

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Parent Council

Meeting

Attendees: Tammy Hulton, Jennifer Barrie, Marie Nolan-McBride, Lesley Woodman, Donna Brett, Pam Legere, April Smart, Ben Rosenholt, Elizabeth Agostino, Amy Goodberry, Nicole Byrd, Jessica Jones, Abby Gauthier

Date: Jan.23, 2021

Start time: 6pm

Secretary: Lesley Woodman

Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams

End time: 7:29pm

TOPIC	NOTES
Welcome	Tammy Hulton
Prayer	The Lord's Prayer – Jennifer Barrie et al

Principal's Report	<p>Tammy thanked the staff, adults at home, siblings who made this virtual learning work. It has been a big learning curve and the kids are proving to be resilient. There is excellent modelling from adults at home. Most families were happy.</p> <p>Staffing – Emily miles (LC) is back as an LTO in the grade ¾ class. Lots of transitions in that class (Melissa Brio's class). Louise took a leave of absence and Abby Gauthier is filling in. She is wrapping up stuff at St.Pat's grade 7/8s. Tammy and abby have worked together in the past and are looking forward to doing so again.</p> <p>Activities – There is not a lot happening right now with the Covid restrictions. February is Black History month and Bell "Let's talk" is this week where we are focusing on mental health.</p> <p>Return from Virtual Learning - 72 devices were sent out to students' homes, and most came back on Friday for sanitizing. If anyone still has devices at home, they are asked to contact the school to set up a time. New devices were purchased for virtual learning and the teachers need to get the equipment back asap, in order to use them for their lessons.</p> <p>General - Looking to get some normalcy. Not much has changed. Masks are being worn outside, and the kids were very compliant as they were used to it already.</p> <p>Enrollment -500 in school, 50 on remote. 6 new students, 1 new family coming March. Many people have already submitted their kindergarten registrations. Projection for the fall is 5 kindergarten classes.</p>
Teacher's Report (Donna Brett)	<p>She stated that she is thrilled to be back in the classroom. She said there will be lots of tired kids tonight most likely. Thanked the families for all the support. All in all lots of happy people to be back in the classrooms.</p>
Treasury Report (April Smart)	<p>Holiday Wreath/Planter Fundraiser – Sales - \$11,321.50 Profit - \$3031.50 Current Total in Account \$8732.04 Hot Dog Account \$2663.43</p>

	<p>Mables Labels Fundraiser \$161.67</p> <p>Flip Give Fundraiser \$473.61</p> <p>April mentioned that there isn't anything scheduled to debit the account. There is a receipt from the Jingle Bell Walk costs for \$104.67</p>
Community/Parish Report (Nicole Byrd)	<p>Nothing much to report. Maybe when the world opens up again. The stay at home order was extended to Feb.11. Market Square is open for skating, with a maximum limit of 25 people at a time. There is an outdoor rink in Wilton, near the ball diamond. There is also a outdoor rink, on a little pond behind Ernestown Secondary School in Odessa. In Loyalist, all that was going on was the Celebration of Lights, and there was no Odessa Winter Carnival.</p>
Budget (Jennifer Barrie)	<p>See spreadsheet below.</p> <p>Discussed how teachers spent a great deal of their own money to prepare for home learning, so an increase to the teachers and ECEs would show our appreciation. Tammy mentioned that some audio speakers would be helpful.</p>
Other Items	<p>Tammy said that the new washers and dryers were up and running, and they were of good use on the first day back.</p> <p>Nicole asked if we had enough outdoor equipment, like mini sticks and basketballs. That maybe we could buy some for the students to play with at recess.</p> <p>Jingle Bell Walk – It went very smooth. Thanks to Chris Richard for the donation of the hot chocolate. The extra is being stored at Jennifer Barrie's house. Marie's mom brought big thermal containers with a spout, and it worked very well. The students loved the "hot chocolate pit stop". Using the church made it much easier, as it is better equipped. Thinking that this may be the process going forward as it went much smoother and there wasn't any garbage.</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday – Amy suggested that we send home a pancake recipe and an activity to prepare for Lent as a family. Marie suggested that we could have anyone who participates to be entered into a draw, to win a gift card to Papa's. Since Papa's is always so generous for our traditional shrove Tuesday event.</p> <p>Donna asked if it was appropriate to make a donation to a food bank, Martha's Table or Amherstview Lion's Club?</p> <p>Tammy mentioned the community's families in need. We have supplies but we need to know who they are and what they need. This through the food sharing project.</p>

	<p>Jenn summarized all the ideas raised, and approved the recipe and Lent activity to be sent home.</p> <p>Marie – Reminded everyone about promoting Mabel’s Labels and Flip Give fundraisers. Also mentioned Cobb’s Bakery as a company that will connect with a school for a kick back amount that goes to the school. When you shop at the bakery, you mention you’re from OLMC and they donate a portion of what was purchased, back to the school. Discussed doing Mother’s Day arrangements as a fundraiser. Tammy will be looking into it.</p> <p>Confirmation and 1st communion? – it will be over several weeks. Father Shea is looking into it. In a stand still. Church capacity is only at 10 students. Date to follow.</p> <p>Gate problem – Ben mentioned that the rolling gate is a bit dangerous and saw some kids playing with it. Worries that kids fingers will get caught.</p> <p>End of Year Teacher Gifts – suggestions of prepaid visas, buying from the Dollarama in bulk. Everyone will give it some thought as to how to make this happen the best way possible.</p>
Date for Next Meeting	March 29 th , 6pm
Meeting Adjourned	@ 6:42pm

Budget	2017	2018	2019	2020
Advent Mass	150	200	325	\$75
Shrove Tues	750	800	900	\$1000
Graduation 8 & SK	1000	1000	1000	\$1000
1 st Communion	100	125	750	\$0 no reception
Confirmation	100	125	150	\$0
Teachers	2700		2000	\$50/42 \$2100
Admin day				\$100
Seeds	900			\$0
Agenda				\$0
Playground Equip/Gym activities				\$1000
Audio Visual				\$0
Library				\$0
Art/Music initiatives				
Play				

Workshops				
Playday	600	700	800	\$800
Jingle bell walk			100	\$100