

École Our Lady of the Rosary School
School Council Meeting – Budget and Fundraising Review
February 17, 2022

Staff: Rob Coumont, Tamara Neiley

Parents: Megan, Nanci Lyn, Francine, James, Darcy

10:31 – meeting called to order

10:32 – land acknowledgement and opening prayer

10:36 – budget review and expense tracking:

Family dance - school may be able to host dance in Spring depending on protocols. Will put this item forward to March council meeting item to discuss further.

Field trips - teachers will be able to go ahead with planning but are advised to check cancellation policy carefully as restrictions may change as year progresses.

Grade 4 hoodies – on budget to get hoodies rather than tshirts.

Grade 4 swim lessons – still finalizing price numbers from Nexsource Centre (will be over \$3,000). Original price quoted did not include tax. Bus fees also added to projected expense.

Staff appreciation – add to March council meeting agenda.

Bottle drive – next big fundraiser for council is bottle drive scheduled for April 10. Families will also be able to drop of donations April 11 & 12.

Next year budget – council proposed that in future years committee should start with fundraising goals and then create budget based on projected income.

Proposed to include supported families for all events (hot lunch, Nexsource pass, Gulls game).

General discussion on how many big fundraisers to do each year. Decided on 2-3 major fundraisers and will likely have small monthly opportunities as well (treat day).

Plan to continue with DFS Christmas fundraiser, if bottle drive successful will consider doing again. Discuss possibility to fundraise at upcoming Family dance (cake walk, glo-sticks, ect). Other fundraising ideas include increasing cost of hot lunch, and adding school fee on top of yearly agenda fee to cover field trip costs. Families will not be expected to pay out of pocket for field trips.

If Hot Lunch raises enough this year, council will look at transferring excess funds into general account.

Discussion on possibly having Grade 4's do their own class fundraiser (similar to Pre-K annual Wreath sale).

Student council training workshops – March 23, 2022 at 7:30pm is initial Community Engagement workshop (council will pay per person for attendees). March 15, 2022 at 10-11:30am is School Council

Purposes (prerequisite for future courses), we require a minimum of 5 attendees for this presentation. Will occur immediately after scheduled school council meeting which begins at 9am.

Parent volunteers – looking to increase parent involvement for Hot Lunch. Will assign 1 class to each hot lunch day. Will need 2 parent volunteers per class. Volunteers require criminal record check.

Parent/Teacher interviews – March 23 & 24. General discussion regarding in person vs online interviews. Hybrid mode preferred as parents are excited to be allowed to enter school for in person meetings, however online option works better for some families.

11:28 - Closing prayer - meeting adjourned