

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 20th 2021 at 7:00pm

Attendance: Michelle Dormer, Ken Tratch, Meghan Calder, Deena MacWilliam, Rhonda Norris, Matthew New, Gaylene Duke, Michelle Tyslau

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/efn-qoxb-arr

1. Call to Order @ 7:03pm
2. Opening Prayer - Matthew New
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Approval of the November Minutes - Rhonda and Deena

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QfEi3DkHItG-5m2CzUW8YCngZaGUBz3C7UGcAU4HFio/edit?usp=sharing>

6. Old Business
 - a. Did we look into and clarify our Nut Free School policy?
 - i. Nut Free School - reminders to staff, students and families (November via staff & December in Newsletter)
 - b. Christmas Treat bags a success
 - i. Treats and ornaments were a huge hit and much appreciated by students. Helps them be connected to the school community.

7. Trustee's Report -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12KXZAx7DshUvSTvyg_Sc4MAJD3o_QOIC/view?usp=sharing

Sensory room

- Ken queried for more information and Matthew explained that it is a room with sensory support materials for students with increased sensory needs.
- Michelle Tyslau has offered to be a support if needed

Advertisement

- trying to reach parents and potential parents to increase enrollment.
- boundary changes from Lethbridge School Division may impact enrollment as Ecole Agnes Davidson is to become a French school and english track students will be relocated to either Lakeview or Robert Paxton

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- STEM activities and academics are going to be promoted at Assumption to help Assumption stand out and make enrollment more attractive.
- Other ideas to increase exposure:
 - Full day kindergarten
 - increase social media presence and connect with the school theme/ message
 - get media involved in promoting all the great things happening
 - get the message about kids being cared for, loved and low numbers to the community to encourage enrollment
 - pay for advertisement
- Q: Will BLAST be returning in 2021-22? Undetermined
 - Would full day Kindergarten be more beneficial than BLAST?

8. Financial Report -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J9X_d2QO5yN_iqZdwGMpFRE5CJJ9yUD/view?usp=sharing

- Presented by Meghan, prepared by Marina
- Q: can we have a surplus? The board would prefer to not have any surplus as the funds have been generated through this year's school fees
 - Can we purchase something for the school such as a cricket machine?
 - Would the teachers/ classes prefer something else?
 - What about a grade 6 farewell idea? Something like a memento
 - Camp for next year?
 - Technology? new chromebooks this year and through fundraising some robotics kits may be purchased. Computers in the school are scheduled to be evergreened in about 3 years.

9. School Reports:

1. Principal

a. GRACE -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iVM5kev43BP8yEG3qOeVocHm6GbA2Hm36q2rUS20v-o/edit?usp=sharing>

b. Thank you for the treat bags

- i. gone over amazingly and very much appreciated

c. STEM days - Christmas and Magic. Starting next month Destination Exploration

- i. partnership with the University of Lethbridge to offer a Robotics workshop (all classes by end of April)

d. Student retreat - Food drive (Jan 25 - 28)

- i. 29th is a Professional Day for staff

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- e. Go Girls and Game On - Feb 11 (Partnered with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and is open to everyone in the grade)
 - i. Grade 6 Girls and Grade 5 Boys (starting Feb 11)
 - ii. Grade 6 Boys and Grade 5 Girls (prior to Christmas)
- f. No School Feb 15-19
- g. Spiritual Development Day **change to March 22** from March 16
- h. Science Fair scheduled for March 17
 - i. Ms. Neudeau does a wonderful job of organizing and running this for OLA. We have the largest participation!
 - ii. Virtual Science Fair

2. Associate Principal

- a. Lent - calendar in the past was prepared to guide students. This year, students were challenged to come up with ideas. Matthew will use their ideas to help challenge students to demonstrate this in OLA.

3. Teacher Update

- a. Calendar
 - i. FEB 3 - winter walk day (1 hour) and the staff is looking at ways to continue with this during COVID
 - ii. Any additional theme days?
 - 1. OLA gear (blue/ white) every other Friday - gear has been difficult as the supplier has been a challenge
 - 2. Last wednesday of the month is a “dress up” day - PJ day (Jan 27)

10. New Business

- a. Valentine’s Day – goodie bags? Easter?
 - i. Everything brought in on the Monday and have them stay in their folders until the Friday.
 - ii. Michelle Dormer motions for school council to spend up to \$400 on Valentine’s treat bags. *Rhonda seconds*
 - iii. Michelle Dormer motions for school council to spend up to \$500 on an Easter token. *Rhonda seconds*
- b. Shrove Tuesday - not this year
- c. Ideas for remaining School Council Funds? *see notes related to the Financial report*

11. Next Meeting – March 10, 2021

12. Adjourn @ 8:05pm