

OLOP PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Location: Our Lady of Providence School

Date: Monday September 30, 2024

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

In Attendance

Kerri Chartrand,(Principal) Karen DeGrandis (teacher representative), Karen Vitalis (teacher representative), Michelle Dreyer (Co-Chair), Josh Grant (Co-Chair), Ashlee Sahota (Secretary), Julianna Weberman (RCPIC Representative) Melissa Bond, Megan DeFlippis, James Diamond, Ann Marie Lewis, Brianne Moar, Carleigh Sladeczek

Regrets: Christie Turcotte (Treasurer), Sarah Mann, Lisa Jenereaux

Roles Assigned

- **Co-Chairs:** Michelle Dreyer, Josh Grant
- **Treasurer:** Christie Turcotte
- **Secretary:** Ashlee Sahota

Julianna Weberman will join the Regional Catholic Parent Council (RCPC) and report back to the group.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: approx. \$10,000
- Discussion on improving communication with parents regarding how funds are spent and the Parent Council's activities to increase transparency and understanding.
- **Approved:** Each teacher to spend up to \$100 on classroom supplies (\$1,400 total).
- **Approved:** Grade 8 graduation photo frames at a cost of \$400.

Principal's Report

- A **Spiritual Theme Card** sent home and will be discussed in class on October 5. The theme will be further explored during Catholic Education Week in May 2025.
- **The Hawks' 5 Commitments** are being reintroduced to promote positive behaviour among students.

- Teachers are adjusting to many new resources this year, including an updated language curriculum and digital learning platforms such as Knowledgehook, MathUP, and Edwin. Despite these tools, fostering student interaction and collaboration remains a key priority.
- **Kerri** will follow up on the status of the request for outdoor storage options for kindergarten toys and for pavement/drainage improvements in the kindergarten area.
- **Kerri** will also explore the feasibility of installing a long-jump pit.
- **Kerri** will confirm whether outdoor sports balls for students must be purchased through the school board; the discussion will be revisited.

Fundraising/Events

- **Fresh From the Farm:** Orders close next Monday; 1 or 2 volunteers are needed for packing.
- **Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras (March 4, 2025):** Options discussed for pancake preparation (in-house vs. external). This will be tabled for discussion at a future meeting.
- **Terra Easter Flowers:** April 2025
- **Glitz, Glam, Glow:** Tentative date set for May 23, 2025. Need to confirm St John's prom date as their students will assist. We will need to purchase face paint on sale after Halloween.
- **Big Box of Cards:** Fall 2025
- **LunchBox Orders:** Exploring options beyond Pita Pit and La Botega; **Karen V** to investigate Booster Juice.
- **Canada Day** and **Meet the Teacher Day** provide opportunities for the group to give back to the school community.
- **Potential grants** discussed; **Carleigh** will research available options.
- **James** will explore drama club options and draft a syllabus, leveraging his experience working on drama projects in the community.

Next Steps

- **Next meeting:** October 28 at 6:30pm