

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
AGM Agenda
Wednesday, September 14th 2022 - 7:00pm

Meeting held at Our Lady of the Assumption School

Attendance:

1. Call to Order --
2. Opening Prayer and Welcome - Meghan Calder
3. Approval of June Minutes -
https://cdn5-ss10.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20672635/File/School%20council/June%20Meeting%20%202022.pdf
 - Move to approve by Deena, passed
4. Financial Report -
 - Selestia met with Marina, provide a summary report at the end of each meeting
 - More open communication requested; some confusion regarding funds - one point of contact (presumably treasurer)
 - School engagement is still in account; Marina pulled it because the board will want it back at some point
 - Have emailed Cobb's Bakery -- fine print says we have to have earned at least a \$25 profit to get anything, so we would like a summary of what we did make (we would have had to do at least \$250 and we have no idea how much we did)
 - Mable's Labels should be on the way with a statement
 - Excellent website -- on there for next five years
 - At about \$90, which isn't bad considering it was end of year and we don't have to pay or do anything
 - Starting balance: \$2041.33; estimated balance following bbq will be \$1356.33
 - Karen has a note ready to go and we will try to get an estimate of people in attendance for the bbq
 - Note: lots of schools have gone to desserts instead of bbq
 - Has been a hit, but we have a resourceful council and have had no problem getting donations
 - Discussion of plan for bbq -- Meghan will speak, opening blessing, Caryn speaks to STEAM: Neuro Maker
 - Selestia and Deena move to approve; financial report approved
5. New Business: Nominations and Elections
 - New members needed -- we are not large enough to staff all positions

- We will leave positions open if needed in the hopes of recruiting new members at the September BBQ
- Note that a certain number of people are required for a quorum and at times we can't get enough people to meet that -- we need to educate parents about why we need them and what we do

- a) Chair - Michelle allows her name to stand; uncontested: passed
- b) Vice Chair - Deena allows her name to stand; uncontested: passed
- c) Treasurer - No nominations - deferred to next meeting
- d) Hot lunch/ Fundraising Coordinator - Selesita allows her name to stand; uncontested: passed
- e) Secretary - no nominations - deferred to next meeting

6. Board Update - Linda Ellefson

- Wonderful to have everyone at opening division mass and amazing how many people were attending their first in person divisional opening mass
- Linda is also a director for Alberta Public School Trustees and attended some rather long meetings in Edmonton recently and was able to connect with a representative from the Yukon
- Incredibly important to celebrate and promote Catholic public education because so few provinces still have it
- Question: will we always have to fight for Catholic education? Answer: Yes, always. Advocacy is the key to maintaining publicly funded Catholic education
- Question: Do we have dates for trustee meetings? Answer: Not yet. Believe meetings will be in person, but not sure
- Note: board meeting conflicts with back to school BBQ on Sept 28; accidental scheduling by the school
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7. Principal Report

- Great start to the year
- New Canadian and ELL population is about 60 students, almost a third of students
 - 10 hour/week EA assigned to the school to provide small group support for English language learners
 - Meghan has scheduled Daphne to come the morning of the first PD day to discuss some of the countries our students are coming from
- As is typical, we lost thirty sixth graders and only brought in 19 kindergarten students, but we are stable: our projections were for 144 students and we are sitting at 166
 - Question re large class sizes -- staff discussed what we could provide with split classes and felt that, as we lost some teaching time, we could better serve students with a 0.5 literacy intervention teacher and by removing our associate principal from a homeroom teaching situation

- Question: did we receive a response to our letter addressing technology concerns?
Answer: it has been acknowledged, but we haven't received a specific response yet
 - Meghan has made sure they are aware that allotments were based on projections and our actual numbers are somewhat higher
 - It hasn't made a difference in terms of funds as of yet, but we have a strong relationship with the IT department and they have been very helpful
- Question: will we be doing intramural teams? Answer: Yes, and we will revisit it throughout the year
- Question: will there be after school care this year? Answer: No, we didn't have sufficient interest. We have a few kindergarten students busing to St Mary's for after school care but that's it. We can try again next year but as of now there doesn't seem to be a need.
 - Note: busing has been a huge improvement this year

8. Teacher Report

- Caryn: the year is off to a great start and teachers are looking forward to the opening BBQ
- We have a new faith plan called Arise, Pilgrims of Hope! Caryn will speak to it further at the next meeting
- Our monthly focus will be taken from the agendas and used to help students, teachers, and parents consider our faith plan

9. Additions to the Agenda

- Calendar
 - Science Sizzle: Destination Exploration provides workshops after school for grades 5-6 students for four weeks
 - Hallowe'en - party on 31st?
 - Hot lunches on Thursdays? Should be fine but please note that break doesn't happen until 1:30
 - Reminder: donations for MakerSpace (Meghan will send out a list)
- Hot lunch update
 - First hot lunch: October 27 - Selestia has six or seven places lined up. Deadline for orders October 19
- Volleyball: instead of having weekly games we will be doing two jamborees, one mid-season and one end season
 - We will have practices during the week and the kids will get 3-4 games in one day in one location
 - Grade 6 for sure and possibly grade 5; begins in October
- Selestia provided a list of fundraising ideas - does not want to be responsible for the donation letter (requesting donations in lieu of fundraising); Meghan and Caryn will take care of this - ensure it's written to Holy Spirit not OLA so we can get tax receipts
 - Selestia would like to speak to this at the BBQ

Fundraiser Ideas

Dance a Thon - Neon Party - Thursday afternoon, 1 - 330 (2.5 hours) or an evening

DJ \$500

Pizza or Subway platters ??

Dress in neon - glow sticks handed out

Donations collected on cash online - or brought in

Prizes - given out to the top kids for donations

Concession - Student council with Grade 6 help

Let's Pasta - 3 week delivery period from order day, comes frozen

Local business with all items sourced in Alberta

Supper in 15 minutes \$3 a meal profit

Bags of Pasta, 2.25 kg - \$ 8 a bag profit

Sauce, 350 ml - \$2 a jar profit

OLA Cookbook

Support from all teachers by collecting student favourites / unique family recipes

Each class could come up with art for the book

Paramount quote - \$6.58 to print, if sold \$20 - profit of \$13.42 each

Be ready for Xmas - kids could gift to grandparents / family members

Spaghetti Dinner - would need to brainstorm more on this one to make it successful

Quote from Prime Catering 417.

Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast

Drive thru would be a fun option for the busy nights, we would need less volunteers

Might bring in more than just school families

Donation Letter -

- Christmas dinner: Michelle will put in a request to Knights of Columbus for financial support
- School BBQ: looking for volunteers? Buying plates, ketchup, chips are donated (up to 200 but may need more), bbq from Davis, water needed, Bootsma is giving us \$4 a dozen but won't cut the buns so we are waiting on Lakeview,
 - Make sure hot dogs are gluten free
 - We mostly just need volunteers -- please be here for 4:30
 - Ask people to bring lawn chairs

10. Next Meeting - October 20 at 7:00 pm online

11. Adjournment - 8:45 pm