



Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

In attendance: Lina Cannella, Claire Beauvais, Sarah Dennison, Lerida DeLuca Drosi, James Dzandzi, Amy Gillgrass, Erin Horrill, Val Iantomasi, Mr. Messina, Catherine MacIsaac, Khabel Mahamed, Dolly Palin, Kate Prangley, Jennifer Rutkowski, Cristina Tofano-Pasher, Maddalena Traina,

Regrets: Deb Tallevi

Opening Prayer: Erin Horrill

Welcome and Introductions: All

Officer Clarke: Social Media Presentation

Liaison Officer Clarke engaged our Catholic School Council in a social media presentation through discussion, visuals, and role playing. His message was clear on the importance of being vigilant with our children when interacting with their electronics, the consequences, and dangers if abused. Some tips include:

- parents set the ground rules not the child, monitor their devices frequently
- promote the positive uses of social media
- importance of privacy settings, block unwanted calls/messages
- parents should know passcodes and do unscheduled spot checks; keep out of bedrooms at night
- digital footprint remains forever
- Bullying = Harassment (adult term), can be charged
- Teach the skills: STOP, TALK and WALK
- Children can be arrested, charged and receive jail time at age 12!
- Provide support and reassurance, encourage victim to not get discouraged

Principal's Report: Mr. Messina

THE MISSION OF THE HWCDSB

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.

Learning with Faith Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will continue to work to deepen students' knowledge and Catholic doctrine in order to grow in faith and virtue, and to strengthen their commitment to Christ in the Church, with an emphasis on prayer and stewardship.

Literacy Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will work to foster the acquisition, understanding, and independent application of literacy competencies in all areas across the curriculum.

Numeracy Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will provide a more intense focus on basic and multi-step operations in all five strands of numeracy through reinforced practice, and improve on student mindset towards mathematics.

Pathways Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will work to support students with explicit teaching and guided student exploration as students develop learning skills, work habits and goal setting, and work through education/career/life planning.

Catholic Community, Culture and Service Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will work to foster an inclusive and healthy school environment.

Student Enrolment/Staffing:

- Student enrollment 198 to-date
- Welcome Mr. Angelo Porco – FDK Teacher – skilled in technologies

Liturgical Celebrations:

1. Communicant/ Parent Meeting – Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00p.m.
2. Ash Wednesday School Mass – Wednesday, February 18th at 9:00a.m.

Special Days/Events:

1. Friday, January 23rd – PA Day
2. Family Literacy Week: Snuggle Up and Read Day at Canadian Martyrs! – Wednesday, January 28; 9:00a.m.-11:15a.m.
3. Student of the Month Award Assembly (Theme: Respectfulness) – Thursday, January 29th
4. Grade 8 Camp Brebeuf Outdoor Education Visit - February 2 -4
5. Celebrate Walking to School by Wearing Yellow Day – February 4th
6. Report Cards sent home – February 10th
7. Family Day – Monday, February 16th
8. Chief's Gala in Support of Camp Brebeuf & Camp Marydale – Thursday, September 10th 2015

Extra-curricular

- Current season of Boys Junior and Senior Basketball & Girls Junior and Senior Volleyball

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015

- Revised
- 5th Pillar – Catholic Community, Culture & Service, Mental Health Awareness Campaign: Anaphylaxis Awareness & Creating a Caring Community (3rd Year McMaster Student Nurses); *Canadian Martyrs Cares Assembly* (Friday, March 13), Brian Amarelo as special guest

Programs/Resources

- Growth & Development Booklets Resource: grades 5, 6, 7 & 8; compliments of family life program; focus of family as first teacher; building healthy relationships
- Resources for Parents: www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement.html
- C.Y.O. Summer Day Camp 2015 – Camp Marydale
- CCAS – *Adoption Services & Become a Foster Parent*

Budget/Fundraising

- Spring - Chocolate Bar Fundraiser March 23 – April 7

Steps for Improvement

- Communication – Website/E-mail/\Monthly Calendar
- School Cash On-line
- Bus protocol during inclement weather: children stay inside until bus arrives, EAs watch outside with walkie-talkies; use of buddy system for primary students
- Electronic Devices at School: students required to follow rules re no texting or emailing; use of devices for educational, sports, entertainment
- Monthly divisional team meetings – Collaborative Inquiry
- Monthly Staff meetings
- Monthly Catholic School Council Meetings

Budget/Fundraising

Treasurer Report: Report from Mrs. MacIsaac, presented by Sarah Dennison

September 2014 – January 2015

Opening Balance as of September 2014		\$1,653.86	
Income		Expenses	
State Farm	\$500.00	Purchase of Kernels Popcorn	\$126.53
PRO Grant	\$1,000.00	Purchase of Kernels Popcorn	\$113.00
Mom-to-Mom Sale	\$88.75	Purchase of Kernels Popcorn	\$113.00
Sale of Popcorn	\$147.50	MacMillan Fundraiser	\$1,280.75
Sale of Popcorn	\$87.50		
MacMillan Fundraiser	\$2,169.00		
Turkey Lunch	\$699.30	Turkey Luncheon (Dec)	\$175.05
State Farm (Dec)	\$500.00	Turkey Luncheon (Dec)	\$272.35
Christmas Store (Dec)	\$2,143.15	Christmas Store	\$243.96
Popcorn sales (Nov)	\$125.80	Christmas Store	\$174.19
Popcorn sales (Dec)	\$109.50	Christmas Store –purchased Jan	\$178.55
Toyota Grant Balance	<u>\$1,062.94</u>	Popcorn purchase (Jan)	\$113.00
		Robotics (to be given to school)	<u>\$354.88</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,633.34	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,145.26

Outdoor Classroom Update:

	Income	Expenses
Toyota Grant	\$2,000.00	\$1,191.42
Mrs. Cipolla Donation	\$1,000.00	\$140.00
		\$304.28
		301.36
Total	\$3,000.00	\$1,937.06
Balance Remaining	\$1,062.94	

Ending Balance as of January 20, 2015: \$7,141.94

Co-Chair Report: Lina Cannella & Erin Horrill

- Christmas Store 2015: initial shopping begun by Lina Cannella and Amy Gillgrass; everyone asked to look for appropriate items
- PRO Grant: received \$1000 for healthy eating event for students and families, defer discussion until next meeting
- Valentine’s Day event: Cadbury basket donated for raffle; historical practice of cake raffle; Mrs. Traina raised food allergy safety concerns and risk of home baking, discussion ensued; need to promote peanut free environment; don’t want to exclude any children; need to stress peanut free in letter; suggestion re photo board of donated cakes or raffle of other items in baskets; majority of group approved vote to pursue cake raffle again this year; Mr. Messina to follow up at Principal Group on January 21 to see if allowed; may need to have e-vote re final plans
- Pasta Dinner night: in the past have hosted during Catholic Education week (May 3 – 8, 2015), defer discussion until next meeting

Meetings:

Next meeting: Mr. Messina to invite level 3 nursing students to present anaphylaxis
 Remaining meetings for the year: February 17, March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16

Closing Prayer: Erin Horrill