

**Our Lady of Mercy Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes –Monday March 6, 2023**

<b>Attendees:</b> Leslie Marchand, Christine Fernandes, Michele Anderson, Nadia Shea, Kayla Anderson, Michelle D’Souza	
<b>Regrets:</b> Atzire Perez-Rubio, Katie Box, Karen Chan, Tara Harkins	
6:33pm	<b>Welcome, Prayer and Land Acknowledgement</b>
6:37pm	<b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Approved Christine Fernandes by Seconded by Nadia Shea
6:40pm	<b>Approval of February meeting minutes:</b> -Removal of example of negative words  Approved by Nadia Shea Seconded by Michele Anderson
6:47pm	<b>Principal’s Report:</b>  <b>Junior Basketball Team:</b> Boys came in second place - Boys won a Board Banner - two more Banners and trophy  Girls had a good learning experience  Intermediate Basketball has started  Interview Day - It was great to see parents in the building  <b>Ash Mass - Wednesday Feb 22, 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fr. Suresh conducted mass at OLMCY on Ash Wednesday</li><li>• YFA set up in the gym for the mass</li><li>• Pink shirt, as well that day</li></ul> It was nice to pledge kindness as part of the Lenten Journey we are beginning with Ash Wednesday.  3 focuses: Alms giving, Prayer, Charity work Our charity goal: Soap drive during Lent - Board initiative for Lent - Bar soap or liquid soap accepted for Dr. Simone  <b>Pancake Tuesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pancakes will be made in individual classes for Breakfast Club</li></ul> <b>Winter Carnival:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• French Bingo was every day on the announcements</li><li>• Trivia question for primary, junior, intermediate every day to answer<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the next day the correct answer was revealed</li></ul></li><li>• Bonhomme de Neige Scavenger hunt - on Interview Night</li></ul>

	<p>FDK - inquiry challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with Early Year team</li> </ul> <p><b>Respect Virtue Liturgy</b> - was held today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a liturgy during announcements, and students received a certificate</li> </ul> <p><b>March 22:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class photos, Grade 8 and FDK Grad photos will be held on this day</li> </ul> <p><b>End of the Month:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OLMCY hosted chess Family Tournament</li> <li>• Each school invited to send primary, junior and intermediate teams of 6 students</li> </ul> <p><b>Equity Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last week students picked their groups to focus on which equity question they want to advertise and promote in their class and school</li> </ul> <p><b>The Big Box Fundraiser:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Card fundraiser</li> <li>• \$11 profit for each box</li> </ul>
7:00pm	<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Nadia Shea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> <li>• Pizza: letter drafted to Pizza person because of quality of pizza, lateness and coldness</li> <li>• Advised that there was a fire in the store, so pizza was delivered from a further location</li> <li>• Currently mediating the situation</li> </ul> <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday June 26, 2023 - 6:00pm</li> <li>• Tuesday June 27, 2023 - Grad Luncheon at Mississauga Convention Centre</li> <li>• Change of Awards to reflect the Catholic Graduate Expectations</li> <li>• Inclusion of Athletic and Art awards</li> </ul>
7:07	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spring Event - Teacher Appreciation Day in May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Beverage OR Classroom money for environment</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Visual representation of resources to reflect population</li> </ol> <p>Parent Engagement</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French-speaking African-original dance group that promote Mental Health</li> <li>• Invitation - for a sub-group for Parent Engagement Activity/Spring Engagement Event</li> </ul> <p><b>Badminton:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough goggles for Gym classes</li> <li>• Plan to look around the school for extra goggles used during Covid</li> </ul> <p><b>Snow Path:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor cleared the grass but not the path to the school</li> <li>• Hills are high - limited outdoor time because of ice and hill</li> <li>• Students were out 20 minutes today because of snow</li> </ul> <p><b>Bus Lanes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pylons are out in the morning to limit cars coming into the bus lanes</li> <li>• Cars are still speeding into parking lot</li> </ul> <p><b>Confirmation/Communion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communion: 14 Grade 2s</li> <li>• Confirmation: 40 Grade 7s</li> </ul> <p><b>Chicken Pox:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One confirmed case in class</li> <li>• Two other cases not confirmed</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting: May 8, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 5, 2023</li> </ul>
7:43	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b>  Approved by Nadia Shea and Seconded by Michele Anderson</p>