

OLPH School Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 23, 2022 @ 7:00 pm – OLPH School Staff Room & Google Meet

In Attendance: Krystal Gaudet, Charles Ward, Heather Bonokoski, Nicole Siegel, Angela Marple, Andrea Medvescek, Lisa Hall, Jania Balog, George Correia, Julie Correia, Femi Adesina, Chris Lucas, Heidi Jones, Monique Gagnon, Jennifer Brownlee, Darin McBride, Dayna McBride, Renee Melanson, Natalie Wallace, Rendi Lamontagne, Amanda Gaudet, Leanne Starko

Staff: Alyre Morin, Mme Gagnon (teacher rep)

Trustee: n/a

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Charles Ward called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- Prayer led by Mme. Gagnon.
- Acknowledgement read by Charles Ward.

a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 19, 2022

- Motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2022. Moved by Angela, seconded by Heather.

b) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Motion to approve the revised agenda. Moved by Lisa, seconded by Natalie.

II. REPORT FROM EICS TRUSTEE Le-Ann Ewaskiw

- n/a

III. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

a) ADMIN REPORT (A. MORIN)

- Halloween was a fun and successful day
- Parent-teacher interviews were a success
- Active School Engagement performed by EICS
- Grade 8 portable is almost complete, new furniture will be used in the portable
- Adoration week is complete
- Remembrance Day celebration was performed with Fr. Mario and Cst. Caissie
- Advent season will have the virtual celebration available on the website, the last celebration before Christmas will be in person (in the gym)
- Baskets of Blessings during Advent will be in support of Lurana Shelter
- Volleyball season has started with a pep rally and playoffs
- Basketball tryouts will be before Christmas break

- Linking generations brought seniors to the school for in classroom learning (fun was had by everyone young and old)
- Hackathon presentation for grades 7 & 8 will be on December 5 at OLPH

b) EXECUTIVE REPORT (C. WARD)

- **Playground Update (N. Wallace)**
 - Started back in 2021, County advised playground up for renewal
 - Fundraising through various sources and grants took place
 - Parents have been working with the County to get proposals for the work
 - Students were surveyed for their playground wish lists and the county was informed of the data collected
 - January to April – will continue to work with the county for a company to supply/build the equipment
 - Expect to break ground this summer
- **ASCE Grant (Alberta School Council Engagement)**
 - Council has \$500 to use for parent engagement. The grant comes with very specific requirements on the type of engagement it can be used for
- **Class Reps**
 - Class reps are still needed for 6B, 7K, 8E, 8O, 8D
 - Amanda Gaudet stepped forward to represent 6M

c) NEW BUSINESS

- **Grade 8 Trip (A. Medvescek, H. Jones, J. Correia, G. Correia)**
 - Grade 8 English track parents feel they were not given enough information regarding the trip before it was cancelled
 - Statements were read by some parents explaining why they felt the situation was not handled fairly for all students/families
 - Lengthy discussions regarding past, present and future trips were heard from several parents
 - Discussion was held on ways to improve communication in the future
 - The purpose, values, commonality, and distinct differences of having the two separate trips were discussed which outlined why the trips will not combine English and French students together
 - Fundraising for the 2022/23 trip was discussed and going forward the fundraising committee will ensure that all correspondence clearly state the support is for the French Immersion trip
 - With this being the first year of planning a dual track trip, challenges were brought forward, discussed, and will be considered to help improve the planning and communication in the coming years.
 - A formal complaint was put forward to Brett Cox, Assistant-Superintendent at EICS. Due to the official investigation from EICS, the school was not able to answer a lot of questions. Once M. Morin has

received further results from EICS investigation, they will be used in future decisions.

- Some suggestions were brought forward, which will go into consideration
- The ultimate goal is to work together in the best interest of the children at OLPH
- It was agreed that there is value in the grade 8 trip and that it should continue in the future

- **OLPH used apparel**

- A suggestion was brought forward to donate your child's used OLPH clothing to the school, which could then to be given to someone that can not afford, or sold at a small price and donate the money to Lurana Shelter

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS (C. WARD)

- Dec 7 – Early Dismissal/Spirit Day (**Favorite Book Character**)
- Dec 15 – Showcase of Talent @ 6:30pm at OLPH (Performing Arts 5/6, Choir 5-8, & Band 7/8)
- Dec 16 – Spirit Day (team Grinch vs team Santa)
- Dec 19 – Spirit Day (Christmas Sweaters)
- Dec 20 - Spirit Day (PJ day)
- Dec 20 – Afternoon School Dance (Grade 7 & 8)
- December 21-Jan 3 – Christmas Break (No School)
- January 4 – School is back, early dismissal & Spirit Day (Neon day)
- January – ordering for session 2 on Munchalunch opens (TBD)
- January 18 – Next School Council & Fundraising Association Meeting

V. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm made by Charles, seconded by Nicole.

Minutes taken and prepared by Nicole Siegel.

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