

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 17th, 2022 - 7:00pm

Online meeting link:

meet.google.com/khv-oafy-zsu

Attendance:

1. Call to Order - in attendance: Meghan Calder, Caryn Swark, Deena MacWilliam, Michelle Dormer, Selestia Jackson
2. Opening Prayer and Welcome - Meghan Calder
3. Approval of September Minutes -
<https://ola.holyspirit.ab.ca/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=26626892>
 - a. Approved (date of hot lunch was incorrect, not a problem)
4. Financial Report -
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ROa5ARgOLZTUql3vDc163HRi2m3BCGwU/e/dit?usp=sharing&ouid=114034389604340425702&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - a. Question re if money for school council engagement can be extended from last year? No one is completely certain; government has said they're taking it back but has not actually done so -- hold off on spending it until we are confirmed
 - b. For next year please budget \$1000 for BBQ
 - c.
5. Board Update - Linda Ellefson unable to attend. Her update is attached at the bottom.
 - a. Regarding the grant -- question to Rhonda Kawa re approved methods of spending, guest speakers, etc. Awaiting response
 - i. A list of approved speakers would be helpful
 - b.
6. Principal Report
 - a) Faith Plan update - Caryn lead the group through outline for this year and moving forward.
 - b) Student retreat - Focus on the Medicine Wheel. Many great activities connecting Indigenous ways of knowing and our three year faith plan.
 - c) Poinsettia fundraiser - Will go home next week. Due Nov.14. Delivery Nov. 28.
 - d) Book Fair volunteers - Dec. 8 during Christmas Activity night - in Nov. newsletter
 - i) Teachers will still need to consult on this but will probably post activities for families to move through
 - ii) Time slots for volunteers should still allow families time to participate in activities with their children

- e) MHCB started programming. Go Girls starts Nov. 3 in grade 6
 - i) Worry Woos has begun in grades K-3
 - ii) Tailored programs will begin in grade 2 subsequently

- 7. Teacher Report (Meghan, as many teachers doing office hours tonight)
 - a) E-waste collection Oct. 25-31 - Grade 4
 - b) Tentative Nov calendar
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wlt1zEHphDZzHXTzUVXs0Hs8CsinROdf/view?usp=sharing>

- 8. New Business:
 - a) School Council Engagement grant
 - i) Previously had tried to do something with Indigenous awareness, but it didn't work
 - ii) Is there a resource for councils re what we can choose from/what works? Have reached out to Rhonda
 - iii) Meghan has connections in other school councils that have used these funds to host activities such as paint nights and other family events. Would school council like to bring in a speaker/performer or fund/provide an activity for the Dec 8 family Christmas night? If another night is preferred maybe later in the school year?
 Deena - could we do a paint night with an Indigenous artist? Caryn - if we do Dec 8 we can definitely have school council front and center. Selestia - can we do something around Easter? It might be too much for Christmas night. We can, but we need to remember Lent is a solemn season.
 - 1) Note that Easter is in April, and after that it's a spring to the finish: we should make sure we plan early
 - 2) Could do a speaker and event with some publicity on Dec 8?
 - b) NeuroMaker:
 - i) Are we confirmed and ready to go on this? Feeling is yes -- let's move forward
 - ii) Can we ask a class to set up a visual of how much we've fundraised?
 - c) Donation Fundraiser
 - i) Letter is ready to go
 - d) Cookbooks
 - i) Have kids submit recipes as google docs (not paper copies please)
 - ii) The school can create a shared folder and have teachers drop them in
 - e) Christmas Dinner
 - i) Letter is ready for Knights of Columbus but be aware they have been not getting as much in the way of donations
 - ii) How do we want to run this year? Dec 22; invite trustees and SALT, eat at 1 instead of 1:30
 - 1) Anticipate feeding 200?
 - f) Hot Lunch Update
 - i) Next one is Quiznos and Booster Juice, get orders ready for next week

ii) No hot lunch for December due to Christmas lunch

9. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. Archery? We would like to but need to check on the insurance situation. Selestia will come see Meghan to check on it
- b. Pizza nights? Panago is north; could we do something south?
 - i. Will set up
- c. Want to set up a hot dog lunch - maybe steam day on May 25?
- d. Bootsma Bakery wants to donate donuts
- e. Are we doing Christmas gifts with Santa this year or just Christmas dinner?
 - i. Santa can just bring candy or maybe a classroom board game?
 - ii.

10. Next Meeting - 7:00 pm Wed Nov 16

11. Adjournment -

Board Update:

OLA School Council Report for Oct 20, 2022

1) Mass for retired staff and trustees at St. Basil's at 5:00 on Nov 2, 2022

2) Staff Appreciation...The Board annually express their appreciation of Division staff for dedication and hard work. The Superintendent will explore options of what that will look like for 2022-23. This past year all staff was presented with a chocolate and a book signed by respective trustees.

3) Administrative Procedure 113...Use of personally owned electronic devices on the website for your information.

4) Truth and Reconciliation Week..Several resources and activities highlighted and celebrated the history and legacy of First Nations, Metis and Inuit ways of knowing, being and doing. Holy Spirit staff is very supportive and diligent in resources, commitment, communication, connection and time.

5) Children of St. Martha Pow Wow on October 5th, was an exciting celebration with the school being honoured with a Blackfoot name which means Holy Spirit Lodge.

6) Alberta School Council Engagement Grant...Alberta Education is providing \$500 to individual school councils to enhance parental engagement and improve communication in local communities.

7) Holy Spirit School Division has initiated our Three Year Faith Plan: Arise! Pilgrims of Hope with a focus this year of God in our hearts and the two marks of Catholic Education.

8) Holy Spirit Stars..Please continue to acknowledge both staff and students and their achievements and service so we can collectively celebrate them.

9) GrACE which is Grateful Advocates of Catholic Education to Inspire, Invigorate and Embolden the Spirit of catholic education in order to engage, educate and communicate with one voice. Catholic education is a gift and we all need to advocate to keep it in this province. Look in your parish bulletins and through the Holy Spirit Schools for the newsletter. The website is:
<https://www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed>

10) District Collaboration Day...October 24th (no School for students)
Focus on professional learning goals and connecting with one another on learning topics of common interest.

11) Board Meeting on October 26th

12) ACSTA: Alberta Catholic School Trustees of Alberta meeting November 18-20th in Edmonton with Trustees from across Alberta and the Yukon and NWT. Our theme of the Annual General Meeting is "Walking Together in Catholic Education" All of our Trustees will be attending this very important meeting which hasn't happened in person for three years because of Covid. The website is <https://www.acsta.ab.ca>

13) Education Assurance Measure Results for Spring 2022 are posted on the Holy Spirit website. There are impressive preliminary results across the five assurance areas of student growth and achievement, teaching and leading, learning supports, governance and local and societal context. Holy Spirit consistently matches or out performs the provincial average in all of these areas.

14) October 20th: Celebration of Art and Song in Holy Spirit Catholic Schools at 6:30 at CCH East. The theme is "Arise and Shine"

Hello to everyone at the meeting tonight and I am very sorry that I had to miss as I had a previous long time commitment.

Stay well, take care and see you soon.

Hugs

Linda