



Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

In attendance: Joel Begin, Lina Cannella, Sarah Dennison, Amy Gillgrass, Erin Horrill, Mr. Messina, Dolly Palin, Jennifer Rutkowski, Deb Tallevi, Maddalena Traina

Regrets: Claire Beauvais, Lerida DeLuca Drosi, Val Iantomasi, Kate Prangley, Cristina Tofano-Pasher

Opening Prayer: Erin Horrill

Welcome and Introductions: All

ECO Fair: Mr. Begin

- Shared event with St. Augustine, St. Bernadette and Canadian Martyrs schools
- Presentation re upcoming ECO film Festival on April 13 at St. Augustine school
- Afternoon events hosted at each school and then evening event at St. Augustine
- This is the 5th annual event (initiated when Mr. Begin taught at St. Augustine)
- Focus on the environment, including repurposed items, plant sale and film
- [www@planetinfocus.org](http://www.planetinfocus.org) providing full funding to show eco films
- Will be showing *Landfill Harmonic* movie- see [www@landfillharmonicmovie.com](http://www.landfillharmonicmovie.com)
- Requesting parent council support by donating an eco basket with spring theme

Principal's Report: Mr. Messina

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 197
- Assessing Early Class Projections
- JK/SK In-takes

Liturgical Celebrations:

1. Ash Wednesday School Mass – Wednesday, February 18th at 9:30a.m.
2. School Mass – Thursday, March 12 at 9:00a.m.

Special Days/Events:

1. Central Compost Educational excursion – Feb. 19 (Gr. 4/5) was rescheduled to April 1st
2. Diversity In-school Conference Feb. 23rd (Gr. 7)
3. Third year MacMaster Student Nurses - class presentations/workshops on “Kindness” - Feb. 27
4. Student of the Month Award Assembly – Theme: *Effective Communicator* & introduction of March theme: *Creativity*
5. System Robotics Competition at Bishop Ryan C.S.S. – Feb. 27 & 28; Mrs. O’Brien leading this group now
6. Camp Brebeuf Outdoor Education - Mar 2-4 (Gr. 8)
7. Thursday, March 5th – French Café
8. Fire & Lockdown Drills continue this term; developing lunch evacuation plan
9. Fred Penner Performance at West Highland Church – Mar 12 (K-3)
10. Canadian Martyrs Cares Assembly – March 13. Guest Brian Amello
11. March Break – Mar 16-20
12. Hamilton Public Library visits JK/SK students – Mar 23

Extra-curricular

- Boys Junior and Senior Basketball & Girls Junior Volleyball Playoffs
- Recess Lead Program – up-date; received fully funded gym equipment (balls, etc)
- Stamp Club Meeting (lunch hour) – February 24 & March 10

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015

- Moderation/Monitoring Period
- Mass Prayer Booklets and visits by Principal to each classroom
- Focus: 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) – care bands to be distributed to all

Programs/Resources

- C.Y.O. Summer Day Camp 2015 – Camp Marydale
- CCAS – *Adoption Services & Become a Foster Parent*

Budget/Fundraising

- Group agrees to post budget on website (in minutes) so as to maintain transparency
- Spring - Chocolate Bar Fundraiser March 23 – April 7
 - permission letter to be sent home Friday, February 27
 - 1 case per family (oldest and only) with consent form completed
 - prizes include: \$200 gift card of choice, space scooter, movie baskets
 - chocolate bunny for each case sold
 - pizza party for most sales per capita
 - fundraiser begins – Mar 23 – April 7; 9:30 Assembly & Distribution of chocolates
- Full WiFi coming soon so fundraising money to be used towards technology: IPADs, document reader, etc.

Steps for Improvement

- Concussion Protocol Review
 - Website (January)
 - Dr. Evans Concussion 101 -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCCD52Pty4A>
 - Communication – Website/E-mail/\Monthly Calendar
- School Cash On-line Up-date
- Monthly Divisional Team Meetings
- Monthly Staff meetings
- Monthly Catholic School Council Meeting

Budget/Fundraising**Treasurer Report:** Report from Mrs. MacIsaac, presented by Dolly Palin**September 2014 – February 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	Snow Blower for School	\$415.84
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	\$1,062.94	Popcorn purchase (Jan)	\$113.00
Samko Fundraiser	\$89.51	Robotics (to be given to school)	\$354.88
Popcorn Sales	\$161.00	Popcorn purchase (Feb)	\$226.00
Valentine Cake Raffle	\$353.45	Christmas Store purchased Feb	\$408.26
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,891.16	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,195.36

Ending Balance as of February 17, 2015: \$6, 695.80

	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	

Co-Chair Report: Lina Cannella & Erin Horrill

- Valentine Cake raffle and draw another successful event with 40 donated items; raised \$353.45
- St Mary's- request for graduation donation – unanimous - \$50 donation agreed
- PRO Grant: received \$1000 for healthy eating event for students and families, seeking ideas; to finalize next meeting
- Pasta Dinner night: in the past have hosted during Catholic Education week (May 3 – 8, 2015), group agreed to proceed with event; to finalize details at next meeting
- Jennifer art auction idea; showed St. Bernadette's art: 1 painting per class
- Theme of Catholic Education Week "Joy"

Meetings:**Guest Speaker:** Third Year Mac Students – *Anaphylaxis Presentation March Meeting***Remaining meetings:** March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16**Closing Prayer:** Erin Horrill