

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
AGM Agenda
Wednesday, September 13th 2023 - 7:00pm

Meeting held at Our Lady of the Assumption School -

Attendance: Linda Ellefson , Michelle Dormer, Deena MacWilliam , Selestia Jackson, Rajeev Kalamthodi, Praseeda Bhanudas, Caryn Swark, Meghan Calder, Chinenye Nwannadi, Mieraf Kassete

1. Call to Order and welcome call to order at 7:02 PM

2. Opening Prayer - Linda Ellefson
-Introductions

3. Approval of May Minutes

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-Move to approve: Deena MacWilliam

-Seconded: Michelle Dormer

Motion passed

4. Nominations and Elections

a) Chair -

i) Deena nominates Michelle, approved by acclamation

b) Vice Chair -

i) Michelle nominates Deena, approved by acclamation

c) Treasurer -

i) Decided to defer to office as last year (vacant)

d) Hot lunch/ Fundraising Coordinator -

i) Michelle nominates Selestia, approved by acclamation

e) Secretary -

i) Decided to defer to office as last year - Caryn (vacant)

5. Board Update - Linda Ellefson

a. Met with education minister over summer, advocated for increased funding

b. Aug 30: opening mass, Meghan Calder received the share the mission award.

Linda was very very (very) happy about this. By request, here is [Caryn's introduction speech](#) for Meghan.

c. Next board meeting Sept 27 - Linda will attend school opening mass but not BBQ

d. Linda reminded everyone of the work of GRACE, advocating for Catholic education, which provides a grassroots newsletter

- e. Linda also works with a different organization to advocate for Catholic education
- f. Question: Will we receive additional funding this year? Perhaps, but this government has mostly funded through grants and temporary funding rather than permanent funding.

- i. Linda adds that Nathan Neudorf was in on the meeting and advocated strongly for Catholic education

-Pause for further introductions as some new members had arrived

6. Financial Report:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WeZWt_f1QfYMplyhJ8Nk5Htzt2SM2S9S/view?usp=sharing

-Selestia is chasing after Pizza 73 for the \$300 they owe -- they are sending a certified cheque

-Starting financially healthy

7. Principal Report:

a. Welcome back mass and event:

- i. All are welcome at 9:15 am welcome back mass Wed Sept 27 9:15 am, BBQ at the school at 5:30 PM

b. Staff update

- i. Started the year with the same teacher allotment -- Andrea Nemecek resigned in June and we hired Kevin Toews (pronounced "Taves") to replace her.
- ii. We had large 5/6 groups so in the morning Kevin is teaching a 5/6 language and math group
- iii. Just before school started, we were able to advocate to have him bumped up to full time, so in the afternoons he is providing math support to gr 3 and some literacy support and EAL support
- iv. Question: should we count the 5/6 as a class? School council would like numbers (provided, but please note that they are constantly in flux):
 - 1. ELP: 16
 - 2. Kindergarten: 15
 - 3. Grade 1: 27
 - 4. Grade 2: 19
 - 5. Grade 3: 30
 - 6. Grade 4: 27
 - 7. Grade 5: 30
 - 8. Grade 6: 27 (receiving another in December)
- v. What are the numbers up from June projections? About 8
- vi. Do we have after school care? We do not. We have tried every year and have not had sufficient response to provide it. We can try again now that we have new families settled in -- Meghan will look into this. ESM can bus and provide joint care for kindergarten.

- vii. Chromebooks question: we have thirty chromebooks. In addition due to funding from grants, we have 14 devices that are in and just need to be processed, and in a few months we should be able to round that up thirty. We have asked for BYOD to help alleviate this.
- viii. Upcoming dates: Oct 3 is picture day, Oct 9 and 23 are no school, Oct 6 at 9:10 am is Thanksgiving liturgy
- ix. We will have four nurses working at our school in fall who will cover topics such as nutrition, anxiety, and cold and flu season
- x. Our counselor is once again here on Thursdays. St Pauls received a grant so they have hired a psychologist for their school which will alleviate Jordi, but CCH will get some extra time. We may have him Thursday and alternating Fridays.
- xi. Our Mental Health capacity building team is amazing and works out of our school, and is working with all of our classrooms.
- xii. The SAPDC (southern Alberta professional development consortium) is working out of our portables
- xiii.

8. Teacher Report:

- a. Teachers are energized and working hard. We will do some visioning as a staff to see what direction we want to take the school in.
 - i. Question: what should the kids have as materials for new families? Make sure you are getting emails and connect with the teacher directly if possible. We will also remind teachers to check their email lists for accuracy and so they include both parents.

9. New Business:

- a. Welcome back BBQ: Sept 27
 - i. Selestia would like to have parent council members circulating and recruiting rather than cooking etc. The colony will charge \$200 to come and do the cooking.
 - ii. Recruit volunteers again (good response last year)
 - iii. Kona ice can go in the front and the bbq can be by the back fence. Kona ice will give us 20% of the sales. Bookmobile hasn't responded yet.
 - iv. Times: prayer is at 5:30. Eat at 5:45 and taiko at 6:15. Kona Ice will arrive early but please don't serve until after the blessing.
 - v. Chips and water already donated
 - vi. Volunteers to help with ketchup and mustard, serving the burgers and hot dogs. Selestia will email a schedule
 - vii. Encourage people to bring blankets or lawn chairs
 - viii. How many people do we have?
- b. Hot lunch/Fundraising update
 - i. Can we pick a date? Eg: third week of each month. Immanuel's mom volunteered to come in when Selestia is not available.

- ii. Third Thursday of each month. Turkey dinner will be Dec 21.
- iii. Selestia would also like to do some hot dog lunches on big days (eg school steam days, etc)
- iv. Fall and spring panago nights
- v. Selestia has also found a beef jerky fundraiser she would like to pursue
- vi. We made about \$1000 from hot lunches

10. Next Meeting: October 12 online, 7:00 PM - Meghan will send out the link by email

11. Adjournment: