

Meeting Minutes of Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Council October 3, 2023

1. 6:30 pm – Mr. Vandebosch read the opening prayer and welcomed all committee members. Committee members introduced themselves and identified their child(ren)'s name and grade.
2. Mr. Vandebosch discussed the committee positions in detail. The board member's positions were then decided upon through a vote. The results were as follows: Beth Astles Chair, Courtney Doucette, Vice-Chair, Trena Mueller Treasurer and Kristen Plaskon Secretary.
3. Mr. Vandebosch discussed the Principal's Report. (please see report attached)
4. Fundraising ideas were discussed. Ideas will be brought to next meeting.
5. Our next meeting will be on November 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the school library.
6. Closing Prayer was read by Mr. Vandebosch and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Principal Report - Tuesday, October 3, 2023. – 6:30 pm

1. **School Organization.** Currently we have about 510 students housed in 23 classes. We have six portable classrooms. Currently, we are using 4 of them for our grade 5 and 6 students. This year we only have four Kindergarten classes and they are all located on the first floor.
2. **Building Updates.** The 2 single portables have been equipped with interactive projectors and speakers. This work was done over the summer break.
3. **Health and Safety.** We have started our fall safety drills last week. We completed the bomb threat evacuation on Friday. The drill went very well. On Monday we completed the first of three fire drills that we will do over the next week or so. On Wednesday Oct. 4th, we will practice a lockdown drill.
4. **Communication to parents from Office:** Emails and school messenger blasts, Website, Telephone calls home.
5. **School Fundraisers:** We will continue with: Dress down Fridays. \$2 per family 3x month.
Pizza Days Every Friday.

Goal: Technology. We still need more iPads. Our iPad to student ratio is about 1:4.

6. We will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday October 31st. Students will be permitted to wear their Halloween costume or Orange and Black attire on this day. Halloween themed activities are planned for the day. We are not running a fundraiser this year.
7. **Sports Update:** Currently flag football has begun. We entered a senior girls' team as well as a senior and junior boys' team. Games started on the weekend. Cross-country event was held today. Once again, we were limited in numbers by the CYO. We sent grades 6-8 to the event.
8. **Return of School Assemblies:**
Father Andrew Quarshie was here on September 29th, for the blessing of the new school year. We gathered in the gym and had a short liturgy. Father then blessed all the staff and students. The staff and students are really going to enjoy Father Andrew.

Following the liturgy on Friday, we had our first awards assembly. We recognized Academics, Reason for Someone Smiling, Fair Player (sportsmanship award).