

Loyola Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes: Monday, February 12th, 2024
6:30pm - School Library



Present: Gina Renda, Yvette Lemonious, Mark Joseph, Nadia Dermot, Natalie Rodrigues-Fernendes, Amanda Jamieson-Bain, Morena Ashbourne, Anna Candeloro, Louise Roach, Carmen Arboleya

On-line: Atzire Perez, Melissa Marchewka

Parent Attendees: 3 parents

Regrets: Jennnifer Miles, Frances Lewis

A. Routine Matters

- Call to Order and Attendance (6:41)
 - Mark Joseph
- Opening Prayer
 - Gina Renda
- Student Voice - Dahlia Petros
 - Student Council
 - Dec: Hot chocolate served on the last day before the break. Huge success and great turn out by students.
 - Jan: Exam sticky notes to encourage students throughout the time leading up. Sticky notes were given out in the library. A teacher had gone around dressed in a unicorn costume to lift up spirits and promote wellness.
 - Jan: Head secretary retirement present.
 - Feb: Tomorrow, February 13, student council planned for a valentines spirit day where students can wear red, white or pink top. As well as a valentines bake sale in the matrix during all lunches that will be hosted by several clubs in our school.
 - Feb: Student Trustee elections, we have the in school elections happening on February 14 and then the 21 of February will be the school board election, which the prime minister and myself will be attending as representatives of Loyola vote.
 - BLAAC
 - During the morning announcements, BLAAC created a playlist for black history month to showcase black artists.
 - The Black Excellence performance will be on Thursday February 29. All are welcomed. The doors open at 6:30 pm and shows start at 7:00 pm. The tickets sold at the door will be five dollars. The proceeds will be going to SickKids.
 - DECA
 - Very proud of the DECA team as they won 6 medals this weekend during their competition. 2 students placed in the top 20.

- Waterloo Math contest
 - The grade 9-11 students have the chance to compete on February 28th
- Computer Contest
 - February 21 computing competition for all grades.
- Skills Ontario Competition
 - Touches on several trades and jobs, a good experience for students. Event happening on March 6, 2024
- Music
 - The band has officially received their piano after an amazing performance last year.
 - In May, We are so excited for the art (drama, band/music, arts) students who are going to travel to New York for the long weekend.
- Grade 12:
 - Grad photos are being taken today as well to the 23rd of February
 - Prom has been announced to be Thursday, May 30th, 2024.
 - Graduation date is for June 27, 2024
 - Student council will be planning the senior sunset to end the year
- Land Acknowledgement
 - Gina Renda
- Approval of Agenda
 - Mover - Yvette L
 - Seconder - Nadia D
- Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, (December 11, 2023)
 - Mover - Morena A
 - Seconder - Yvette L

B. Standing Items

- Greeting from Trustee Herman Vioria (6:56)
 - Presentation on AI
 - It is definitely going into the schools
 - We should look at this as an opportunity
 - We need to make policies
 - The use of cell phones in the schools is going to be looked at as well
 - We should look at this as a tool
 - Should be put away during test
 - Could be used for streaming a movie
 - Could be used for texting
 - Vaping
 - Canada is one of the highest uses of vaping
 - Curriculum changes will be reviewed every 5 years
 - Severe shortage of teachers in Quebec and Ontario
 - Severe shortage of junior administrators
 - Presentation from a company on statistics and demographics
 - Immigration patterns from: India, China, Philippines

- There is a finance meeting tomorrow
 - He will ask what the status of our debt
- Chair/Treasurer's Report (7:26)
 - SSSCS meeting was held last Monday
 - Looking at the multi year strategic plan for secondary schools
 - They will have 2 meetings on this
 - They will focus on: "excel, respect, thrive, and trust"
 - Very good idea from Gabriel to get all the parish reps together
- Principal Report (7:33)
 - Uniformity of the new agenda for school councils
 - Community items for the council should be sent to our council info box
 - We have received a lot of trip requests for students taking vacation time.
 - Student need to present for their classes
 - If you miss labs or tests the student is responsible for the material
 - Mr. Coangelo has has been moved to Holy Name of Mary to be acting principal
- Chaplaincy Report
 - Liturgy on Ash Wednesday
- Parish Report
 - Ash Wednesday Masses at 9am and 7pm

C. Information/Updates (if applicable)

- Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
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- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
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D. Future Meetings (all Mondays)

- ★ Apr 15th
- ★ June 10th

E. Adjournment (8:06)

- Closing prayer
- Motion to Close - Natalie R-F
- Seconder - Amanda J-B