



## 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, Mar 29, 2023 – UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order:** 6:30 PM – at Mount Carmel.

Welcome offered by Neisma Peredo.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Jennifer Varnam – Principal  
Nancy Tsiobanos – Vice Principal  
James McLevey – non-teaching staff  
Neisma Peredo  
Josh Nejasmic  
Tricia Simon  
Katiana Cisneros Panza

**Community Members in Attendance:**

Cavell Lopez

**Regrets:** Georgena Skarian, Michelle Cholette, Shazia Soorma

**Absent:** Gulshan Tanveer, Jungbahadur Kirpanz, Syeda Mahnaz Niaz, Martha Major, Brenda Kennedy

**Opening Prayer:** Neisma Peredo, Our Father

**Approval of the Feb 8, 2023 Minutes:** The following corrections are required

- Update “members in attendance” to only include voting members
- Spelling correction: “Tatsiana” to “Katiana”

Motion to approved minutes with corrections – Neisma / seconded - Josh

**Approval of the March 29, 2023 Agenda:** Motion made by Neisma seconded by Katiana.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tricia

- No change
- Current balance: \$1,336.53
- Pending: \$200 for Christmas baskets, Neisma to submit receipts

**Parish Report:** There is no update for this period

**OAPCE Report:** Katiana Cisneros Panza

- Meeting held Mar 29, 2023. No new updates.

**Teaching Staff Report: Nancy Tsiobanos – Teacher Rep.**

- Prom and graduation planning is ongoing
- Graduation: June 26, 2023. No attendance limit and no tickets required.
- Prom: Jun 27, 2023, location: La Treport, theme: Hollywood glam, Cost \$120
- Boy's senior doubles have advanced to OFSA
- Girl's volleyball advanced to ROPSA
- Summer school forms are available. To be held July 04, 2023 to July 31, 2023. Forms and information available on DPCDSB website and guidance office
- E-learning opt-out forms have been distributed to students. Form is required annually

**Non-Teaching Staff Report: James McLevey**

- Track and field has started
- Multicultural night scheduled for end of May 2023
- 3 day leadership retreat
- St. Francis Center – Grade 11 students asked to volunteer
- Yukon trip in 6 weeks. Parents have organized a trivia night to raise funds
- School retreats are ongoing
- Catholic education week is upcoming, beginning of May
- Tree planting ceremony to honour a student
- 6 area schools are traveling to Ottawa (7 OLMC students) for annual March for Life rally
  - Celebrating life, provides an opportunity for conversation
- Holy week is beginning of April 2023
  - Stations of the cross will be presented around the school
  - 40 cans – donations needed
  - Holy Thursday – shirt donations needed

**Principal's Report: Jennifer Varnam**

- Next school year the use of lockers will be enforced due to safety reasons
  - Students will be informed at the end of this year
- Question: Are track pants (spirit wear) available at McCarthy's = NO

**Chairperson's Report: Neisma Peredo**

- No update
- Planning for next uniform sale discussed
  - Scheduled for next parent-teacher interview night, Apr 12, 2023

**AOB:**

- Allocating council funds needs to be determined
  - Council asked Jennifer Varnam for a wish list
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Motion to adjourn made by Neisma, seconded by Tricia

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2023. All are welcome.**