

OLMCY Catholic School Council

September 2023 Minutes

In Attendance: L. Marchand (Principal), K. Box (Teacher Rep), K. Stephensen, N. Shea, K. Chan, Michele Anderson (Virtual), J. Brancaleoni, M. D'Souza (Virtual), L. Shenouda (Virtual), R. Sportello (Virtual)

Regrets: A. Perez-Rubio, T. Harkin, S. Shehadeh

Welcome, Prayer, and Land Acknowledgement: Kayla Stephenson (2022-2023 Co-Chair)

Approval of Agenda: 1st: Nadia Shea
2nd: Karen Chan

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

Selection of New Council:

Principal Marchand ran the process of asking for Volunteers for each role. We did not require an election for Council as we were within our by-laws with fewer than 15 parents volunteering.

CSC Role	Parent Volunteer
Chair	Kayla Stephenson
Treasurer	Michele Anderson
Secretary	Jessica Brancaleoni
Fundraising	Nadia Shea
OAPCE	UNCLAIMED
Parish Rep	UNCLAIMED

Principal's Report:

Leslie Marchand

- School Start-up was great!
- The school did a reorganization prior to the start of the year as the Primary numbers were very high. This way the school could eliminate need to transition students into new classes on the reorg date.
- We welcomed new Head Secretary Serita Pereira
- The first week of school the Coaches were already running tryouts for Junior Volleyball, Cross Country, and Intermediate Flag Football.
- Choir, Youth Faith Ambassadors both also started right away.
- First Mass was this morning, presided by Father Suresh. The choir sang during mass and the YFA organized it.
- Curriculum Night was a huge success last week. Follow up item on food at the bbq running out, the Vendor shared with me the next day via email that he hadn't put the accurate amount of

food on the truck to come to the school. Families who did not receive their order were given a refund. There were only a few families affected.

- For Academics this year, our teachers will continue their focus on effective Descriptive feedback to support student engagement and learning.
- New Language Curriculum began this September
- Sanctuary Class will have students beginning October 2, 2023

Treasurer's Report:

Michele Anderson

The financials from year end was shared with the Council through the TEAMS call.

- 9, 198.73 still remaining from last year
- Question was raised about the payment of the Yearbooks. This was supposed to be a top-up, not full payment. Principal Marchand to inquire and report back to Council
- There is too much money still in this account. Money was also not moved to support Graduation and other initiatives in the school.
- Council to pay for a new tent for outdoor sports. Principal Marchand to source this and report back to Council.
- Commitment to move funds when they are allocated for other categories once they are approved (ie: if the council is funding Grad with \$2,000.00, then move the funds out of the CSC Category into Graduation right away).

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: N.Shea

- Follow-up on Panago Pizza for this school year. Nadia to provide Principal Marchand with "blurb" for Weekend Update so parents are aware of the change.
- Christmas Market? Is there a space for it? Follow up required.
- Flip Give: We can continue. Principal Marchand to send out dedicated flyer regarding Flip Give to the Community. It is the same code.

OAPCE: No Rep

Parish Report: No Rep

New Business:

Principal Marchand brought up the Mural Project.

- New company in to provide estimate
- It would cover the entire front entrance
- This would mean that two existing paintings would have to come down. The company doing the mural will take a high-quality photo and then the school will frame the picture and include it by hanging on a wall to continue the legacy of this artwork.
- The entire school community will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the contents of the Mural. "What does it mean to be a Mercy Magic?"
- Still waiting for quote.
- Discussion as to whether Council would help support the project financially, especially given the funds remaining in the account that should have spent.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st: Nadia Shea

2nd: Karen Chan