

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 15th 2023 - 7:00pm

Meeting held online

Meeting Link : meet.google.com/fad-jfdc-nbz

Attendance:

1. Call to Order and welcome: 7:00. Present: Selestia Jackson, Michelle Dormer, Caryn Swark, Meghan Calder, Deena MacWilliam
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of October meeting minutes:
<https://ola.holyspirit.ab.ca/common/pages/DownloadFileByUrl.aspx?key=1Et buz wMCINZ W8xxZ%2bSIGpo%2fUYs3KKCEEQU%2f%2fOL8rL%2biLgBotDoWUibbJwye%2fF1WM8%2fLJ6MkaRTtyKmLlp21vb6sWhKopdYUEQk0v%2f5DhS4Aj0Ku%2bjlXwiODFTE0ixN9XEC83ODkvVI4%2bdtHhJ8ohEMR1EQJUhrmINDZ%2fntTNKq%2ff2cfYrfKI0ISyeNI%2fmYldssY5g%3d%3d>
 - a. Michelle moves to accept, Selestia seconds
4. Trustee Update - Linda Ellefson
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ON5I-8fF6bV6Vy4RCUovrQidotceRe8n/view?usp=sharing>
Reviewed in Linda's absence
5. School Board Brief -
https://cdnsm5-ss10.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20670192/File/Board%20&%20Administration/Board%20of%20Trustees/Board%20Meetings/2023%202024/Briefs/October%202023%20Board%20Meeting%20Brief.pdf
 - a. Also reviewed
6. Financial Report:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaCSjH-9RfkbFkZAhuaxZTcNXQFzYej3/view?usp=sharing>
 - a. Slight variation of \$67 will be present in the next report
 - b. Good profits on fundraisers so far, esp Big Chief -- did very well so maybe continue with it
7. Principal Report:
 - a. CIP -
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zUdfoJWxSXcS19VrGnajsMKKYktqIWw3/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114034389604340425702&rtpof=true&sd=true>

- i. Move towards becoming an IB school based on visions set as a staff, and the CIP reflects that and the four priorities set by the board
 - ii. Focus on maintaining the same ideas that were important through STEM (inquiry, critical thinking, problem solving) but the move is based on what teachers identified as priorities, esp becoming more international minded
 - b. AEAM report -
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LE2iUZdy5GT3UXSCRont3Qv-1jyhNKwf/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114034389604340425702&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - i. Data from various testing we've done pulled together to create a report along with what we are doing as a school to address some of the areas we identify as areas of need
 - ii. Things generally are going well, but some of our PAT results demonstrated struggles in content specific areas such as science. 19 of the 28 students who wrote last year had English as a second language.
 - c. Dec Calendar
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o5VI2JQxq5wXoFaBlbaquudHLitYJqxu/view?usp=sharing>
 - i. Book fair will be open Dec 6 and 7 (Dec 6 to students and during Bingo night)
 - d. Sock Drive/ Winter gear kick-off Nov 29
 - i. This will continue to support local agencies
 - ii. Boys and Girls Club is looking for jackets, so that's what we can maybe do with the leftover jackets from our winter wear drive
 - e. It's a Blast
 - i. Will start at OLA with before and after school care for students aged 5 and up after Christmas
 - f. Christmas events
 - i. Dec 21 - mass at 9:15 and hopefully return to the school for Santa before dinner at 12:15
 - ii. No board members can join due to retreat, which means Ken can not be Santa (Michelle - husband might be able to, but Meghan thought maybe Jordi - school counselor - could do it)
 - g. Addition:
 - i. February 1 will be an additional PD day for teachers because we have to do two consecutive days of training for IB - all teachers will have to be present, and it is a high cost, so we can not run a school full of subs
8. Associate Principal Report:
- a. IB PYP presentation -
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JCD0RrWgjfDjviSXB1b1_H9MbOVcwfuEbhp1vp236E/edit?usp=sharing

Caryn shared some information about our changing demographic and how we might be able to become a more global community. The adjectives of how we want our students to be when they leave OLA closely aligns with IB philosophy. Basic information can be

found in the attached presentation and Meghan will share more information in the December Newsletter.

-We addressed some questions about the practicalities of funding the program and the amount of students who may be attracted to the school because of the program

9. New Business:

- a. Winter clothes update - donate leftover jackets to BGC
- b. Christmas Gifts - confirm the amount and day we hand out.
 - i. Eight classrooms not counting preschool
 - ii. \$75 per classroom (at \$4000 in the budget) - including preschool
 - iii. Selestia motions for \$75 per classroom and the motion passes
 - iv. Meghan suggests teachers spend and hand in the receipts for reimbursement (approved)
 - v. Teachers can wrap gifts and drop them off at the office (please write grade on top) - by Dec 18, hand out on 21st
 - vi. Santa can also hand out candy canes (Michelle will take care of this)
- c. Christmas Bingo
 - i. Prefer not to open before 6 - probably would start at 630
 - ii. Donation bin rather than charge for bingo cards
 - iii. Grade 6 parents would prefer not to run the concession but students would
 - iv. Caryn will do glitter tattoos (school council will reimburse)
 - v. Prizes/donations: everyone coming in getting a draw slip, and then draw for a mens, womens, and kids basket? On top of bingo prizes for prizes that are difficult to give as a Bingo prize. Could also sell additional tickets
 - vi. Families get a bag of donated coupons
 - vii. Photo backdrop with props? We will think about this
 - viii. We can find volunteers to call Bingo no problem
 - ix. Meghan looking into hockey tickets for donations
 - x. Set up from 5-6, need 3-4 people - maybe do some in advance?
 - xi. Man draw table throughout night, and admission table 6-6:30 (Meghan thinks staff will man the draw table), can get gr 6 for concession
 - xii. Deadline for donations is Dec 1
 - xiii. Clean up 8-8:30
- d. Christmas dinner
 - i. Lots of waste last year because of boxes - maybe were a better choice when kids were in the classroom. Same amount of money for a buffet lunch
 - ii. Leftovers could be donated or distributed
 - iii. Grade 1 and 2 can't cut meat - asked for things to be cut in boxes
 - iv. Meghan liked the boxes for service and for kids who could take leftovers home
 - v. Should be able to reduce numbers by a few since some kids don't eat it and some might waste. We will have some vegetarian options as well

- vi. Some questions about people not wanting to donate due to food waste?
We aren't sure how much waste there was
 - vii. We are going to try a buffet assuming we have enough volunteers
- e. Grant money from the AB government - we had leftover; is it gone? If not, what can we do with it?
- f. Hot lunch/Fundraising update
 - i. Holding off on Panago pizza night until after Christmas
 - ii. Poinsettias closed today at about the same as last year just over \$800
 - iii.

10. Next Meeting:

- a. We will skip December as usual
- b. Jan 17 for next board meeting

11. Adjournment: