

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00pm

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/mab-hkjh-xpv

1. Call to Order @ 7:00pm
2. Opening Prayer - Meghan Calder
3. Welcome and Introductions - Meghan Calder, Matthew New, Amanda Orr, Ken Tratch, Rhonda Norris, Deena MacWilliam, Deniece Lisowicz, Judith Wiebe, Lorenzo (Mom) Columna, Michelle Dormer, Michelle Tyslau, Susan & Glen Murray, Jamie Puchinger, Samuel Murray
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Approval of the March Minutes

Michelle Dormer, seconded by Deena

https://ola.holyspirit.ab.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20672635/File/School%20council/March%2010,%202021.pdf

6. Trustee's Report

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cfONKwuS4BILB_HJsycMVYkqZTUuafSj/view?usp=sharing

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19HcYCse7Hws-UtwPCz2dSP6JmxKPH6htN61R-nATZ_M/edit?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/177h6gyMl1TI18_GUk7NA2wfBnXzURRbW/view?usp=sharing

Ken would like to have the school board advocate for all school employees to be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Could a letter be drafted from Parents opposing the curriculum? Yes, there is a link for parents to provide feedback.

Number of schools piloting the curriculum - approximately half are opposing (31/ 51), approximately half are still considering

Biggest concerns include:

- Timing of the new curriculum - too much to introduce during the pandemic

- Curriculum reviewed revealed age inappropriate content (students are not ready to learn the content at the age/ grade level designated)
- Progression of content from Kindergarten through grade 12 is not aligned
- Knowledge based content, lacking on the skills and procedures

7. Financial Report -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MLxusor1rbIbkTPAN4Z_9a3vX8D-IUbo/view?usp=sharing

a. Using some of these funds towards current Grade 6 class

- Pizza lunch (June) is projected at \$1000, include juice boxes or other items (needs to follow protocol)
- Welcome Back BBQ

Motion by Rhonda: School Council will pay up to \$800 for the meal during the Sports Day event (pizza, juice, fruit cup, etc).

Seconded by Deena - passed

- Fundraiser money discussion of how funds can be spent based on the protocols through SGF (School Generated Funds).
- Motion by Michelle D for School Council to purchase a small gift (key chain) for the grade 6 students at a cost of approximately \$150. Seconded by Rhonda - Passed

b. What are the plans for remaining funds including the money fundraised from pictures/plants?

Designated for STEM, Welcome Back BBQ and student activities - organized by the school so they have set the direction on how the monies are spent

8. School Reports:

1. Principal

- Science Fair was very successful both at the school and in the Regional Virtual
- Fairmont and Coulee Creek Magazine - great to be featured and share what is happening with OLA
- Assurance Survey sent to parents of grade 4, 5 and 6 students
- Sept 1, 2021 start to next school year
- Gains from Agnes Davidson and Pre-K program
- New Draft Curriculum released, Holy Spirit will not participate
- May 21 - PD Day
- Literacy and Numeracy direction to constructed to be more coherent

- Always ready to be moved online - Thanks to parents for their support

2. Associate Principal

- Numeracy interventions grades 3 - 6 (15 students) working on number sense
- Grade 1 & 2 students are starting to get support
- Challenge periods have been exciting
- Numeracy activities in the gym - burning calories and determining how many calories were burnt during their activity
- Donations being sought for the Welcome Back BBQ

3. Teacher Report

- Staff meeting - working on trying to make May/ June very fun and special while still following COVID protocols (Full STEM day, Jump Rope for Heart, Indigenous Heritage Day, Sports Day)
- Special field trips - what items and costs could School Council support?

9. Old Business

- Plans for Grade 6 graduation
- Pizza lunch for Sports Day – also include drinks and snacks?

10. New Business

- Thoughts on new curriculum
 - Google Meet Q&A with Mr. Sampson and Mrs. Larson from Holy Spirit Schools Monday April 26, 7:00pm

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>

- Next year's Grade 6 Camping Trip – possibility of planning for June 2022?

OLA would like to make a return to a camp trip, however there are more barriers present for a return to a camping trip than in previous years.

- Travel will not be permitted till at least January.
- 3 month lead time for a request to allow travel to a field trip.
- No fundraising until approval has been given for the field trip.
- Concern for booking and the fee is non-refundable.

- Food is likely needed to be prepared professionally. Few locations prepare food.
- Availability may be challenging due to a condensed timeframe
- Standing deposit with Camp Crow was returned to the school and remains untouched to ensure future camps have a deposit.
- Is there going to be comfort and a willingness to attend next year due to the pandemic concerns
- Staff participation is uncertain due to pandemic concerns
- High cost due to a smaller number of participants
- PAT calendar may conflict

c. Newsletter – Could we feature the science fair again in May but also list the students who won 2nd and 3rd place, as well as the awards won by OLA students at the regional level?

Regional Science Fair award winners were announced after the last newsletter, so it will be included this month.

d. Will Covid vaccines be offered for students at school? Will there be a release form for rapid testing if it were offered at OLA?

Not currently available for students under the age of 16.

e. May Calendar -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kCaZMYuN84_pp9cR8hmlV5wKH8e-9Xfz/view?usp=sharing

11. Next Meeting – May 19th @ 7:00pm

12. Adjourn @ 8:21pm

Discussion: hoodies for grade 6 class is a possibility and Rhonda will continue to investigate. Idea to use St. Francis or Holy Spirit and acknowledge the graduating class with names as a possible avenue instead of OLA design. Rhonda will email Meghan/ Kelsey with follow up.

Ended @ 8:29pm