



## **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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:30 pm by ZOOM conference.  
Welcome offered by Pam Olivieri.

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

Pam Olivieri - Chair  
Rita Nugent – Secretary  
Umblita Latchman - Treasurer  
John Lezon - Principal  
Katiana Cisneros Panza  
Shazia Erum Soorma  
Carlene Edwards – Co-fundraising rep.  
Betsey Armstrong – Co-fundraising rep.  
Alysha Green – OAPCE rep.  
Maxine Fyffe-Roberts  
Sue D'Angelo  
Syeda Mahaaz Niaz  
Ambreen Tajammul  
Niesma Nena  
Carol Mascaro

**Guests:** Marta Major, Diana Cacic.

**Regrets:** Gayle Zadow - Parish Rep., Damien McGowan – Teacher Rep., Christina Rodrigues.

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

**Approval of the Feb. 13th minutes:** Motion made by Umblita, seconded by Katiana.

**Approval of the Oct. 7th agenda:** Motion made by Umblita, seconded by Katiana.

**Ending comments for Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting/closing of last meeting 2019/2020.**

Note: no meetings have been held since Feb 13<sup>th</sup> because of COVID-19 restrictions.

**2020 – 2021 Parent Advisory Council Nominations:**

Pam Olivieri was acclaimed as Chairperson. Pam read the duties for the remaining positions. Umblita Latchman was acclaimed as treasurer. Alysha Green was acclaimed as OAPSE rep. All fourteen members of last year’s council are acclaimed again. Rita Nugent and Carlene Edwards are retiring members.

Shazia Erum Sooma was nominated as secretary.

Gayle Zadow has declined to continue as Parish Rep. Future church meetings will be virtual. Sue D’Angelo will be the new representative with backup from Diana Cacic.

Fundraising representatives: as there will be no uniform fundraising in the near future this will be on hold. Donated uniforms are currently stored in a classroom.

Damien McGowan has declined as teacher rep. The position will be offered to staff.

Student elections will be held after Thanksgiving. There is no new student PM yet.

**Parent Council members for the 2020 – 2021 school year:**

Pam Olivieri – Chair

Umblita Latchman – Treasurer

Shazia Erum Sooma – Secretary

Sue D’Angelo – Parish Rep.

OAPSE Rep. – Alysha Green

Returning Members: Betsey Armstrong, Carol Mascaro, Maxine Fyffe-Roberts, Katiana Cisneros Panza, Ambreen Tajammul, Syeda Mahaaz Niaz, Nieasma Nena, Marta Major, Diana Cacic.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Umblita Latchman reported that there is a \$383.68 balance. Of this amount \$200.00 was marked for the two Student Awards at Graduation and is still in the account. The true balance is \$183.68.

**Parish Report:** None for this meeting.

**Teaching Staff Report:** None for this meeting.

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

The school year started with 300 students learning exclusively online. The new Quadmester will begin with a different model in which online students and in-class students will be taught at the same time. The new timetable is being rebuilt currently. Student can move between online and in-class formats. Students must follow Ministry guidelines in-school. Those who experienced gaps in the schedules can take part in an extra night sessions that will be offered from January to April, and from May to June in 2021.

Regarding the cancelled Graduation in June: diplomas and yearbooks will be distributed at a future date awaiting a Board decision along with a face to face ceremony, to be announced.

Grad photographs for the class of June, 2021 can be arranged and taken at the Edge Imaging office in Burlington.

The annual Terry Fox Run was held.

The annual Christmas Baskets arranged through the St. Vincent de Paul Society will continue.

Student activities will be split to accommodate attendees on the Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday split. Student Elections will be held after Thanksgiving.

Domenic Sbrocchi, a former OLMC music teacher, will fill in as VP until Christmas while another VP is assigned to the virtual school.

Question about November scheduling: Answer: Cohort A and B will continue to rotate. The Online Cohort C students will log on with the A and B group so that teachers can instruct all at the same time. Cohort C has been five days a week but will become 2 or 3 days per week on an alternating schedule. Parents will be contacted by phone.

Question about Grad photos: no company can come into the school currently. There is a need to guarantee that all schools have an equal chance to participate. The Superintendent will present a decision soon.

**Chairperson's report:**

All Council members have been acclaimed. The Fundraising rep. position will be held for Betsey.

Members are asked to RSVP to Pam by text message only and indicate regrets or attendance. E mails are not effective.

Christmas Baskets: As Council has no funding raising opportunities in the near future the suggestion was made to ask parents for money through Cash Online. Another suggestion was Gift Card fundraising. Betsey will present this idea at the next meeting.

**Future meeting dates:** Wednesdays only, 6:30 pm start. Format will be online.

November 18<sup>th</sup>

January 13<sup>th</sup>

February 24<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Uniform Sale date: June 9<sup>th</sup>

Question about school events. Answer: the Board takes direction from Peel Public Health. Some clarification is coming regarding the tech shop and athletic programs.

Elective courses are limited by the availability of staff to teach them.

Any questions about the Quadmester dates and course load can be directed to and answered by Guidance counselors. Semester two may revert back to the traditional format.

Most feedback on the current formatting has come from teachers and not parents.

Cohort C students have had their timetables preserved as of August, 2020. The *My Blueprint* information had some errors, but the Guidance Dept. has the correct information. All students will move into Quadmester Two on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Teachers have been provided with many online learning resources. Every virtual school has a dedicated vice principal.

Update regarding university applications: marks will be forwarded from the first Quadmester in November as well as Grade 11 final marks.

Note: regarding Cohort A and B students: an attempt was made to accommodate sibling situations.

OLMC Parent Council files from Rita Nugent should be given to the school office for filing.

Adjournment: 8:35 pm.

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

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.**

