

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
AGM Agenda
Wednesday, September 25th 2024 - 7:00pm

Meeting held at Our Lady of the Assumption School

1. Call to Order and welcome: 7:06 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Meghan
3. Introductions
 - a) Members in attendance: Deena MacWilliam, Selestia Jackson, Michelle Dormer. Also Meghan Calder, Caryn Swark
 - a. Discussion of lack of members -- concern for next year
 - b) Roisin Gibb. Trustee representative for OLA. (Regrets)
4. Nominations and Elections - all positions stand
 - a) Chair - Michelle Dormer
 - b) Vice Chair - Deena MacWilliam
 - c) Treasurer -
 - d) Hot lunch/ Fundraising Coordinator - Selestia Jackson
 - e) Secretary -
5. Financial Report:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RswplGSGXngEonf7kYSEkxWTCJ2PJzjJ/view?usp=sharing>
-Still have \$255 in school engagement fund -- aren't sure if we have to return it or...? Meghan will reach out to find out if we can use it
 -If it is still available, maybe purchasing multilingual books? Possibly for the little library?
Can't be used for food or entertainment
 -Side discussion of school fees (agendas, field trips, etc)
 -Kona ice was a nice profit at the school bbq (\$164) and have a healthy balance: we need to spend some money!
 -Also discussed that we won't be doing a whole school swim at the end of the year, but many teachers are planning class trips that could use financial support
 -If we want anything like Kona Ice in June (sprinkler day or sports, for example) we must book ASAP because we missed out last year
6. Principal Report:
 - a. Enrolment and staffing update
 - i. At one point we were at 189 students, as of today we are at 172 -- losing students to homeschool, other schools, moving, etc.: our struggle is that 54 of our students are new to OLA this year, and we have diverse numbers (29 in grade 2, 16 in grade 3). We split the grade 4s because we had so many but now the numbers have gone down a lot. We split the 1/2s in the afternoon because we got a half time teacher. Meghan has negotiated for that extra half time teacher (Cassie Buktaka).
 - ii. Christine Baptista is not back yet but is doing some slow re-entry and volunteering -- Mr Esquivel has replaced her for now. We won't know for some time whether she will return this year.

- iii. Our caretaker Hank was diagnosed with cancer in May. Treatment is going well but we don't expect him back in the near future. Kent Nagata has taken on his role supported by an outside company.
 - iv. Question: Do we have FNMI support this year? Our Jordan's Principle EA (federal government grant providing support to treaty status individuals) resigned just before school started. We may get that position filled but may not as we bargained for additional teacher time.
 - v. Question: How does the high percentage of ELL kids affect the ability to teach in the classroom? It does add to the complexity and diversity of the classroom. We do have an ELL EA two hours a day to work with small group pullouts for these students. The situation is complex and multifaceted: in some ways it makes teaching more challenging but it also lends really awesome perspectives and diversity to our school. All schools have seen an influx of international students but we have seen a bit more, especially with families who are international students at the college. We are also seeing a lot of transiency because the housing situation is so challenging, so students often move out of the area.
- b. Oct calendar -
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b7tNZlFMxsCt2Xk-i5DVW6Gwd7VC12Yn/view?usp=sharing>
- i. Oct 24 - Quiznos hot lunch due Oct 18
 - ii. Question about science sizzle: put on by Discovery Education
 - iii. Volleyball question: two practices per week and two jamborees (Oct 25 and Nov 15)

7. Teacher Report:

- a. IB update and Faith Plan: We have our first visit scheduled for November. We have a monthly plan to integrate Catholic social justice principles and IB Learner Profile Attributes. This fits with our year 3 faith plan Proclaim Children of Hope: students will have the chance to share at assemblies and integrate faith and IB practices. Lots of inquiry happening -- it's going very well and we are excited to continue with accreditation.

8. New Business:

- a. Hot lunch/Fundraising update- purchase chips to go with Quiznos
- b. Left over chips will be used for later hot lunch - Sept 30 deadline for chips. Plain is cheaper; get 16 boxes and use for whenever. Selestia isn't sure about how to get reimbursed or if Tracy should order? Meghan will check
- c. Kona sold \$656, so we receive \$164!
- d. Panago Pizza night confirmed for Nov 19, plan to have one in spring as well
 - i. Meghan wondered if we'd heard from Papa John's: she has a brochure with similar fundraising which she passed to Selestia
 - ii. D-Spot also approached us but we think we will pass on that for now
- e. Wondering about Turkey Trot? Not sure -- individual teachers sometimes do it
- f. Some discussion of role of trustee

9. Next Meeting: Oct 22 7:00 PM online

10. Adjournment: 8:17 PM