

Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Catholic School Council 2023-2024

**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday November 9th, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

OLMC Library

Present: Josie Zuppa, Heather Quesnel, Natalie Nunn, Milena De Groot (via phone), Ashlee Hibbert, Judeen Ferguson, Leanna Duncan-Gray (via phone), Melanie Riberio, Paula Caverson, Ann-Marie Crombie, Robin Leslie-Spencer

Regrets: Verina Farrell, Olimpia Panella, Pamela Treneer, Anne Simpson

Opening Prayer: Ms. Zuppa

Presentation of Agenda: Heather Quesnel

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

Report of the Principal- Ms. Zuppa

- Halloween Monster Mash
  - Thank you, was a huge success with deductions for decor and DJ raised approx \$5500
  - Father Arpee attended our dance and dressed up.
  - Dance was even popular with the older grades for participation.
  - Mural to show our Catholic values will start in the new year. Professional artist painting mural of Mary and clouds on the entryway will be \$2000.
- Anti-Bullying campaign
  - Met with teachers to discuss and will be posting shortly.
  - Next meeting will bring the plan to council.
- Grade 7 Student Leaders/Peacemakers and LEAD Recess
  - Entire Grade 7 class and Grade 8s with interest have been trained in restorative practices.
  - Hoodies were purchased for all those who completed the training.
  - The importance of language, not “why” but “what” happened, promotes cooperation and 2 perspectives.
  - Lynn C will be training for the LEAD recess program for students interested in leading the Grade 1 and 2 classes as playground helpers.
- November Grade 1 and 2 doing a food drive asking for canned pasta, peanut butter, Juice 1L tetra, Brown Beans, Canned Meat, Pasta Sauce, Ready to serve soup, and

- baby diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. Please drop off at the school Nov 13th to 20th.
- Looking at some additional wellness initiatives for the school. Jan/Feb - Yoga for children suggested to contact Amanda T who is a certified instructor. Melanie R reaching out.
  - Merrymaking next big school event Tuesday December 5th 4:00-6:30. More meetings to follow
  - Advent Mass at Church. Junior/Int Dec 5 11:15 FDK/Primary Dec 7 11:15
  - Gift Card drive for Christmas, 2 families in our community we will support for Christmas and the extended Hamilton area.
    - Ask to attach receipts to gift cards to avoid ongoing scams
    - Olimpia offered to donate a Firehouse sub lunch to class that raises the most gift cards. One for FDK/Primary, Junior and Intermediate
  - St. Kateri school has had their breakfast program cut back which they rely on. School is donating \$500 to help and a \$500 contribution from CSC approved by Melanie and seconded by Ashlee. Motion passed

#### Treasurer Report- Heather

- See Balance Sheet
- Total of \$2400 available spend
- Approval \$500 to St. Kateri and \$1500 for Turkey Luncheon approved by council

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - Wednesday January 17th