

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Parent Council

## Meeting

**Attendees:** Tammy Hulton, Louise Trudeau, Jennifer Barrie, Marie Nolan-McBride, Lesley Woodman, Kathryn, Pam Legere, April Smart, Laura Stephens, Ben Rosenholt, Elizabeth Agostino, Julie van de Vrande, Amy Goodberry, Nicole Byrd

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOPIC	NOTES
<b>Welcome</b>	Tammy Hulton
<b>Prayer</b>	The Lord's Prayer – Jennifer Barrie
<b>Approval of September Minutes</b>	
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p><b>Current enrolment</b> – 488 in building, 51 remote learners = 539</p> <p>Staffing Changes – Sara Borges has returned from Maternity Leave – Makenna O'Neill completed leave</p> <p><b>Picture Day</b> – Dec.7 &amp;8 for individual photos only. Scheduled by class so you know which day is for your child. There will be no classroom photos. Jenn asked if remote learners would be included. Plan for either start or end of day. Between each individual we have to sanitize, has to be planned. Tammy to discuss best time with photographer .Tammy responded that they will possibly book a time slot to avoid being in the school around other students other than their cohort. (more to follow – MTF)</p> <p><b>Spirit Week</b> – This week (Nov.16-20). Students get to wear theme day clothing. Money (\$5) can be donated via SchoolCashOnline only.</p> <p><b>Jingle Bell Walk</b> – Dec.14. Not accepting food collection for the food bank, but accepting gift cards for any grocery store (by Dec.11) Parent council still wants to do hot chocolate for the kids, so will set up tables outside for kids to do a "walk by pick up". Emailing Donna at the church to secure the use of building to make the hot chocolate. Lesley is asking Chris Richard (OLMC Family and owner of Giant Tiger downtown) if he would like to donate hot chocolate again this year.</p> <p><b>Advent</b> – Will be virtual. There is a meeting Nov.17<sup>th</sup> with interested people. MTF</p> <p><b>D2L</b> - All families have access K-8, ensure all parents know how to access. If parents are unsure, reach out to teacher. Things can change quickly and we would flip into a virtual learning environment. Will be much smoother if everyone knows how to use that. Know child's</p>

	<p>password and be familiar with how to log on. Teachers posting regularly.</p> <p><b>School Mass</b> - Students will be having mass, by cohorts only (2 classes together)</p> <p><b>History of School Project</b> - The Director (DeSantis) wants to continue with this, however, as a school, all are wondering if that can be held off for another year, more information to come. On back burner for now.</p> <p><b>Lark &amp; Parking Lot</b> – Parents are blocking the fire lane. Parents are being reminded to “Kiss &amp; Go”. Fire chief is keeping a watch of this and is ready to ticket those who don’t adhere. Parents stay behind wheel, staff help kids in &amp; out.</p>
<b>Teacher’s Report (Donna Brett)</b>	<p>Donna stated that there is not a long going on. Teachers are trying hard to make things as normal as they can. Kids doing well, even the little kids with masks, She says a big thanks to parents who are making that better for them. Nothing specific to report.</p>
<b>Treasury Report (April Smart)</b>	<p>No report since the last meeting but nothing has changed. Changes this week with Wreath and Planter Fundraiser that will impact the numbers.</p> <p>Do we have to buy cups etc. for hot chocolate for the Jingle Bell Walk. We can afford to buy the cups as they will be only thing needed for that event.</p>
<b>Community/Parish Report (Nicole Byrd)</b>	<p>Father mentioned at parish meeting, there are only 3 masses for communion this year. Hoping for confirmation in Feb. No Christmas pageant this year at church, he will have Christmas Eve masses in Amherstview at 4, 6, 8, and 10pm in Bath. Assigned seating. Considering sign-up for it so everyone doesn't show up at the same time. At 10:00am Christmas Day there will be a mass as well. Special training for cleaning/disinfecting equipment -- very expensive, Limestone bought 3 for their board and are sharing. Tammy thinks Father could work out a deal with CJ for him to come in. Tammy to ask Leah who runs Plants &amp; Services to see if we can loan out.</p>
<b>Holiday Fundraiser (Marie Nolan-McBride)</b>	<p>Very successful. Total numbers are 62 small wreaths, 65 large wreaths and 291 planters. Approximately over \$3000 profit. Need some volunteers for pick up. Pam, Jen, April and Lesley volunteered. Future fundraisers with C&amp;C Farms was discussed because of the ease of online payment option.</p>
<b>Other Items (Jennifer Barrie)</b>	<p>Jen will email Donna &amp; secure the church for Jingle Bell Walk and hot chocolate distribution. If that doesn't happen, will go to Tammy for plan B.</p> <p>Jen asked info re: photos &amp; remote learners go home? Tammy responded, Yes, likely in next week or so. Info has gone out from a couple teachers.</p>

	<p><b>Teacher gifts:</b> Budget - is that something we're doing, we usually talk about it, gift cards to teachers for things they fund in the classroom. Tammy: Staff as a whole are very appreciative; they understand this year is different and funds are limited.</p> <p>Are we setting budget tonight or wait until next meeting? Didn't have budget on agenda tonight. We'll need to wait to set budget before we can discuss Teacher Gifts. Need to look at finances because unsure if we're in the same spot this year or year before. Can't do it without budget but also need to take a closer look.</p> <p>Last year's budget lines being sent out via email tomorrow, to be worked on remotely. Jen will send out last year's budget lines and then can wait and see what money in account looks like to work on next year's budget. Can make decision about cards and anything else once that is done.</p> <p><b>Advent</b> will be done virtually with links being sent out directly to parents. Nothing for council to do. No refreshments this year.</p> <p><b>Rumours</b> - have heard provincially that there may be a delay in returning to school depending on Covid, so consider in case we don't return until the 18th. Not sure if any validity. Considering scheduling the next meeting last week of January?</p> <p><b>January 25 @ 6:00 pm next meeting.</b> Tammy to send link for another virtual meeting once we're into January.</p> <p><b>School Rebuild</b> - Info posted re: rebuild of our school, any details? At this time, nothing. Surveyors have been at the school for past week. Trying to establish where site for new build will be. After this starts, there will be a consultation to discuss plans, parent student and staff involvement in that. Once they have a site, has to be sent out to tender, bidding process. Ways off still. Whole new building and old one removed? Yes - built on site beside our school, we'll continue operating while build is ongoing, and tear old down when new build is ready.</p> <p>Will that take away our play areas? Yes, will impact this depending on where they decide to build. It will be a 2-storey building.</p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	@ 6:42pm