



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, October 6th, 2021 – UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6:42 pm - virtual conference.
Welcome offered by Pam Olivieri.

Members in attendance:

John Lezon – Principal
Kelly Dawson - Teacher Rep.
Pam Olivieri
Shazia Soorma
Katiana Cisneros Panza
Maxine Fyffe-Roberts
Syeda Mahaaz Niaz
Neisma Peredo
Martha Major
Josh Nejasmic
Brenda Kennedy
Alysha Green

GUESTS:

Nancy Tsiobanas – Vice Principal (A to C and O to Z)
Mary Ambrogi – Vice Principal (D to N)
James McLevey - Chaplin
Gulshan Tanveer

Regrets: Umblita Latchman, Betsey Armstrong, Ambreen Tajammul, Carol Mascaro, Diana Cacic, Sue D'Angelo, and Rocio Acosta

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

Approval of the June 9th Minutes: Motion made by Maxine, second by Katiana.

Approval of the October 6th Agenda: Motion made by Maxine second by Katiana.

Vice Chair was reinstated unanimously since this year is Pam's last year on the council.

Meeting was adjourned for the year 2020/2021 School Year
Acclamation from Principal Lezon to council for 2021/2022 School Year

- ⇒ Fifteen members can be on the council
- ⇒ Everyone who put their name forth is a part of the council acclaimed
- ⇒ All members will have ability to vote on items that come before council

Welcome All!

Quorum is set at six for the meeting since there were thirteen members nomination

Executive Nomination Results: ALL acclaimed to positions

Chair – Pam Olivieri

Vice Chair – Neisma Peredo

Treasurer – Brenda Kennedy

Secretary – Shazia Soorma

Parish Rep – Alysha Green

OAPCE – Alysha Green

Fund Raising Rep. – Neisma Peredo

Meeting for School Year 2021/2022 called to order at 7:16 pm

Treasurer’s Report: Closing balance in the year 2020/2021 is \$183.68 to carry forward to 2021/22 school year.

Parish Report: Nothing to report. Alysha will contact the church.

OAPCE Report: No updates to report.

Teaching Staff Report: by Kelly Dawson

- ⇒ Terry Fox walk on Wednesday, September 29th
- ⇒ National Day for Truth – Orange Shirt Day
- ⇒ World Teacher Day – the admin gifted mugs and sweets to staff
- ⇒ Opening School Mass
- ⇒ Breakfast Club is up and running
- ⇒ Athletic Council
- ⇒ Chaplaincy Club
- ⇒ Creators Club
- ⇒ Best Buddies Club
- ⇒ Debate Club
- ⇒ Eco Team
- ⇒ GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Club
- ⇒ SOS (Share Our Spirit) Club
- ⇒ Student Council
- ⇒ Shawn represented the school at the ROPSA Championship for Golf and he placed in top ten
- ⇒ Junior Girls Basketball tryouts
- ⇒ Cross Country Team practices

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

- Students are happy to be back. Most keep their masks on.

- Athletic and clubs are up and running
- Gym floor was redone. Gym will be open for classes
- If OFSA is held, school is waiting for the COVID related protocols for the games. Cross Country and Girls Basketball team will join when it happens
- Every Thursday school will host vaccine clinic for the month of October
- Waiting for the School Year book to come out

James McLevey - Chaplin

- ⇒ Father Joyson came. Some vocalist at the chapel came together
- ⇒ Gifts of intensions from the whole school were shared. There were a thousand notes passed on
- ⇒ Retreats for every class that's taking religion this quadmester. Eight already done and six more to go. In-school retreats are being held this year due to COVID. They are two hours retreats and students are really mature and responsive about it
- ⇒ Thank Giving food Drive ended October 6th. October 7th Saint Vincent dePaul will collect the food. 50% will go there. The other 50% will go to Eden Food Chain. Well over 1200-1500 items are collected
- ⇒ Chaplaincy Club to start with 42 students
- ⇒ Weekend staff will be driving – Basket Brigades – providing Thanks Giving dinner to 400 families
- ⇒ Every Friday, fresh groceries will be picked up from Malton and brought to the families here to be distributed. Ongoing initiative

Q/A with John:

- ⇒ Are the hours spent in Chaplaincy counted towards volunteer hours? **(Jim)** They are but will find out for sure.
- ⇒ Are the hours lowered or still 40 for graduating class? **(John)** John will confirm.
- ⇒ Student IDs photo **(John)** the date is booked for December and it will be on the phone. Transit will accept it.
- ⇒ When will the students get their OUAC numbers? **(John)** End of November, application deadline is January 13th. College applications deadlines are after that. Guidance will confirm further.

Chairperson's Report:

- FlipGive discussion to be in the notes for next school council agenda...flipgive.com
- Updates from Central Committee of School Councils will be coming in next meeting
- Uniform Sale coming up, after details are discussed of how to manage it

Future Meeting Dates:

- Wednesdays were day of meeting last year. (4-5 meeting are held in a year)
- This year again its Wednesday and online until further notice.
- November 10th, 2021
- December 8th, 2021
- February 9th, 2022 (tentative)
- April 6th, 2022
- May 11th, 2022 (tentative)
- June 1st, 2022

Adjournment: 7:45 pm.

Closing Prayer: James McLevey: *Oh Lord*

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 10th 2021. All are welcome.