

2021/2022 - OLMC Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022@ 6:00PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual

Present: : Heather Quesnel, Milena De Groot, Judeen Ferguson, Luba Dobrianskyj, Natalie Nunn, Janine Owen, Anne Simpson, Karen McGarrity, Phil Daly, Verina Farrell, Angela Wintar

1. Welcome: Heather

2. Opening Prayer: Heather

3. Presentation of Agenda Natalie completed the minutes from the November meeting. Karen approved the minutes from the last meeting

4. Report of the Principal: Ms. Wintar

- Pink shirt day was today at the school. The focus was anti-bullying, and the students and staff talked about anti-bullying throughout the day. The school board provided anti-bullying information and resources.
- Kindergarten registration is open online for any child who will be four years old by Christmas 2022. The student numbers have been increasing over the past number of years.
- This year, there has been lots of snow, and the school has been keeping up with shovelling and salting.
- Report cards went out. Ms. Wintar is really pleased with the progress the students have been making. The staff knows that because of the impact of COVID 19 over the last two years, the students have gaps in their learning. However, the students are progressing.
- Pancake Tuesday was a big lunch order and very successful.
- There is no longer food allowed to be prepared in the schools. For example, parents coming in to do pancake Tuesday did not meet the regulations. Hopefully, after COVID, the school might be able to get tubs of pancakes, and parents can give them out.
- Grade three and four students had the opportunity to attend camp Marydale. The student's really enjoyed this.
- The school made good use of the snowshoes. There are lots of pictures of the students using the snowshoes and technology. The school to send out pictures of the students using these to show the school community what the fundraising money has gone towards. Anne shared this idea from the last meeting.
- The school updated the Wi-Fi at the school and updated class desktop computers. New Ipads have also just arrived.
- A parent in the school community is trying to encourage their children not to wear masks and encourage other parents to send their children without masks. The mask exceptions are for children with special needs and were never intended for parents who disagree with masks. At this point, public health says that asking is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID, and the school has to follow the provincial guidelines.
- Currently, there are eight active cases at the school. Only the parents who have children in that class are notified when there is an active case. Things are settling down with exposures and therefore less staff being off and less impact on the classrooms.

5. Report of the Treasurer: Milena and Heather

- \$1500 was raised through the Valentine's day fundraiser for gift cards for families at the school.
- To date, our income is 48,000. Most is from hot lunches. Our current balance is 30,000. After expenses, the balance is about 10,000.

6. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising Committee: Natalie Nunn

- March 10th the VG meats and MacMillian's fundraising will begin. Delivery will be on March 31st.
- In May, there will be an auction fundraiser that will run until May 16th. If anyone has any donations to the silent auctions or who knows a local business, please pass them along.

2. Spirituality Committee: no reports

3. Lunch Program Committee- no reports

4. Spirituality Committee-no reports

5. Hospitality Committee- no reports

6. Uniform Committee- no reports

7. Greening Committee- no reports

7. Report of the Chair: Heather

- OLMC and other school communities have arranged for Dr. Jean Clinton to present on March 10th. Another email blast will be sent closer to the registration date for this talk. The money for this has come from the Reaching Out Grant.

8. Adjournment: Heather

Next meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2022