gym walls
 - FDK items are ordered
- Gift cards at Christmas were a huge success. The school that received gift cards felt extremely blessed by our support. Classes were happy with subs donated by Panella Family from Firehouse subs.
- Upcoming Trips
 - Grade 6 Warplane Museum
 - Grade 7 Camp Berbeuf
 - Grade 5 Camp Marydale
 - All- Skating February 27th
- School Events
 - Wednesday, January 24 Bell let's talk day
 - School wide self care bingo
 - Wear your comfy sweaters and sweatpants Full dress down day

- HAT (health action team) promoting healthy awareness
- ****ACTION**** Bring a mindfulness/physical activity to the school. Amanda to follow up re school “stretching and mindfulness” and connect with other parents and Ms Zuppa. Ms Zuppa to look into rules/restrictions regarding this. Agreed a sign-up would probably be best. Amanda, Ms. Zuppa and Ms. Treneer to work together on date and details.
- Wednesday, January 24 Grade 6 trip to Warplane museum
- Thursday January 25 Grade 8 Students to St. Mary’s
- Thursday Jan 25 Grade 7’s to camp Brebeuf
- Feb 6-9 Book Fair
- Feb 8 Snuggle up and read day
 - P.j. day (dress down day)
 - Council to supply juice box and cookies,
- *****ACTION***** volunteer needed to purchase and volunteer that day to hand out to classrooms.
- Tuesday Feb 13 Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday Feb 14 Ash Wednesday/Valentines day
 - Red and white day
- Feb 16 Report cards
- Feb 28 Confirmation

Pancake Tuesday- Heather

- Ordering less than last year, only 1/2 for Kindies
- Heather is ordering pancakes for all student
- Discussed timing- should be in class by 12 so can eat together while hot
- ****ACTION****- request for volunteers, Heather to coordinate
- ****ACTION****- Melanie volunteered to pick up

Approval provided for \$350 (split with school) for council to order pancakes for staff and students. Natalie approved and seconded by Judeen. Motion passed.

Christmas Luncheon Review

- Went very well
- Desserts on the table next year not served
- One dessert- loved sugar cookies from Walmart
- Add corn instead of peas/carrots
- Ensure there is enough butter
- Bring a water bottle announcement (or do we buy juice boxes?)

Treasurer Report- Leanna

- See Balance Sheet
- Currently \$1265 in account to spend, with more expected from hot lunches
- On average making \$500/month with Ginos.

Skating Event- Robin

- Tuesday Feb 27th
- School covering bus cost
- Ice cost \$600
- Council decided we would ask for parents to pay \$5 a child to help with costs of ice and snacks. If we are short to cover council will make up the difference.

Approved by all.

- Adult ratio 1 adult:10 kids
- Heat in bleachers
- Crafts/activities for those not skating- make 1 change room into craft room?
- Hot chocolate- from Carlisle bakery? Cost?
 - Kindergarten/Grade 1 class staying back
 - Fun snow day activity
 - Big field?
 - Hot chocolate and treat- could this be popcorn?
- Request for volunteers- need a police check. To be sent out in week at a glance

ACTION Robin to coordinate volunteers at the arena, snacks at the arena, activities at skating rink, activities and snack at school for FDK/Grade 1

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - Monday February 26th 6-7PM