

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

ATTENDEES: Amy Latham, Amy Goodberry, April Smart, Tammy Robidoux, Polly Pearson, Allyson Adams, Jenn Barrie, Karen Moran, Sandra Fragoso, Marie Nolan McBride, Steve Barrie, Melissa LaFontaine, Katherine Joyce

REGRETS: Marie Seguin

Date: <u>Monday, November 12, 2018</u>	Start time: <u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Recorder: <u>Sandra Fragoso</u>
Location: <u>OLMC Learning Commons</u>	End time: <u>8:00 p.m.</u>	

TOPIC	NOTES
<u>Welcome</u>	
<u>Prayer</u>	Our Father
<u>Acceptance of November Minutes</u>	Approved
<u>Acceptance of Agenda</u>	No changes
<u>Principal Report</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students met their Terry Fox fundraising target and celebrated with a Halloween Dance for all students this year in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students enjoyed a great day of dancing/DPA in the gym. 2. Students and Staff practiced a lock down drill on Oct. 25th. It was successful. Students had questions such as where to go if in the hallway or in the bathroom. The drill provided a good opportunity to review how to stay safe in these situations at school. 3. Evacuation or Bomb Threat Protocol is put in place when the school receives information that there is an imment threat to safety. Procedure is to leave the school in fire lines and begin to walk to Amherstview Public School or the arena under the direction of emergency services and our Board Office. Bus transportation may be necessary if evacuating to a further distance. We will practice this drill on November 29th. 4. Plumbing issue the day after Halloween enacted a partial evacuation OR Relocation to access water and washroom facilities at Amherstview Public School. These kinds of events do happen unexpectantly, and we have to be prepared. 5. Bus monitor training happened on November 5th with a large number of students now trained to be Bus Monitors. They all have new vests and take their responsabilites seriously, beginning in Bus Lines at school. This is good to see!

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. OLMC LipDub project to recognize anti-bullying week in November; whole school approach, singing and actions to one song; it is tape recorded on the first take; show performance at assemblies to build community spirit with a purpose. 7. Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School was here for their introductory visit last week to Grade 8 students. It was announced that Holy Cross is now going to offer an Extended French Program. This will be great for our French Immersion students who will want to keep up French language skills in certain subjects. More information to follow. 8. Remembrance Day ceremony at the Church went well, with meaningful participation from our intermediate students and choir along with guest speaker and piper. All students were respectful. 9. November 30th is move in day to the new portapack for the following classes: Mme Corsi, Mrs Williams, Mrs. Lattanzio, Mme Marin and Mrs. Fisher (Itinerant Arts). 10. School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being reviewed for highlights. It will be posted to our school webpage for review. 11. November 30th PA Day is dedicated to the Ministry of Education's Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math initiative, which aims to have the math program focus on teaching strategies to learn math facts and processes by having a good sense of number. For example, our number system is based on the numbers 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and so on. For example, $34 + 63$ is $30 + 60$ and $4 + 3 = 7$. When students are able to be flexible with number, they are able to apply it across strands and the goal is to increase mental math skills and develop automaticity with number facts. 12. Advent Evening Family Mass on December 18th at Blessed Sacrament Church at 6:30 p.m.
<p><u>Teacher/Staff Report</u></p>	<p>Staff can order and pay via cheque.</p>
<p><u>Treasurer Report</u></p>	<p>April Smart is our new Treasurer. Congratulations April!</p> <p>Budget: Bingo Account</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Classroom enhancements 2. Expression Quotes 3. Buddy Benches for each division 4. Outdoor Enhancement Space

	<p>5. Indoor Board Game</p> <p>6. LEGO</p> <p>We will acknowledge staff with \$50 for 38 staff members to be delivered at Christmas time.</p>
<p><u>Community Report</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. November 17th Santa Parade starting at 5. 2. December 2, Light up the Season at Fairfield Park starting at 3 pm. 3. Winter Program flyer will be available early December for Loyalist Area. 4. December 1, NO PARKING ON THE STREETS 5. November 24th, Breakfast with Santa www.loyalistship.ca/index.cfm/news-events/events-calendar/breakfast-with-santa/ 6. December 1, Greater Napanee Parade of Lights 7. December 1, Dinosaurs at the Museum www.lennox-addington.on.ca/museums-archives/night-christmas-dinosaur-museum
<p><u>Parish Report</u></p>	<p>Please see the church bulletin.</p>
<p><u>Additions</u></p>	<p>Parent/Teacher interviews – Do we want to go electronically?</p> <p>Staff Reps response: No. Paper copy works for us.</p> <p>Canada Flag: has been replaced.</p>
	<p>Presentation by Melissa Lafontaine: Hot Dogs are a Class 1 Carcinogen (same category as tobacco smoke, plutonium and asbestos).</p> <p>Dropthehotdog.org</p> <p>The Canadian Cancer Society has recommended processed meat be avoided entirely, and yet it is still the staple in most school functions.</p> <p>Other healthier options: Corn roast, veggies, fruits etc...</p> <p>Can we justify serving Hot Dogs knowing this information? Can we provide a plant based option? Can we come up with healthier options?</p> <p>Hot Lunch options – we can revisit healthier options.</p> <p>Bring awareness and education to parent community about healthier</p>

	<p>options. Evening session with a dietician.</p> <p>System School Council Meeting notes: OPACE Speaker had lots of good ideas for School Councils</p> <p>An idea: Knights of Columbus doing our barbeque for next school year and/or shrove Tuesday. November 20th – System School Council Meeting.</p> <p>No Marshmallows for the Jingle Bell Walk hot chocolate for students</p> <p>Advent: Cookies (school will purchase) and Juice boxes (school council)</p> <p>Gifts for Father \$50 Ramekins; Donna \$25</p>
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Next meeting: 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons Monday, January 14th, 2018

Adjourned at: 8 p.m.