

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council
November 19, 2018 6:00pm

Present: Phil Daly, Luba Dobriansky, Verina Farell, Mary Giammichele, Nancy Krell, John Lezon, Janine Owen, Heather Quesnel, Laura Roberti, Rob Sutton, Amanda Vicinanza, Angela Wintar

Regrets: Lauren Beaudoin, Carol Pieczonka,

Action Required

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Mary Giammichele

Presentation of Agenda- Rob Sutton

Discussion that agenda items need to be given to Rob two weeks in advance of meetings.

Approval of October 2018 Minutes – Rob Sutton

Minutes had previously been approved with no changes via email.

Report of the Principal - Angela Wintar

Requested funds for fruit basket in office for students. Verina has been picking up fruit and has offered to continue to do so. The cost for September and October was \$141.08. Estimated yearly cost approximately \$705.00.

52% of families participated in the fundraiser. Parents can still donate online. Part of the money raised will go towards sports equipment. Sports equipment gets damaged quickly and frequently needs to be replaced. Discussed if it would be helpful to have a sign out list. Discussed asking parents to donate sporting equipment.

Social media - there is an OLMC Facebook group that it is not set up or supported by the school. There have been negative comments made about the school. Requested that if something is seen on the Facebook Page to direct them to contact the school or access the school website to seek out accurate information to prevent misinformation.

Turkey Luncheon was a fabulous event last year. Angela met with Lunch Lady for pricing and requested support from parent council. Last year the council split the cost with the school. Approximate cost \$1800.00.

Joy Day is on Thursday December 20th. Fun day with awards assembly and hot chocolate and cookies and then the school to come together for the turkey luncheon. Will be looking for

volunteers that day. Parents will need to go on cash online to order so the school knows numbers for the luncheon.

Discipline has been an issue out on the yard. Staff follow guidelines, first time a student has an issue there is a conversation, second time walks with the teacher, etc. Difficulty with communication between staff and they do not always know that a student may have already been talked to etc. Staff have started a One-Note for communication and improve responses to issues. Students may be asked to fill out sheets to reflect on their actions and the impact on others. Discussed sending home the sheets home to look at with their parents Examples will be brought to the next council meeting for feedback.

Question raised re: funding for rural schools.

Project Based Learning: Maximum of two classes presenting per month. Look into issues in our community (for example feeding the hungry in our community). Guest speakers will be invited in to speak to the whole school on the given topics. Spirit day to raise money to donate to the organization. Fair at the end of the year to display the different presentations over the year. Media will be invited.

Clothing Drive, thank you for all the donations! Angela put out an email to the principals and they identified the need in their school and donations will be distributed.

Report of the Treasurer – Heather Quesnel

Opened the school year with zero balance. To date (which includes full year hot dogs and milk) is \$12,533.45 but lunch expenses will be coming out leaving the actual balance as approximately \$6,000.

Lunch Lady- school gets a kick back twice a year, last year it was approximately \$450.00.

Heather made a motion for council to pay for fruit basket for the year (estimated \$705.00). Seconded by Mary, Luba and Patty. Passed.

Janine put motion put forward for council to provide \$1000.00 for turkey luncheon. Seconded by Nancy, Luba and Amanda. Passed.

Discussed Christmas pageant. Cost will likely be \$200- \$300.

Angela to look into this further.

Nancy suggested charging one dollar to families for Turkey Luncheon which can be donated to Out of the Cold. Seconded by Mary, Rob and Janine. Passed.

Committee Reports –

<u>Fundraising</u>	No report at this time
<u>Greening</u>	No report at this time
<u>Hospitality</u>	No report at this time
<u>Lunch Program</u>	No report at this time
<u>Spirituality</u>	No report at this time
<u>Staff Appreciation Luncheon</u>	No report at this time
<u>Uniform</u>	No report at this time

Report of the Chair- Rob Sutton

School choir requested \$146.90 to sing at Alexander Place in Waterdown in December. Rob made a motion. Seconded by Heather, Mary and Nancy. Passed.

Rob discussed having Play Project Parkour to the school. Will bring more information to next meeting.

Asked question: how to get more parents involved at the school. For example helping with chess clubs, reading clubs, study clubs etc. Discussed that email blasts have been helping and parent volunteers have been responding.

Social Date for parent council social set for December 5th, 2018.

Heather requested meetings moving forward be paperless.

Phil- congrats to the Senior Girls Football team who played with all their hearts in the finals- great game!

Adjournment- Rob Sutton