



## 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:30 pm by ZOOM conference.

Welcome offered by Pam Olivieri.

#### **Members in attendance:**

Pam Olivieri - Chair  
Shazia Soorma – Secretary  
Umblita Latchman - Treasurer  
John Lezon - Principal  
Katiana Cisneros Panza  
Betsey Armstrong  
Alysha Green – OAPCE rep.  
Maxine Fyffe-Roberts  
Syeda Mahaaz Niaz  
Ambreen Tajammul  
Carol Mascaro  
Marta Major  
Diana Casic – Backup Parish Rep.  
Neisma Peredo

**Guest:** Josie Reece

**Regrets:** Sue D’Angelo

- ◆ Meeting was disconnected due to disturbance and a couple of members were unable to join back with the new zoom ID.

**Opening Prayer:** Pam Olivieri: *\*see attached, Dear Jesus.*

**Welcome and Introductions:** Through attendance.

**Approval of the November 18th Minutes:** Motion made by Umblita, seconded by Katiana.

**Approval of the February 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda:** Motion made by Umblita, seconded by Katiana.

**Treasurer's Report:** Umblita Latchman reported that there is a \$183.68 balance. No Fund Raising conducted so far due to COVID-19. Same from our last meeting. Nothing to report.

⇒ (Q. by Katiana) Did we not do **FlipGive**?

Only \$4 collected so far. Need to send reminder to the parents again.

⇒ Umblita's report is based on what is in the school account.

**Parish Report:** Pam.

- Mass is still online. Links are on the website to join for the Daily Mass
- Deacon John Cannon passed away earlier in February

**OAPCE Report:** Alysha

- Joint letter to Stephen Lecce and the Depute Minister, Nancy Naylor requesting and Education Advisory, for proper advice
- Parent Engagement webinars on OAPCE websites:
  - ⇒ Paul Davis, (his earlier session on Being a Good Digital Citizenship) on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:15 pm
  - ⇒ Anthony Perrotta Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm with March Break recommendations through a Catholic lens
  - ⇒ Wes Williams (Maestro Fresh Wes) Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – Stick to Your Vision
- Mary Gordon 12 videos to help kids cope with pandemic. Each of 3-4 minutes - Roots of Empathy
- Let's Get Talking is an online, interactive community sessions. Topics like STEM, business, finance. Kids are connected with post-secondary ambassadors (students). This session has already begun but there are still some spots available.

**Teaching Staff Report:** Waiting for this position

**Non-Teaching Staff Report:** No student Rep. present

**Principal's Report:** John Lezon reported on the following items.

- Parent Engagement on February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm by Dr. Monica Hoh (Chief of Peel Public Health) speaking about COVID. (email already shared last week)
- Staff change at school:
  - ⇒ Leslie Marchand, the vice-principal, has been promoted to a principal at Our Lady of Mercy at the end of January
  - ⇒ Nancy Tsiobanos has joined the admin staff, from St. John of Arc. She will take care of Leslie's alpha
  - ⇒ Maruel Deorio, English and drama teacher retired at the end of January
- Course selection for next year has started. Guidance counsellors will be reaching out to students who have not yet confirmed their selections
- Time tabling for September is uncertain. It might be a quadmester or the semester system.
- 53% of the students are learning remotely right now. The percentage has increased from quad 2 to quad 3.

- Students who want to move to cohort 'C', is a simple move. However, changing from cohort 'C' to cohort 'A' or 'B' is a little difficult. Request to the students if they do want to switch from cohort 'C' to 'A' or 'B' to let the school know ASAP.
- March Break moved to April.
- Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> between 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm there will be a COVID testing at St. Joan of Arc for asymptomatic testing. Testing is for feeder schools
- The board has organized a committee for how the Graduation exercise this year will look like in June. Graduating students' parents should have received information about gowns/caps. School will be ordering those regardless of the outcome of committee.
- Year Book for the graduates.
- Honor Roll work started before Christmas but was delayed because of the lockdown after Winter Break. Waiting for the plaques from the supplier. Students receiving Honor Roll will be mentioned on the website to acknowledge their achievement.

#### Q/A with John:

- Each student will have a gown/cap? *John*-Yes, regardless if there will be a ceremony or not. The office is collecting the sizes to order them in (same as last year).
- Getting hold of Edge Imaging is difficult? *John*-Edge is in the position that they are open to take the appointment but the board is in the position that the Peel is in the lockdown, we should not be promoting to get the appointment as people will be moving from one zone to another. John will reach out to Edge to find out the process.
- Do the Honor Rolls include the performance for all four years? *John*-No, it's Honor Roll by the year. Each grade year gets its own Honor Roll for that year. Grade 12 students get Ontario scholar along with the Honor Roll, a recognition from the government.
- When are grad photos due? *John*-will find out!

#### Chairperson's Report:

- CCCSC on Thursday night, February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Email from Dufferin Peel regarding the Cyber Security. Parents should be aware about it as well.
- March Break moved to April. The next council meeting was scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, we need to reschedule it. New tentative date is Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Flyer regarding **FlipGive** needs to be circulated again (**concerns**: does not provide hard copy, or gift card to give as a gift. Also, there are less choices with the denomination purchase of gift cards). Pam to share the email with John
- Uniforms for sale are in the school (room 100), from last year. Everyone needs to brainstorm regarding what to do with those uniforms. How may we have a uniform sale?
  - ⇒ Sale in the parking lot (when permitted by the city)
  - ⇒ Sale by grade level
  - ⇒ Book by appointments

**Future Meeting Dates:** Wednesdays only, 6:30 pm start. Format will be online until further notice. Meeting dates set below, some are tentative and only if needed. It is a wait and see after January and how things are going.

April 28<sup>th</sup> \*(tentative)

May 12<sup>th</sup> \*(tentative)

**Q/A:**

- Is there a way for the students who are not graduating to get into the yearbook? *John*-plan for year book so far is Celebration of Art work, School Event, and students' works along with the graduation pictures
- What will happen with the award ceremony? *John*-waiting for the committee to determine that
- What about the yearbook for students who graduated last year? *John*-school started to distribute those in November but due to lockdown still waiting to resume the distribution.

Council appreciates the hard work that the school, teachers and the principal are putting it.

Adjournment: 8:07 pm.

**Closing Prayer:** Pam Olivieri: *Oh Lord.*

**Next meeting: Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>2021. All are welcome.**