

OLMCY Catholic School Council

October 2023 Minutes

In Attendance: L. Marchand (Principal), K. Stephensen, N. Shea, K. Chan, M. Anderson (Virtual), J. Brancaloni , S. Shehadeh (Virtual), G. Fernandes (Virtual), Iryna, Julianna

Regrets: A. Perez-Rubio, T. Harkin, M. D'Souza (Virtual), R. Sportello (Virtual), L. Shenouda (Virtual), K. Box (Teacher Rep)

6:38 Starting

Welcome, Prayer, and Land Acknowledgement: Kayla Stephenson (Co-Chair)

Approval of Agenda: Adding of the Chair's report 1st : Nadia Shea
2nd . Karen Chan

Approval of September Minutes: 1 st . Nadia Shea
2nd : Karen Chan

Chair's report

- CCAC meeting on the 13th at Xavier
- Announced the winners of the volunteer awards
- Dates (19th of October, 16th of November, 30th of November, 7th of December, 5th of February, May 9, June 20) will attend some and bring back updates to the council

Treasurer's Report

- When decisions are made as a committee we are going to be more timely seen the update this month
- We discussed the yearbook funds and the graduation
- Slight mix up where last month the graduation had been deducted from the school council account, were reflected in October
- Amount for the grad appears (debit) and half the amount for yearbook (credit)
- What should have been deducted for the yearbook was taken care of
- Pop up tent will be ready shortly hopefully in time for flag football (\$1167.95 + delivery) and looks fantastic: Invoice will come from council account
- Current balance: \$14, 644.26
- Few future focused items (contribution to the senior student trip?)
- Marchand suggested we look for something to benefit the entire school would be most appropriate since some funds were raised last year
- Suggestion to invite scientific speaker or workshop/group so all the children can benefit
- Scientist in the school?
- Under 300 per class
- In the past was paid for by the outdoor grant (\$5000) but it is less now (2-3000) so it could cover X movement and then council supports scientist in the school

- Can we help the seniors? Still working on if we are going to be able to run an overnight trip for the grade 8's (dependent on staffing)
- Committee usually allocates 2000 for grad, but closer to grad we can move money
- What amounts are we committing from the total (500 for taxis? Mural? Benevolence fund?)
- Not sure if we have a large need for benevolence fund - we have social work fund and grants for families
- Consider a donation to the breakfast club? Possibly instead of benevolence
- We have enhanced grant for breakfast club there is definitely a need in the community - necessary for some, good for all, no child has to go to their teacher to talk about it
- How many kids are fed each day is tracked and goes into the stats
- Mural "illusion images limited" sent the quote for the entire front entryway including the display case (pretty large sq footage) 8000 subtotal, 9,040 total - settlement workers can possibly provide a grant

Money to move

- Scientist in the school (no more than \$2500 if every class does it) - vote (majority in favour, passed)
- Benevolence fund doesn't seem needed but if something comes up we can look at it when necessary –use it for breakfast instead
- Vote on breakfast club (\$500) (everyone in favour, passed)
- Look at grad in January/February
- Vote on taxis (\$500) (everyone in favour, passed)
- Tuck shop idea? The sooner it gets started the sooner the funds can be generated for grad - Marchand will connect with Divine Mercy to see how theirs is running
- Where would the tuck shop go? Have seen the grade 8's using trolley, in the hallway, etc.

Principal's Report

- Spirit wear still working on it hopefully it is coming soon
- Grad hoodie has been put into place
- Double repeat back to back champions Jr. Volleyball!
- Proud of the coaches and kids they started the teams the first week of school
- This week we have 11 kids going to cross country boards
- Jr. girls go to Loyola, boys go to Robert F. Hall
- Flag football coming up - our school is hosting November 17th
- Sanctuary students started (3 regularly attending, one still supporting)
- On PD day focused on new language curriculum, well being, safe schools
- Had a Share Life luncheon and teachers donated
- Since the pandemic it is the first time our staff has sat together and shared a meal
- Grade 7 and 8 vaccination clinic took place (kids that ran cross country sent home with a slip to come home, so they got caught up with their vaccinations with peel public health)
- Picture day and same day the morning star school rosary program started
- Kids really like the rosary program

- Hacker Gal coding club has started (6, 7, 8) every Friday meeting and doing coding together
- Aladdin is the official school musical (auditions have taken place, this week is callbacks), kids that want to be in the ensemble can be in it, great staff collaboration for this (Goal is beginning of May to stage this)
- Students going to Silver Creek on November 6th (3 classes)
- November 9 grades 4-6 going to see the Wizard of Oz at the Rose theatre
- Grade 8 immersion students on November 1 are going to Loyola for a day in the life of a student
- Remembrance day assemblies November 8th - parent coming in (member of Canadian armed forces)
- Revisions for progress reports (November 14) and interviews (November 16)
- November 15 Gonzaga open house, November 2 Loyola open house

Committee Reports

Fundraising

- Nothing new just looking to see if we can find a shuttered room for the market
- Teachers and students happy with the Panago pizza
- No HST? Looking into it
- In the middle of an internal audit right now

OAPCE

- Bring dates to the next meeting see if anyone can attend

New Business

- Next meeting need to reschedule a few dates some are clashing with the Divine Mercy council meetings

End of meeting

7:39pm

Motion to Adjourn: 1st : Nadia Shea

2nd : Karen Chan