

Loyola Catholic School Council: Meeting Minutes

2024/25 Academic Year – Inaugural Meeting

1 October 2024

Attendees

Staff – Josie Halycz, Wayne Lachapelle, Chris Hodges, Michelle Belbeck-Rego, Patrick Bunphy

Parents – Jacqueline Balea, Andrea Botelho, Grace Bruch, Annette Corneil (regrets), Silva Cubelic, Manju Das, Andrea Dhas, Sandra Duff, Shawna Dupont, Alexandra Franco, Bernice Howden, Olga Koutsokostas, Theresa MacDonald, Roberta Pereira, Christine Phillips, Sriyani Rathugamage, Carla Reale, Jay Thakore, Javier Yanez

Key Discussion & Action Items

1. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day

- Discussed

2. Student Council Update

- Discussed and approved:
 - Interviews being piloted vs elections to increase equity and fairness
 - Pink Day on Friday – 800+ students registered to attend the game in support of charity
 - Uniform – navy blue joggers and dress pants to roll out by request of 2023/24 Council
 - New, approved hoodie to be offered for graduating students
 - Full-zip sweatshirt not possible, but rugby shirt to be explored with price TBD

3. Selection of Council Positions

- Overview of School Council By-laws and Code of Ethics provided by principal, with full package to be emailed to members

4. Election of Council Positions

- Co-Chairs – Christine & Carla
- Secretary – Shawna
- Treasurer – Jay
- Community Rep – Javier
- Parish Rep – Josie Halycz
- OAPCE Rep – TBD
- Loyola Staff Rep – Michelle Belbeck-Rego, Chris Hodges, Chaplain Wayne

5. Chaplain's Update

- Discussed and approved:
 - Completion of council-funded front landscaping

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- New Loyola Pantry for families in need
- February 21, 2025 as the date for the third annual Loyola Trivia Night, to be hosted in the gym – sister schools to be invited to attend to increase participation

6. Bylaws and Financial Report

- Discussed and approved

7. Review of Council Meeting Dates

- Discussed and approved the following dates:
 - 5 November 2024
 - 4 February 2025
 - 1 April 2025
 - 3 June 2025
- Agenda items to be emailed to principal in advance of next meeting – perhaps indicate need for another pantry email, indicating

8. Principal's Report

- Discussed and approved, with the following action items identified:
 - Council of Chairs meeting on October 23, 2024, with members invited to attend
 - Establishment of strong Equity and Inclusion committees
 - Options for the 2024-25 Pro Grant to be finalized, with potential to engage Common Compass again to support mental health
 - Parent reps required for Safe Schools and Education and Care of Life Committee parent reps needed, consisting of two meetings
 - School-generated Funds Report to be shared and discussed in November
 - Includes commissions from cafeteria, activity fees, etc.
 - Includes summer camp money raised and money set aside for teams and FoodforThought to run the breakfast program
 - Funds to be spent within the current school year
 - Loyola Cares campaign run by Chaplain Wayne, with the Miracle on Thursday, collected \$17,000. Plans for 2024/25 campaign underway.
 - Donations of yarn required to support the Hawks & Hugs Stitching club
 - Options to donate Fresh from the Farm purchases to families in need
 - Student Activity Fees – communication to be issued, clarifying that the fees support both Loyola Cares (for disadvantaged students) and yearbook production

9. VP Update

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- Discussed and approved, with action items that include:
 - Importance of student attendance
 - More laptops are required for OSSLT and other exams
 - Option to purchase via School-Generated Funds
 - Better tracking of facility requests to improve cleanliness and maintenance
 - Potential refresh of all student washrooms
 - Smoke-Free Ontario Act
 - Loyola focusing on education via Vaping D2L Module created with Halton Public Health
 - 2024-25 Immunization of School Pupils Act
 - Suspensions to take effect in February/March 2025

10. Librarian's Report

- Discussed and approved:
 - Scavenger hunts to familiarize students with info available