



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

“Our mission, based on the values of Christ, through the guidance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is to involve family, parish, community, and members of the school community in fostering a positive, caring and Catholic environment by providing input, advice and support.”

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 – UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6:40PM – at Mount Carmel Library
Welcome offered by Neisma Peredo.

Members in attendance:

Jennifer Varnam – Principal
Mary Ambrogi– Vice-Principal
Jim McLevey – non-teaching staff
Neisma Peredo
Brenda Kennedy
Georgena Skariah
Tricia Simon
Cavell Lopez
Michelle Cholette
Shazia Soorma
Katiana Cisneros Panza
Marta Major
Sylvia Cardenas
Erick Rodriguez
Elisamgela Napoli

Regrets: Josh Nejasmic, Syeda Niaz

Absent: Jungbahadur Kirpanz

Opening Prayer: Neisma Peredo. **see attached, Dear Jesus*

Approval of the November 23rd minutes: Motion made by Neisma, seconded by Tricia Simon.

Approval of the February 8th Agenda: Motion made by Neisma, seconded by Brenda Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 6.45pm.

Treasurer’s Report: Tricia Simon

There is no activity in the account in prior months and the current bank balance is \$1,336.53

Parish/Community report: There is no update for this period .

OAPCE report: Katiana Cisneros Panza

Parent engagement held on January 18 at Notre Dame CSS, in person event to celebrate the parents that volunteer in DPCDSB. Miguel Martinez, life coach MTC life presented Learn, Laugh and Engage, how to get back to normal workshop.

The Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Auxillary Bishop of London, Ontario sent an invite to OAPCE: the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops present journey through advent, reflections, videos available to view online via link from OAPCE main website comadifferentpeel.oapce.org or cccb.ca

Save the date, OAPCE 84th Provincial Conference will take place April 22, 2023, 9:00AM to 3:00PM, mass at 5:00PM. Location, Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School, Canada's oldest English Catholic high school in Kingston, Ontario. Theme this year is weaving our faith as engaged parents. Open to all OAPCE representatives and parents of children in publicly funded catholic schools in Ontario. More information available at OPACE.org.

OAPCE Dufferin Peel annual volunteer celebration and school wrap up will be held Thursday, May 25. Details will be shared after March break.

Teaching Staff report: Michelle Cholette

The report card is distributed for half-term. The course selection will be due in February. All information is posted on the school website and the OLMC guidance Instagram page.

Non-Teaching Staff report: Chaplain Jim McLevey

February 22nd will be celebrated as Ash Wednesday. The school is focusing on supporting food banks during the Lenten season. The school has a successful winter coat drive. An update was provided to the Diocesan trip to Yukon. School is also working to support relief funds for earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria.

Principal's Report: Jennifer Varnam

Exam preparation was run with 50% capacity. 5 teachers ran the program after school. Semi-formal is on planned for March 3rd. Its open to grade 11's.

The graduation for grade 12 is planned on 26th June. In lieu of this, grade 12's will write the 4th period exam on the last period of the classes on 16th or 19th of June. More information will be provided on this matter closer to the date.

For all other grades, the award night will be held on 1st March, 2023.

Substance use in school was discussed.

Chair report

The Christmas basket was a great success.

Adjournment: 8.45pm

Neisma motioned to adjourn and seconded by Tatsiana.

Closing Prayer: Neisma Peredo: Oh Lord

Next Meeting: Wednesday, march 29th, 2023. All are welcome.

Future Tentative Meetings:

May 10th, 2023