

Our Lady of Mercy Parent Council

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday January 19, 2022

Attendees: Leslie Marchand, Kayla M. Stephenson, Nadia Shea, Christine Fernandes, Michele Anderson, Atzire Perez-Rubio, Katie Box-Hodgins, Suzanne, Michele, Adriana Anzures, Perla Ibrahim, Ammy, Karen Chan

Regrets: Tara Harkin

6:30: Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Approval of December Minutes: Kayla Stephenson Seconded by Nadia Shea

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6:40: Principal's Report:

December:

- Christmas Spirit Week with different activities was fun and engaging for students
- Ms. Marchand shared a video of her reading "Night before Christmas" with the school community

January:

- We had a delayed start to school
- Fully remote learning happened on January 5, 2022
- Report Cards are due to the office at the end of the month
- Educators are committed to students and focus on wellness and community
- 46 students chose remote learning until Feb. 22, 2022
- 2-3 students per class are doing hybrid learning
- 1 class has half of its students doing hybrid learning
- Deadline to switch to full remote learning was January 14, 2022
- Re-organization looks minimal

January 19, 2022: First Day Back

- Students were happy to be back in school
- Yard zones are in place
- Daily Covid screening is in place
- 50 calls were made to remind parents to sign and complete screening
- Every student received a covid screen form to be signed everyday
- This form needs to be completed until further notice

Rapid Tests were handed out

- If a child/or staff member gets ill, they can use the test on the onset of symptoms and then a few days later

- PCR tests for students who become sick at school, are given to parents on a voluntary basis – parents would drop the tests at a nearby centre
- Supply of PCR tests are limited

Changes in Covid Protocol:

- Prior to Christmas, if a case was found in a class the class/cohort was closed and students engaged in on-line learning
- Now, if there is a positive case no class is closed and if parents choose to keep their children home, principal will grant hybrid learning for 5 days
- If a child is away and parents communicate it is positive case, principal will contact the class and cohort
- Bus Cancellation: if buses are cancelled in Zone 1, we go fully remote

Hybrid learning:

- Hybrid learning is challenging for all students
- The school is short 30 devices- Mrs. Marchand reached out to the Board to get a device so every child from Grade 1 to 8 has a device
- 160 devices have been given out since the beginning of school year, this includes the 3 classes that have Edwins

7:06: Questions and Answers

Q. Who cleans the path at the back of the school?

- Path at the back of the school is not cleaned
- Contractor is supposed to clean the snow
- Mrs. Marchand will follow-up with contractor and custodian supervisor

7:08: Kayla Stephenson: Nothing to Report

7:09: *Treasure's Report*: will follow up in February when Mrs. Droy returns

7:10: Teacher's Report:

- Report Card Season
- IEP Season
- Hybrid learning
- Knitting Club and Eco Club are on hold
- Carnival theme Spirit Week is in the works

7:10: *Parish Report*: Nothing to Report

7:11: *Committee Report*: Nadia Shea

- Flippgive: cheque may be in the mail
- \$533 issued in November
- \$333 was issued now

7:12: OAPCE

- Webinar by Dr. Jean “Love builds brains, the heart and brain connections rise together to resilience” on January 27, 2022
- Registration not required
- Open to all parents/guardians

Next Meeting:

- Wed. March 9, 2022-6:30
- Wed April 6, 2022-6:30
- Wed June 1, 2022-6:30

7:20: Meeting Adjourned by Kayla Stephenson