

2021/2022 - OLMC Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022@ 6:00PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual

Present: Heather Quesnel, Milena De Groot, Judeen Ferguson, Luba Dobrianskyj, Janine Owen, Phil Daly, Verina Farrell, Angela Wintar

Regrets: Anne Simpson, Natalie Nunn, Karen McGarrity,

1. Welcome: Heather

2. Opening Prayer: Heather

3. Presentation of Agenda. Heather asked for approval of the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting. Luba and Verina approved the minutes.

4. Report of the Principal: Ms. Wintar

- Covid: Ms. Farrell does many phone calls a day around protocols, processes, etc. It can be challenging as the schools have protocols that do not occur anywhere else. Covid cases are up in Hamilton. The school expects that the case count at the school may be higher. However, there is some question about whether families report if they have Covid in the family. The hope is that families report cases of Covid to the school because they can still send their kids to school who are not testing positive as long as they are wearing a mask. Approximately 90% of children at the school do not wear masks. The school promotes no stigma and that masking is welcomed and encouraged. The school has lots of rapid tests. These can be made available to families at the school and their extended family members, such as aging parents. Families can just let the school know, and tests will be available.
- Thank you to Ms. Robertson and Ms. Servos, who have volunteered their time managing used uniforms. There are a number of families in need in the school. If any family requires uniforms, they can be in touch with Ms. Robertson and Ms. Servos. They bring the uniforms in and distribute them to families.
- OLMC received an Apple School of Distinction award, which is quite an honour. It was initially a struggle to get students on the iPads, and now they are used effectively in learning at the school. An important message is iPads are used to learn. Students are different learners now, and iPads engage more learners. They also help students on IEPs and provide them with huge benefits. They give the students a different way to learn, and their marks go up because they can express their knowledge through the use of the iPad.
- There are plans being made for OLMC to host a BBQ on June 21, 2022, to celebrate the Apple Distinction Award. OLMC innovation team has been working to put on an event almost like a science fair. The event will have different booths with different topics. For example, a coding station. The innovation team will do this with the students at school and then show the parents that evening at the BBQ. An invite will go to parents who can make it during the day as well. The week before, the innovation team will go in and teach some of the classes about the different skills, for example coding. At the BBQ, families will get their names put in a draw, participate and attend. Prizes will include Airtags, iTunes gift cards and AirPods as the big prize. Apple Canada representatives will be at the BBQ. A banner with the school Apple Distinction Award will be

revealed at the BBQ around 6:30 pm or 7 pm Want to make it a community and family event. It will be a nice way to end the year.

- The school is looking at doing end-of-the-year school trips. Mr. Daly and Mr. MacDonalad are looking at doing extended day trips for the grade 8's.
- Ms. Wintar made her official intent to retire announcement to the board today.
- The teachers have put together a wishlist as follows:
 - Ms. Treneer- classroom carpet: Total: \$500,
 - Ms. Treneer and Ms. Magier would like good individual whiteboards. Ms. Wintar had bought some from the Dollar Store, and they were not good and did not last. Cost \$54 for 10 and they would like 30. Total: \$162
 - Ms. Magier- Apple TV for her classroom. Total: \$250
 - Madame Souter- Updated French culture resources. Total: \$125
 - Ms. Bateman- Sports equipment. Total: \$3500
 - Mr. Daly- pickleball nets- already have racquets and balls but do not have the net. \$250 each and would like to get 2 nets. Total: \$500
 - Ms. O'Neill and primary- Lexia and Symphony math licenses- make a huge academic difference. Last year 50 Lexia licenses and 60 Symphony. Council gave \$5000 towards this last year. Total: \$6600
 - Ms. Canzio: 5-8 students in every class struggle with attention. They benefit from fidget toys. The students use them frequently. Two fidget boxes are her request- 2 for \$30. They have a sensory room in the school. When the classroom is too overstimulating for them. She spotted a few sensory room stickers for the walls- waterfall etc. About \$30. Scirnece and Learn to build kit. One is \$60, and one is \$40.Helps kids with fine motor. Ear defender headphones. One of the children in the school desperately needs them -\$50. The noise of the chairs in the class. They used to use tennis balls. The difficulty with that is the kids take them off and throw them at each other. They are now saying don't use tennis balls. They are called hard rubber chair legs You can replace the felt pads- 100 for \$200. For two classes in particular.
- The total for the wishlist is approximately \$11,000. The council should have approximately \$15,000 to spend. The council donates 10% to charity. Luba motioned that buy all the items on the wishlist. Judeen second the motion.
- Luba expressed concern about the mold. Ms. Wintar explained that it was on the surface of the stuff impacted, such as on a couple of carpets and fabric chairs. There is no more mold as the items were removed. Everything was thoroughly cleaned, and have not seen any mold since. When they did the health and safety check, it was all clear. Mr. Daly explained that It appears that it was the spray the schools were using to kill any germs for COVID. The spray left these things wet, and then the mold formed on them.
- Looking at donating about \$2000 to charity. For the next meeting we will discuss what charity to donate to. Milena suggested a possible donation to Campfire Circle.

5. Report of the Treasurer: Milena

- We started with approx. \$4,400 and total income was \$77, 000 after expenses. The balance is \$42,000 and has approx. expenses – leaves us with approximately \$15,000 this does not include our auction fundraiser. These are approximate.

6. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising Committee: Heather

- Fundraising: still finishing off on hot lunch. McMillan and VG meats- raised approximately \$4000. Great results! The last fundraiser will be the online auction- going to use the same company as last year because it went smoothly. May 9-16 for the auction.

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 report

7. Report of the Chair:

- Really proud of the fundraising and thankful for the volunteers and the staff. The staff has been doing such a great job. It has been good to be back in school as a parent.

8. Adjournment: Heather

The next meeting is on May 25, 2022.