

Loyola Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 4th, 2024
6:30pm - School Library
Loyola C.S.S. 4010 Sladeview Cres.



Present: Gina Renda, Mark Joseph, Shandelle Randall, Melissa Marchewka, Morena Ashbourne, Atzire Perez, Renee Kerr, Natalie Ribkoff

On-line: Nadia Dermit, Jennifer Miles, Amanda Jamieson-Bain, Carmen Arboleya, Louise Roach, Natalie Rodrigues-Fernandes

Student Representatives: Esther Tengue

Parent Attendees: 4 parent guests

Regrets: Alana Cernjul, Frances Lewis

A. Routine Matters (6:40)

- Call to Order and Attendance
 - Gina Renda
- Opening Prayer
 - Gina Renda
- Land Acknowledgement
 - Gina Renda
- Approval of Agenda
 - Mover - Morena A
 - Seconder - Jennifer M
- Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes, (Sept 30th, 2024)
 - Mover - Melissa M
 - Seconder - Morena A
- Business arising from the Minutes
 - N/A

B. Standing Items

- **Student Voice Update (Esther Tengue)**
 - School Achievements
 - We successfully has an award ceremony for honor roll students in loyola
 - Loyola had a great halloween where they were able to express themselves through costumes and full civis
 - The grade twelves were able to attend a college fair in downtown toronto
 - University/college fair is being held here at loyola for all grades
 - School Initiatives
 - The school is currently doing a food drive/ largest harvest where each grade brings different items for the drive, the grade that gets the most items in will be getting donuts during their homeroom class
 - the grade nines will get a chance to go on their first religion retreats
 - Student council hosted an activity where you dress your favorite teacher up for halloween as mummy
 - There is a math EQAO class after school for grade 9s

- Student Concerns
 - Vaping
 - Students are concerned about the sportswear/budget in the athletic department
 - Grade twelve students are concerned about the dates for graduation pictures
- **Chair report - Melissa M (6:53)**
 - Oct 24th Council Chair Meeting
 - Entire Council Training is scheduled to take place online on Nov. 28th
 - Secondary and elementary school council training
- **Treasurer's reports - Jenifer Miles (7:02)**
 - Opened: \$393.67
 - Credit: \$2565.00
 - Debit: N/A
 - Closed : \$ 2958.67
 - Money earmarked for bursaries: 3 student at \$250 each
 - Parent engagement:
- **Principal Report - Gina Renda (7:05)**
 - OSSLT update
 - We have very good results - beyond board and provincial average
 - We are continuing that preparation
 - Student are able to write a practice test before they write
 - Prep classes are running after school
 - Now we are focussing our attention to EQAO
 - Last year EQAO didn't count toward the final grade
 - Coming up with with strategies to see the grade 9s succeed this year
 - Strengthen our strategies for students that have a gaps
 - We want to build Math confidence
 - We don't want a student to come in with "I hate Math"
 - **Math strategy update (Natalie Ribkoff)**
 - After school tutoring
 - After school EQAO prep and Math literacy sessions
 - Waterloo Math contest
 - Final 30% weighting
 - 10% EQAO
 - 20% CPT
 - Descriptive Feedback
 - Diagnostics
 - Exit Tickets
 - Grade 9 Implementations
 - Embedding EQAO type questions

- Knowledgehook
 - HS coding or Scratch
 - Grade 9 teachers will have release time to collaborate
 - Use of vertical boards in the classroom to consolidate
 - Grade 10
 - After school tutoring
 - Waterloo Math contest
 - Anchor chart for students
 - Use of vertical boards to consolidate learning
 - Descriptive Feedback
 - Diagnostics
 - Exit Tickets
 - Grade 11 and 12
 - Help is given through the classroom teacher
 - Waterloo Math Contest
- **Guidance department update (Renee Kerr)**
 - Nov 6th - “a day in the life” for the grade 8s
 - Same day as Take your kids to work day
 - Nov 14th - open house - for students for coming next year
 - Nov 18th - Grade 12 is drop date for courses
 - Nov 22nd - student receive their digital report card
 - Jan 15th - post secondary applications due for grade 12s
 - Student are encouraged to visit the university
 - Feb 1st - college applications
 - Community service hours 40 over four years to graduate
 - Scholarship report - it gives you month by month the scholarships that are becoming available.
- Activity fees
 - We have about 395 families that have not paid
 - We have sent out emails
 - We have received our minimum order for our yearbooks
 - The activity fund covers beautification of the school, council events, Culture-fest, decoration, etc.
 - ie. money needs to be spent on students.
- Graduations dates
 - June 5th - prom
 - June 26th - graduation day
- **Chaplaincy Report - Alana C**
 - Chaplaincy Warriors have started off strong!
 - Lots of student involvement

- especially from the grade 9s which is great to see
 - “The Largest Harvest” Food Drive is now over
 - A tally of items will be provided this week
 - Grade 11 retreats at Silvercreek are complete
 - Student had a nice time being outdoors thanks to cooperative weather
 - Grade 9 retreats begin tomorrow and continue each Tuesday throughout November
 - Advent Mass will be on December 13th
- **Parish Report - Louise R**
 - No updates

D. Information/Updates

- Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
 - Cardinal Leger Secondary school event
- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
 - The first OAPCE meeting is November 6

E. Future Meetings (all Mondays)

- ★ December 9th
- ★ February 10th (guest speaker)
- ★ March 3rd
- ★ May 12th

F. Adjournment

- Closing prayer
- Motion to Close - Karen C
- Second - Atzire P