

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Catholic School Council 2022-2023

Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2022

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. OLMC Library

Present: Josie Zuppa, Heather Quesnel, Natalie Nunn, Robin Spencer, Melanie Riberio, Milena Debek, Anne Simpson,

Regrets: Verina Farrell, Luba Dobrianskyj, and Ms. Treneer

Introductions Heather Quesnel

Opening Prayer Heather Quesnel

Presentation of Agenda Heather Quesnel

Approval of Minutes Heather Quesnel

- Meeting minutes approved from Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Approved by Melanie, Seconded by Natalie

Report of the Principal Josie Zuppa

- Request from council for minutes to be sent out further in advance.
- Anti Bullying Initiative
 - Working with the school to train and educate on bullying
 - Lead program- Students from 5-7 nominated to go for training to help the younger students play at recess
- Healthy School Initiative
 - Working towards points for healthy school
 - Important- the school surveys need to be completed. They are in the students' emails. They need to be linked to students' emails for research purposes.
- Student of the month
 - Started slide show presentation of pictures of the month's events at the awards ceremony. Students are excited to see themselves
 - Each awards ceremony also talks about what they can do towards the next months catholic school
- Attentive listening
 - Introduced the idea of attentive listening, going well with students

- Taught children what it looks/feels/sounds like
- Next goal is mutual respect, again teaching to students and staff what it looks/feels/sounds like
- Fundraiser- Octobers Halloween fundraiser raised \$6263 and had a participation rate of 70% of families
 - The donated prizes and candy jars were very much appreciated
 - Plan to continue it next year
- Upcoming dates
 - November 14 Grade 7 retreat (rescheduled)
 - November 16 Bulldogs Game
 - Students invited to wear bulldogs colours Gold/white/black
 - November 14 Grade 7 retreat (rescheduled)
 - November 18 Eric Walters Presentation- Canadian author
 - Cost \$650- split with Guardian angels
 - November 20th Anti bullying week
 - Bullying tool kit online- anything that goes into the form has to be investigated
 - Principle to send out to parents with link to tool
 - Students to be taught about using the tool
 - December 6 (changed from December 1)- An evening of MerryMaking
 - Grant received for \$1000- for Home/parish/school
 - Additional sub committee needed to plan this event
 - Please see additional notes from Melanie on proposed format for the evening
 - December 19- Joy Day
 - December 20- Primary/FDK bus to Our Lady of Mount carmel Parish for Advent Mass
 - December 22- All Students Hot Christmas Lunch
 - December 23- Awards ceremony

Report of Treasurer Milena DeGroot/Heather Quesnel

- See balance sheet
- Leftover \$2000 approx- from school gift card drive
 - \$600 used for elephant balls for school yard
 - Remainder will be used for other items for students
- We are currently in a good place financially

Committee Reports: To be completed at a later date due to time constraints

Fundraising Committee Natalie Nunn

Hospitality Committee Robin Leslie-Spencer

Greening Committee Luba Dobrianskij

Spirituality Committee – No report

Report of the Chair Heather Quesnel

- Greening Committee- Would like \$1000 for purchasing plants for the front garden and fall clean up. Approved by Council
- Student Hot Christmas Lunch- Received quote for approx \$3000. Would like approval for approx \$1500 for providing a hot christmas lunch for all students. School to split the cost. Approved by council

Adjournment Heather Quesnel