

Loyola Catholic School Council: Meeting Minutes

2023/24 Academic Year

2 April 2024

Attendees

Staff – Paul Cianciolo, Chaplain Wayne, Michelle Belbeck-Rego, Christopher Hodges

Parents – Sriyani, Olivia, Angela, Ana G, Anna L, Annette, Dawn, Roberto, Shawna, Ivonne, Christine, Kathy, Danny, Theresa, Javier, Carla

Key Discussion & Action Items

1. Chaplain's Update

- Updates included the following:
 - Ash Wednesday mass
 - Trivia Night success
 - Catholic Education Week in May
 - Announcements being streamed live daily to engage students

2. Student Council

- Updates included the following:
 - Junior Dance – mentors will be present to create a safe and supportive environment
 - Coffee House planning
 - Spirit Week in May – multicultural day
 - Nests and upcoming Common Compass presentation

3. Principal's Update

- Updates included the following:
 - Loyola Dance – thanks to council and to Chaplain Wayne for going above and beyond to contribute to a calm and safe school climate
 - Parent/Guardian Session with Common Compass on April 25, 2024
 - 1. Seeking volunteers to help with refreshments
 - 2. Request for Council members to promote the event
 - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
 - 1. Seeking two new members to fill vacancies left by outgoing members – one to represent Oakville
 - Finances – including school-generated funds and other items – discussed
 - SEAC and Student Excellence Award winners announced and congratulated

4. Five-Period Day

- Discussed the ramifications and addressed next steps
- Decision still TBD pending bussing negotiations

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5. Uniform

- Provided a status update on requests for new items per last Council meeting
- Samples for new items pending

6. EQAO

- Literacy sessions have been scheduled to help prepare students who need extra support

7. Vulnerable Sector Screening

- Required for School Council members in 2024/25

8. Hawkeye Leadership

- Mentor selection continues
- Interviews are starting with potential mentors next week

9. E-Sports/Multi-Purpose Room

- Discussed the status of the room and how it could help support a 5-period day with activities and availability at lunch

10. Approval of Minutes – 6 February 2024 Meeting

- Discussed and approved
- Moved by Christine
- Seconded by Carla

11. Treasurer's Report

- Trivia Night Income statement provided to Chaplain
 - Event was a success and collected about \$2k

12. Learning Commons Update

- Learning Commons has four x-boxes available, and is currently ensuring that games are appropriate for students to play during Game Club
- Resource Guide prepared for the upcoming solar eclipse
- Amateur astronomer Ed Mizzi will be discussing the eclipse with students on Thursday

13. Student Services Update & Robotics

- Ms. Rego indicated that students must use Power School to verify courses/make changes to electives for the upcoming school year
- Grade 9 STEAM students will be continuing to a Grade 10 STEAM program
- Due to high demand for the Grade 9 STEAM program in 2024/25, a selection committee had to review applications based on thoughtful questions designed to demonstrate student interest and commitment

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- The Hawkeye First Robotics Team successfully designed and built their robot in six weeks, beginning in January
 - They were ranked fifth at two recent events and Loyola was recognized with several significant awards
 - Provincial Championships begin on Thursday

14. Review of Council Meeting Dates

- Discussed and approved the following:
 - 4 June 2024 – social and end-of-year business