

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
AGM Agenda
Wednesday, September 10th 2025 - 7:00pm

Meeting held at Our Lady of the Assumption School

1. Call to Order and welcome: 6:59 PM
2. Opening Prayer: Meghan
3. Introductions
 - a) Members in attendance: Roisin Gibb, Cayley Olson, Jose Serpas, Rosalyn Dequina, Jose Relacion, Urban Rego, Nirmala Selvaraj, Liliana Flores, Caryn Swark, Meghan Calder
 - a. Discussion of member recruitment
 - b) Trustee representative for OLA: offered a brief explanation of the role of school council
4. Nominations and Elections - Meghan introduced the roles and responsibilities of these positions.
 - a) Chair - Deena MacWilliam, acclaimed
 - b) Vice Chair - Colette Lortie, acclaimed
 - c) Treasurer - no nominations
 - d) Hot lunch/ Fundraising Coordinator - Cayley Olson, acclaimed
 - e) Secretary - Caryn Swark, acclaimed
5. Financial Report:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-VUcyOIFYN1wb7rJ5dLo-1kVNRF13hgB/view?usp=drive_link
 - Meghan gave a quick run through of the financial statement
 - Deena: what are we doing with school engagement fund? We have the bench we discussed last year; Meghan or Deena will get it installed - Cayley is also able to help
 - Some questions about what each item means - Meghan went through line items
 - School engagement fund: government money, must be spent
 - School activities: Any activity sponsored by school council (hot dog lunches, swimming, freezies, santa gifts)
 - School council fundraising: can search out fundraisers - want activities or an event to fundraise towards
6. Principal Report:
 - a. Enrolment and staffing update
 - i. OLA was previously two classes of each grade and had reduced to one class per grade when Meghan arrived; we've had many families move in and we've become very diverse. Our numbers have grown a bit but we have remained quite transient. Numbers are consistent with last year -- about 180 students with 22(ish) early learning students. Introduced teachers and classrooms. We also have seven EAs working in 1-6 plus four EAs in ELP and one in kindergarten.
 - b. Welcome Mass and Family Blessing and Meet the teacher evening - September 24, 2025
 - i. Mass is in the morning at 9:15 and everyone is welcome
 - ii. Previously we've had a BBQ but we are just planning an evening gathering. Welcome back blessing at 5:30 followed by meet the teacher. Kona Ice will be here and they redirect some of the proceeds (we think 25% to us). All of this

information is in newsletters. Notes from the meeting are available on the website, or people can email us and we will send them or answer questions.

7. AP Report:

a. IB update and Faith Plan

- i. We are officially certified as an IB school. We will continue to build on this over the next few years and are excited to promote ourselves as OLA IB World School.
- ii. Our new faith plan is Open Wide the Doors and year one is themed around Know God and the parables in the book of Luke.

8. New Business:

a. News: October 6 has been set as a job action date if no agreement is reached and accepted by teachers

- i. Issues brought up - please see news or ata website, but money is part and so are classroom conditions
- ii. If job action occurs, the school board will communicate directly with families as to what is happening
- iii. Question re speech pathology and other services: a lot of our money is grant funding and comes in a particular year; early learners are funded differently. We will advocate for every student and the needs they have.

b. Question: if students have events such as the Terry Fox run where they need to bring something, more communication might be helpful for parents who are new to the area or country -- more communication will be available once Spaces is up and running. Meghan gave a brief overview of the Terry Fox Run. Lots of our new families don't know Terry Fox at all -- parents are a bit confused; may be worth sending out a bit of background information.

c. Question: do we have extracurricular activities outside of school? Classes have weekly music and dance classes. We sometimes have choirs or clubs at recess breaks. Grades 5 and 6 play basketball and volleyball in elementary leagues. One thing to remember is that there are only eight teachers here, so all of those positions have to be filled by a small number of people. Parents are very welcome to contribute their expertise/skills to help lead extracurricular activities as well!

d. School council meetings online? We started this during covid and have continued because we were a small group and it was more convenient.

- i. Cayley prefers face to face - can we do one in person every now and then?
- ii. Parents with young children may prefer online
- iii. Deena mentioned that they used to have grade six students come and provide childcare in the library
- iv. Jose also prefers in person
- v. Plan for the next meeting in person -- perhaps go online after that?

9. Next Meeting: October 16 IN PERSON at OLA, 7:00 PM

10. Adjournment: 8:00 PM