

Our Lady of Mercy Parent Council

Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2021

Attendees: Leslie Marchand, Tara Harkin, Nadia Shea, Michele, Kayla Stephenson, Christine Fernandes, Michele Anderson

Regrets: Alex Irving, Donovan Irving, Atzire Perez-Rubio, Karen Chan, Michelle Gomez

6:30: Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Approval of agenda-Kayla Stephenson, seconded by Nadia Shea

Approval of Oct Minutes: Kayla Stephenson, seconded by Nadia Shea

6:45: Principal's Report:

Virtues:

- In October, we focused on the virtue of Empathy
 - through videos, prayers, reflections
 - Helped aid with conflicts on the playground
- In November, we will focus on Conscience
 - As people with empathy we build our Conscience

Dance-a-thon:

- Success! Held in the gym with two classes at a time at opposite ends of the gym.
- Raised \$2300 in donations so far. Donations close on the weekend.
- Draws will be held on Monday November 8, 2021

Progress Report get submitted to the Board. The reports will be emailed to student email accounts on November 16, 2021. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on November 18, 2021 it will be a Virtual Interview. Communication will follow.

Picture Retake will take place on Friday November 5, 2021. Students were sent home with a note reminding so parents could make sure that the school knows they are requesting a retake.

Bus Cancellations - Board released its Teaching/Learning When Buses are Cancelled due to Inclement Weather Policy

- We are in Zone 1 for Bus Cancellations. Schools will be closed and we will switch to remote learning. Students will access materials through their google classroom with devices they have at home. There will not be synchronous instruction.

Student Census by the Board is being sent next week

- It is purpose is to get demographic information to support goal setting. Further information will be sent out by the board.
- Parents of primary students will complete the survey on behalf of their child.
- Gr. 4-12 will complete the survey independently and will be given class time to complete the survey.
- Goal:** is to have the census completed by Christmas. It is not anonymous as the child's student's number will be on the data until it is upload, then the student number is deleted. All information is confidential.

6:56: Chair Report: Nothing to Report

Parent Engagement-November 25, 2021. Ms. Marchand to send out to parents.

7:00: Treasure Report:

-Bank account is closed. School council funds will join with school account. All funds will be put into a spreadsheet to account for school council activity.

-\$1893.06 is in the account,

7:05: Teacher's Report:

-Treaties Week

-Talk of Intermediate Sports starting up

-Eco-club and Youth Faith Ambassador is starting

-Events for future: Advent Mass, Sock Drive

-There will be Spirit Events during Christmas Week

7:10: Parish Report

-Monday is the Confirmation Meeting-Nov. 8, 2021 at the parish at 7:00 pm

-Father Suresh is coming on Tuesdays to work with Grade 7. He may begin to also come on Fridays to work with Grade 2.

7:15: Fundraising Updates

Fundscrip: \$306.55 in the account

-It costs the school nothing to use. We need to see how to get money out of Fundscrip

Flipgive: \$78.00 since October 2021

-It will be advertised in Weekly Update

-Mrs. Marchand will create a promotion flyer to advertise Flipgive

-The school raised \$533 from Flipgive from last year

-One more week of Spirit Wear Promotion

-School Generated Funds Proposal was sent to the Board with a projection of \$4500 to be raised this year which is based on past data. Money raised this year will be put towards the mural project.

In the past, school council has provided teachers with a per/pupil amount of money to do a Christmas craft. Ms. Marchand will poll staff to see if there is still interest and report back.

Parent Council would like to create Christmas baskets to raffle off.

Next Meeting: December 8, 2021-Agenda: looking at Bylaws

7:27: Tara motions to end meeting, Nadia seconds it.