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Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.*

AGENDA)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting

Date: Nov 20, 2024

Time: 06:30 p.m. to 07:30 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel CSS 3700 Trelawny Circle MISS ON L5N 5J7
Library

Parent Council Members:

Cavell Lopez- Chair

Tricia Simon- Treasurer

Belinda Russo- OPACE Rep

Vanessa Colettas- Secretary & Parish Rep

Christina Rodrigues - Council Member

Georgena Skariah - Council Member

Katiana Cisneros-Panza- Council Member

Shazia Soorma

Lindsay LeDrew

School Administration:

Brea Corbett- School Trustee

Jennifer Varnam- Principal

Mary Ambrogi- Vice Principal

Denis Radetic- Vice Principal

Michelle Cholette – Teacher Rep

Jim McLevey – Non-teaching Employee Rep/Chaplain

Attendance for Nov 20th meeting:

Cavell Lopez, Vanessa Colettas, Tricia Simon, Belinda Russo, M. Georgena Skariah, Katiana Panza, Christina Rodrigues, Natalia Lobo (parent), Michelle Thompson (parent), Yvonne Wood (parent), Jennifer Varnam, Mary Ambrogi, Denis Radetic, Jim McLevey

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance - Cavell

2. Opening Prayer - Jim
3. Land Acknowledgement - Jen
4. Approval of Agenda- (Amendment - Cavell- Christmas baskets as action item 4)
Georgena approved
Christina seconded

Minutes:

Georgena approved
Christina seconded

5. Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, Oct 3, 2024
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

B. Trustee Update by Brea Corbett

Organizational meeting - election details in the email.

Annual enrollment report: declining enrollment is slowing down. All funding is on a per person basis. Please refer to Brea Corbett's December 2024 Newsletter for issues covered
<https://breacorbet.ca/trustee-newsletters>

C. Standing Items

1. Chair/Treasurer's Report
Uniform resales were down this year from previous years.

2. Principal Report
The next council meeting is Feb 5th followed by one on April 24th.

Staff are doing a fund raiser for Christmas baskets. And are looking to collect donations for Grad Wear in May and June.

Fundraising ideas- Generic spirit can be resold.

Euro trip 2025 is approved as a joint trip.

3. Chaplaincy Report

21 of our own families have been assigned for Christmas baskets so far

Advent starts Dec 2nd- Advent liturgy planned for Dec 2ⁿ

Hoodies for homeless over 600 hoodies

20 bags of clothing for Canadian Food for Children - Dr. Simone

New Faith Club for students - Come and See- club focus is faith formation and sharing stories of the Gospel

Hoodies for Homeless- surpassed the goal of 350 but got 600

4. Parish Report -Vanessa attended parish meeting on Nov 19th. Bulletin board at the church to feature OLMC from June to October - will look to OLMC Chronicle and student

input for suggestions. Parish priests want to know about school events so that they can attend if their schedule permits.

D. Information/Updates

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports (OAPCE Update by Belinda Russo

OLMC School Council Meeting, November 20, 2024

OAPCE Rep.: Belinda Russo

OAPCE meeting was held November 6, 2024, at 7pm at the DPCDSB office

DP Director is Diana Carlesimo dufferinpeel@oapce.org

OAPCE Rep Welcome Letter

Parents are invited to read regional updates, reports and agendas available on the OAPCE website <https://oapce.org/dufferin-peel/>

Membership Overview

OAPCE Brochure

Social Media

Instagram @OAPCE85

X @OAPCEONTARIO

Facebook OAPCE85!

Publication: Parent 2 Parent Press

Available now <https://oapce.org/parents-4-parents/>

Ensure to subscribe to receive these newsletters and other communication from OAPCE <https://oapce.org/contact/>

The year of the Jubilee!

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

31 October 2025 - 2 November 2025 - Jubilee of the World of Education

Understanding the role of a DPCDSB trustee

It is important to understand the role that a trustee has in your child's education, take the time to review board meeting agendas, by-law meeting agendas and watch live recordings on YouTube Board and Committee meeting schedule.

Elections coming up in 2026 <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/running-for-catholic-school-trustee->

A trustee newsletter is sent monthly via email, please ensure you review for any updates and policy revisions News and Updates from the board of Trustees

CCCSC (Central Committee for Catholic School Councils)

Save the date: November 28th the Central Committee will be holding a virtual role training session for each school council position including the OAPCE role which will be run by myself.

More information is available here <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/getting-involved/ccsc>

All Region OAPCE Virtual Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024 at 7:30PM

Teaching Staff updates School Council- Teacher Rep Notes by Michelle Cholette
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

From Guidance

On Thursday November 7th - we hosted Grade 8 Night.

On Monday November 19th - Midterm Report cards were sent digitally to student emails. The Academic Awards Night is tomorrow November 21st. Students received invitations for the event.

Grade 12 College and University Applications are well underway.

Cooperative Education Department - Coop program is quite large this year particularly with SHSM students who are required to take coop as part of the program.

Coop teachers are asking for support with finding placements in our community particularly in the areas of IT, business, and health care. If you have any contacts in those areas that would be interested in having a coop student, please let guidance or coop teacher know.

Literacy - OSSLT testing is underway – - half the grade 10 students wrote this week. The other half will write on the 26th and 27th and previously eligible will write on the 25th. The results of these two testing windows will come in January, at which point, we will offer remedial after school classes for those students to confidently try again in the during our spring sessions.

SHSM

On November 6th the SHSM students visited TMU and the Profusion Media Conference at the Metro Convention Centre tomorrow as part of their reach ahead activities

On November 13 the SHSM students attended a trip to Humber College.

Athletic Council

They are running a variety of things leading up to Christmas to help with our donation of gift cards towards our Christmas Basket Initiative.

Charity Volleyball Tournament on Thursday November 21st.

Popcorn Sales - on Thursday lunches

Christmas Candy Grams

Jersey Day in December

Athletics

OFSAA cross country - three athletes went to Ottawa.

Flag Football won the ROPSSAA championship.

Boys' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball and Hockey are starting up for Winter season.

E. Action Items

1. Parent engagement fund – Chair Cavell Lopez
We get \$500 automatically as a grant. 15% of 500 as food for meetings

Money has to be spent in the year.

Michelle: Guidance - having a parent evening for Grade 11 students for university. Use the funds for that event which will be held in April or May. And maybe invite alumni. to be further discussed at the next meeting

2. SGF Report and priorities - School Generated funds from Jennifer
3. Set remaining dates for meetings for 2024-2025 School Year – suggestion April 24, 2024
4. Christmas baskets. We took two baskets last year. Outline of the family by next week.
Vote of 9 yes and no nays (Lindsay virtual)
Last year - \$310 for two families.
Information is gathered and provided by Jim, and he shares that with us.
55 homerooms involved and given 2 or 3 weeks to collect donations.
Katiana runs the Council baskets.
\$200 two families - 6 votes including Lindsey

F. Future Meetings

February 5, 2025

April 24th, 2025– meet at 5:30 pm instead of 6:30 pm as that is the board meeting date.

G. Adjournment