

Loyola Catholic School Council: Meeting Minutes

2024/25 Academic Year – Second Meeting

5 November 2024

Attendees

Staff – Josie Halycz, Shari Typer

Parents – Jay Thakore (regrets – currently consulting with principal on fundraising), Jacqueline Balea, Andrea Botelho, Grace Bruch, Annette Corneil, Silva Cubelic, Andrea Dhas, Sandra Duff, Shawna Dupont, Alexandra Franco, Bernice Howden, Olga Koutsokostas, Theresa MacDonald, Christine Phillips, Sriyani Rathugamage, Carla Reale, Gustavo Barrios

Key Discussion & Action Items

1. Passing of Justice Sinclair, Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- Discussed & honoured

2. Student Council Update

- Discussed and approved:
 - Senior Dance in November, with Junior Dance to be scheduled in the Winter

3. Council of Chairs Meeting

- Discussed:
 - Mental health supports
 - Cell phone use in school
 - Networking session on November 20th
 - Pathways Presentation in November

4. Bylaws

- Briefly acknowledged that all had read the by-laws

5. Council Minutes

- Approved with amendment:
 - Teresa moved and Annette seconded

6. Principal's Update

- Discussed:
 - Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People display
 - Completion of safety drills
 - Steam Open House and Grade 8 Information Night – well attended
 - Steam Info Night and Girls in Steam on November 21st

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- Universities visiting Loyola on November 14th and 15th
- Steam students receiving progress reports on 14th
- Dinner with Bishop Crosby on November 14th – three spots available
- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – presentation on bullying and being a bystander
- December 12th – non-uniform day to support Angel Campaign
- Pantry – another cabinet required; considering expanding the program to include clothing to support students in need
- Naloxone in the school, along with three defibrillators
- Yarn donations required for knitting club
- Lego donations needed for First Lego League

7. Review of Council Meeting Dates

- Discussed and approved the next date:
 - 4 February 2025

8. School Generated Funds – Plan for 2024/25

- Discussed and approved funding for E-Sports room screens:
 - Treasurer Jay is looking at fundraising options for a potential match of Trivia Night donations

9. New OSSD Requirements & E-Learning

- Discussed:
 - New financial literacy requirement for Grade 9s
 - Ministry funding model changed in 2023/24 to require 30% of courses to be provided via asynchronous e-learning
 - Principal to provide an update in Winter 2025

10. Robotics Update

- Robotics team presented to the HCDSB Board, joined by staff lead Ms. Belbeck-Rego
 - Modeled current robot
 - Reinforced experiential learning, gracious professionalism, and teamwork

11. VP Update

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- Discussed:
 - Mid-term and progress reports (for Steam students) scheduled for November 14th
 - OSSLT November 18th - 22nd
 - Importance of student attendance
 - Cleanliness focus continues – new custodian onboarded
 - Student washrooms being repainted
 - Smoke-Free Ontario Act
 - Progressive discipline approach + Vaping D2L Module
 - 2024-25 Immunization of School Pupils Act
 - Suspensions to take effect in February/March 2025

12. St. Matthew Update

- Father presided over Thanksgiving mass
- Loyola student sang Amazing Grace and many students joined in