

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Catholic School Council 2022-2023

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

OLMC Library

Present: Josie Zuppa, Heather Quesnel, Natalie Nunn, Melanie Riberio, Luba Dobrianskyj, and Anne Simpson

Regrets: Verina Farrell, Milena Debek, Robin Spencer and Ms. Treneer

Introductions: Heather Quesnel

Opening Prayer: Ms. Zuppa et al

Presentation of Agenda: Heather Quesnel

Approval of Minutes: Heather Quesnel

Meeting minutes approved from January 17, 2023

Approved by Natalie, seconded by Luba

Report of the Principal: Josie Zuppa

Pink Shirt Day- Anti Bullying Wednesday Feb 22, Also Ash Wednesday
Liturgy for younger grades, mass for older grades

Student Clubs

- Clubs have begun and are going well
 - So far chess, guitar, skipping
 - Looking at starting a girls club with the CWL

Uniform

- There has been an increase in the presence of navy blue hoodies. Crested
- Ms. Zuppa to look into seeing if JML can make crested navy hoodies and have it as an approved part of uniform
- Discussion about availability, comfort, and sensory issues of students in uniform

Redo of front Hall

- Looking at redoing the front hall to identify our school as a catholic, welcoming space
- A interior designer who is a parent in our community will be volunteering her time to help us with ideas for the front hallway.
- Television

- Taking down pictures of previous principles and moving them to another location
- Want the space to be very welcoming, set us apart as a catholic school
- Interior designer to come look at the space and offer suggestions

Lead Recesses

- Going very well
- Organized and supervised games

X-Movement

- Special event
- Booked April 18, 19, 20
- Paid for with grant money
- April 20th will be a parent night

Upcoming Events

- Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day- anti-bullying
- Feb 22-April 2 Lent
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy- Children will receive Ashes
- April 20th X-movement parent night
- April 25 Volunteer appreciation Lunch
- French Cafe May 2
- Awards ceremony to continue monthly
 - Slideshows a huge success

Discussion re providing dinner for the school council. Last meeting May 8?

French Cafe- May 2

- Grant \$500. Enough for decorations and one Chocolate Croissant provided by a local bakery. School council in favor of providing funding for juice boxes, 1 per child. Approx cost \$120. Approved Anne, Second Luba

Great feedback re families only having to give one large donation to the school

School Fundraiser-

With the money raised from school fundraiser (Halloween Dance-a-thon) the school has been able to do the following

- Purchase books highlighting diversity for the library
- Purchase Symphony and Lexia licenses
- Thanksgiving dinner

School Fundraiser Balance

- Current Balance \$Approx 6200
- Books on Diversity- younger grades \$675, still need to purchase additional books for senior grades approx \$200
- Kindergarten room
 - There is a huge gap in reading, more books needed for take home book bags, phonics

- Looking to purchase \$1000 worth of learn to read and phonics sets (Mel will also check her discount)
- \$1700 Turkey luncheon
- Additional funds to technology reading and math programs, ie. lexia,

School Improvements

- Projector in the FDK room
- Cork Boards- still to come
- Waiting for spring soccer posts to be repairs
- Painting of games on blacktop this spring- 4 square

Report of Treasurer: Heather for Milena

- Current Balance approx \$6800 after pancakes and greening committee funding

Fitness community event: Robin Spencer

As part of the OPHEA Health Schools, Healthy Community initiative Robin is looking to run a boot camp for grade 5-8. Date is March 1st. 20 signed up so far.

Adjournment: Heather Quesnel

Next Meeting - Moved to Tuesday April 4th