

**CSAC Meeting #4**

April 21, 2021

6:00 p.m. Via Microsoft Teams

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Prayer – Rebecca
  2. Minutes from last meeting - Janet R.
    - a. Motion to accept minutes & agenda – Melissa S. & Cheri K.
  3. Treasurer's report - Carol Ann R.
  4. Principal's report - Rebecca Liotta
  5. Other Business:
  6. Next meetings - New school year September 22, November 17, January 19, 2022, April 20, Present: Janet R., Leanne M., Cheri K., Melissa S., CarolAnn R., Rebecca Liotta, Teresa O., Anna M., Bonnie M., Sarah G.
1. Prayer - Intentions...When This is Over - When this is over, may we never again take for granted a handshake with a stranger, conversations with neighbors, a crowded theater, Friday night out, the taste of Communion, a routine checkup, the school rush each morning, coffee with a friend, the stadium roaring, each deep breath, a boring Tuesday, life itself. When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be. And may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst. (Laura Kelly Fanucci)
  2. Minutes from previous meeting – motion to accept Teresa, 2nd-
  3. Treasurer's Report – no update as there has been no action. Any ideas on what to do with funds? Idea of a fun field trip for the entire school in 2021-2022, similar to the River Valley trip? We'll see how the pandemic progresses. Second idea of creating a "care package/morale booster" and mailing out to families.
  4. Principal's Report:
- Remote learning** - I have told the teachers to approach this as if this is how they will be teaching for the remainder of the year. If we come back to in-person learning, that is a bonus. Stress for parents - discussion re: how we can support families?
- Identified types of remote learners
    - **'the runners'** - families/students that choose to disengage or step back during remote learning
    - **'the flip-floppers'** - families/students you may see from time to time, they may complete some work and not attend, or may attend and never submit work
    - **'the 'in-person' remote learner'** - shows up, does everything that is expected of them as teacher as outlined through the Google Classroom

**School Improvement Planning -**

***In Faith Development, our school community will liaise with the newly formed Lake Huron Family of Parishes to nurture practices (ie. sacraments/prayers/liturgical seasons), rooted in our Catholic faith.***

-during Lent, Stations of the Cross with Father Vince (gr. 4-6), father Tony met with primary students on 4 Tuesdays, and Father Matt met with the 7<sup>th</sup>'s on Wednesdays. The sacrament of reconciliation was done by Father Vince over the announcements and then he went door to door and provided general absolution.

**Staffing Updates**-Justine Cooke (VAP and instrumental music) is on a leave of absence-welcome Caleb Warner for music (Mondays) and Tom Henning back for VAP (Fridays)

**Safe and Healthy School Committee:** Stress (for parents/children/staff)- discussion re how we can support families?

**Our Catholic Identity:**

Lenten Almsgiving toward the St. Andre Bessette Fund = \$321.00, supported 3 families with Easter Food baskets which included gift cards leftover from our Christmas drive-

5. Other Business:

- **Dress Code** - re-read code; every year there will be variables that put it up for discussion. All members were satisfied with the current code.

- **Graduation** - most likely will be a fully distanced, system-wide virtual Mass, drive-through pick up of awards...committee to discuss further

- **High school enrollment** - it was brought to my attention that the process for registering outside of HPCDSB was not communicated very well. I apologize for this and agreed to bring it to the attention of CSAC for future graduating classes. School is a business and we are quite confident that AMDSB is not advertising going to our school. Recruitment is a big issue and this year, we only have 2 of our graduates going to St. Anne's. Are there any suggestions as to how we can encourage our OLMC students to stay in the Catholic system?

- Should a previous student(s) come back to the school from St. Anne's to give a tour/talk?

- Tough with us being a border school.

- Put on September's agenda to discuss, encourage kids to head to St. Anne's.

**Should we plan a welcome back bbq?** We will discuss that in the late summer.

**What will school look like in the fall?** We don't know...however we do know there will be 6 classrooms. More info to come.

6. Adjourned, next meeting September 22/21

Future meetings Sept 22, Nov 17, Jan 19, April 20.