

**Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 - 7:00pm**

Online meeting link:

<http://meet.google.com/kao-hzvw-nbn>

Attendance: Meghan Calder, Linda Ellefson, Caryn Swark, Michelle Dormer, Selestia Jackson, Deena MacWilliam and Jazzie Rivera.

1. Call to Order -
7:03 PM

2. Opening Prayer and Welcome - Meghan Calder

3. Approval of January Minutes

<https://ola.holyspirit.ab.ca/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=26870972>

Michelle approves minutes

4. Financial Report -

Jan -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KRFDR7OA7fKfxBOggV9PA-hRiy10HhhX/view?usp=share_link

Feb -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/139Fon3yBXHGv2E72Qry5GjRw3wpVHH_F/view?usp=share_link

5. Board Update - Linda Ellefson

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QdBsxb4dQXQaXd22_PxyVSWqCbcTyghp/view?usp=share_link

Some highlights from Linda:

-Today visited OLA for capital visit

- o Assists with planning and priorities, infrastructure, maintenance renewal*

-GRACE: Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education -- continued vigilance for advocating for the separate school system

- o Monday March 6 - council of school councils*
- o Presentation on SPACES (Carmen and Caryn)*
- o Meeting new board priorities*

-Opportunities to attend AGM funded, please consult Linda

-Linda highlighted a number of items about which she was excited -- please see her report for more information

- Question from Michelle: is the conference for members of each school or all of Lethbridge?
Sounds like four from our division
- Conference is in Edmonton we think! Deena will confirm. Wonderful opportunity to network
-Edmonton Delta Marriott, April 21 (?)

6. February Board Brief-

https://cdn5-ss10.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20670192/File/Board%20&%20Administration/Board%20of%20Trustees/Board%20Meetings/2022-2023/Briefs/6-%20February%20Board%20Brief%202023.pdf

7. Principal Report

a) AEA Survey

Extended deadline to fill in the survey

Some codes not received in the mail? Meghan will look into it -- they will come through mail, not email, but no one has received. Possibly it hasn't arrived yet and that's why they've extended the deadline?

b) Capital Plan visit

Visit from board and some administration to discuss how to move forward with an eventual possible modernization of OLA

c) IMR visit next week

Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal - three year plan with a meeting next week with a long list of things needed for our building (flooring, updating bathrooms, etc)

-Question from Selestia about locks not working in girls' bathrooms - no one had mentioned this; we will look into it

d) Science Fair March 22

Will be open to families and public. Several community judges including Linda. In the morning -- time to be confirmed and details will be emailed.

e) Upcoming STEAM day = May 25

Large and exciting event planned! Working to match up community members and tradespeople with activities that should be a lot of fun for the kids

-Linda is really excited about this -- great job, Meghan, for coming up with this idea and bringing folks in!

8. Teacher Report

a) High School Musical - March 30

b) Little Mermaid - April 27

c) Library storyteller visit - March 15

9. New Business:

a) School Council Engagement grant - Little Library



<https://www.lethbridge.ca/living-here/Our-Community/PublishingImages/LittleLethbridgeLibraryBrochure.pdf>

Creative options:

<https://www.shareable.net/8-gorgeous-little-free-libraries-inspired-by-the-natural-world/>

More plans:

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/little-free-library-plans-1357149>
<https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/diy-little-free-library-plans/>

Email for ability resource centre: frontdesk@abilityresource.ca

Michelle is looking for first steps. Some ideas from Caryn about working with some of the above resources

-Selestia said David can help

-Here are some free plans: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/start/build-a-little-free-library/>

-It would be great to work with grade 6s -- safety/ practical concerns? Meghan will investigate

We will forward the information to Selestia and David will price out some different options

b) Hot Lunch/ Fundraising Update -

- i) March Hot Lunch - Via Cibo - March 23rd orders due March 16th.

Profit of 122.27 from Pizza 73 last time

- ii) Pizza 73 fundraiser - March 17th -

- iii) April Hot Lunch - April 20th

Taco Time, orders due April 13

DO NOT sort classrooms or orders, so will need at least one more volunteer

Jazzie put up her hand!

Possible hot lunch with hot dogs, chips, juice box for May 25 STEAM day

Question from Jazzie re Grade 6 farewell -- yes, we will do something. Often there is a committee of grade 6 parents

Meghan will email Jazzie and Mr Gaudet to get a committee started

Jazzie had a suggestion for cookie fundraiser that has raised a lot of money for dance

Pizza 73 has not been great to work with and other companies have been complicated -- we will work with Panago next year

Should we be asking Kostas at Luigis since he has helped us a lot and his son goes to OLA?

SOME issues getting in touch

c) Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Selestia did get some quotes for catering -- wanted something at the end of the year for families. Meghan - is it possible to run a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the grand opening of the little library? Could also have a grade 6 bakesale?

-Best price from Honkers: \$15.99 for adults for spaghetti, garlic bread. Kids would be \$10.99.

Meat sauce is more but we have hamburger we can get donated to them, and it's cheaper to get salad from Costco

-Would be served - number of helpings would depend on amount

- MUST sell tickets prior, not at the door, to ensure the right amount of food - so better to separate from library opening*
- Lots of work. Not asking teachers to do anything but would really love them to be there. Dates would depend on when people can attend*
- Concern if Selestia gets stuck doing too much -- if we put it up on School Cash Online we'll know if we can do it. Grade 6 can help but will need adult help.*
- Whether or not the grade 6s go on their trip before the day, we can invite them to earn money towards it by volunteering*
- Meghan suggests we just put out the message that we are looking to host June 7, need X number of volunteers, and just coordinate from there: Please send Meghan the jobs you are anticipating and how many volunteers. Meghan will make a schedule and send out a call for volunteers*
- Time - 5:30?*

d) Donut Fundraiser

April 26, we can put online on April 3 -- most schools sell for \$5 or \$6; we pay \$3.50 - one for \$6 or 2 for \$10? LCI Band is selling a box of Krispy Kreme, a dozen for \$20. We should just emphasize in advance how we are doing this and what people are buying.

e) Cookbook Recipes

Feeling bad for people who submitted recipes -- can we put something together?

f)

For June - are there things we want help with? Ex: Swimming, frozen ice, etc.

June 19 is sports day, June 21 is swimming

We would love help with swimming

Important dates in June:

- *June 8: Jump Rope for Heart (kickoff will be May 25 at 3:10 pm)*
- *June 19, 11:45am: Sports Day*
- *June 20: ELA PAT, mass at 11:30*
- *June 21: Swimming at 12:30*
- *June 22: Math Part A PAT*
- *June 23: Math Part B PAT*
- *June 26: Social PAT*
- *June 27: Last day for students, Science PAT*

Grade 6 trip will be as last year. Camp is not off the table, but is very costly and challenging on multiple levels, especially with the need to put so many staff members at a camp

10. **Next Meeting** - April 25

11. **Adjournment** - 8:33 pm

