

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 13th 2022 - 7:00pm

Google Meeting Link: meet.google.com/zsd-cbib-wxd

Attendance: Meghan Calder, Caryn Swark, Robert Tratch, Deena MacWilliam, Selestia Jackson

1. Call to Order - *low attendance therefore we will hold an abbreviated meeting*
2. Opening Prayer and Welcome
3. Approval of the March Minutes
https://p10cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20672635/File/School%20council/March%20Meeting%20minutes%202022.pdf - deferred
4. Review of the Agenda – any additions
5. Financial Report -
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1V0LXjx57uQUxq6bdRGuIM09rAFJPimuW/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114034389604340425702&rtpof=true&sd=true>
Unsure of status of Panago cheque - we will look into this (February \$375 and April 4 \$264). Possibly missed on report?
Question: should we remove the plant fundraiser because it's not related to parent council - but leftover may be used by parent council so it does have to stay in?
6. Board Update
 - a. Next Board meeting April 27th
 - b. March Board Brief:
https://p10cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20670192/File/Board%20&%20Administration/Board%20of%20Trustees/Board%20Meetings/2021%202022/Briefs/07%20March%202022%20Board%20Meeting%20Brief.pdf
7. Trustee Report
 - Science Fair Judging

- o *Drawing attention to the emphasis on Holy Spirit Stars - OLA Science Fair*
- ACSTA: New Executive Director and approval of Budget
- St. Francis Beauty and the Beast
- ASBA Zone 6 General meeting
- Board Meeting: Daphne Sander presented
- Blackfoot blessing and quilt presentation at St. Paul School
- Engagement monies for council
- Full Day Student Retreat
- Holy Spirit Stars: so proud of OLA students
- Grace Newsletter: we need to promote

QUESTIONS

Notes paused briefly due to technical troubles by notetaker

8. Principal Report - *Deferred except for bell times and childcare (see below)*
 - a. NeuroMaker - Caryn
 - b. 2022-2023 Calendar
 - c. Bell times: *significant changes and we have no ability to change them (no schools do). However we have been able to secure before and after school care through Boys and Girls Club and with subsidies, the cost will be quite low or possibly even zero.*
 - *Bus route should be significantly shortened for next year which will offset the later bell time*
 - d. Childcare: *We only have costing for Kindergarten and Pre-K - other costs may change a bit and Meghan will let people know as soon as she has it available. We do require a certain number of kids to run the program but if we don't have enough we can partner with Ecole St Mary's -- one way or another, we will be able to provide that care next year.*
 - *Are we able to advertise this? The school is very open to suggestions about where and how we can best advocate for new students: please send any ideas you have to Meghan*
 - *Can we add that to the main website for our school? (Yes - Karen can add that)*
 - *Boys and Girls are happy to come to events such as pre-K orientation or BBQ night*

- *Signage? Open house?*
- *Advertisements at the Movie Mill?*
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e. May Calendar -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NGzD_hYhlXWja0ADu99GfBjKMCVpRUtT/view?usp=sharing

9. Teacher Report

- a. Thank you for snacks

10. New Business

- a. Family Night: *BBQ or school event? There was a suggestion of booking Pavan Park for an evening event. Concern over cost of renting the park - money that can't be spent on the event. Question regarding whether this is teacher preference -- not necessarily, but we have a small staff and school based events often result in the event becoming a teacher run event rather than school council. At this point the school is certainly an option as a venue, but a large event like a carnival might be beyond teacher capacity at this time. We also note a need for more volunteers from council. Please ensure that Selestia is included in emails.*
- b. April Panago Pizza Fundraiser made \$264
- c. March Panago Pizza Fundraiser made \$376
- d. Parent/Teacher interviews platter – will school council cover costs of \$67
- e. Requests for Funds:
- o Grade 1 and 2 field trip - \$450.58 (full cost) or \$260.58 (students pay portion)
 - o Grade 3 field trip - \$145
 - o Grade 3/4 field trip - \$257.09 (full) or \$154 (student pay portion)
 - o Grade 5/6 field trip- \$65

Only 16 families took part in the first aid fundraiser (10% of the school). Because of low participation it may be best to pay small amounts rather than full amounts. Suggest \$150 per grade.

-Would families prefer just donating instead of fundraisers?

-Alternatively: Can we bump up student fees? Yes, but only a certain percentage per year, but there's no problem in charging a nominal fee for field trips.

-We can't officially vote tonight but we will tentatively approve this until we can have more members involved

- f. Engagement Funding Money, \$500, needs to be spent this year. Can only use it for specific things such as school council workshops, parent information or increasing members. Cannot be used for food, entertainment, gifts, prizes etc.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/alberta-school-council-engagement-asce-grant>

-St Francis is bringing in a wellness speaker

-Possibility of bringing in an elder at the BBQ or at an event

- g. Fundraising/Hot Lunch Update - Selestia

- April 28th hot lunch – lakeview bakery: *orders close Monday after Easter break and will submit Tuesday*
 - *Planning to find another hot lunch for May*
 - *Note that May hot lunch is May 26*
- May 19th hot lunch – Panago pizza
- Canadian Safety Supplies fundraiser update
 - *Waiting on delivery -- delays due to Covid. Hopefully ship tomorrow and arrive next week*
 - *Meghan will contact re some deliveries*
- Profits from all fundraisers will go towards school field trips (both virtual and in person), various student activities and events such as sports day and theme days.

- h. Additions to the Agenda

- i. Next Meeting TBD

May 11 (moved from May 18 in case of wanting to plan an event for that month)

- j. Adjournment