

# Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**In attendance:** Claire Beauvais, Lina Cannella, Katherine Cardwell, Sarah Dennison, Lerida Drosi, Amy Gillgrass, Erin Horrill, Val Iantomasi, Mr. Messina, Dolly Palin, Jennifer Rutkowski, Maddalena Traina

**Regrets:** Deb Tallevi

1. **Opening Prayer:** Erin Horrill
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** All
3. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Peter 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.

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### **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.

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### **Student Enrolment/Staffing:**

- Student enrollment 197 to-date
- Early Class Projections for 2014-2015
- On-going JK/SK In-takes, only 1 class for September, continuing to seek more students

### **Liturgical Celebrations:**

1. Catholic Education Community Mass – Sunday, May 3
2. Grade 2 First Holy Communion – Sunday, May 3
3. May Crowning School Mass – May 14

### **Special Days/Events:**

1. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lights Out Canada Event – April 22
2. ECO Fair Film Fest5 – April 22; 9:00a.m.
3. Secretaries Day – April 22
4. Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly – April 23; 1:00p.m.
5. Professional Activity Day – No School – April 24
6. Hamilton Public Library Visits CM Grade 4 Students – April 27
7. Scholastic Book Fair – April 28 – May 4

8. Ontario Science Center E-Waste Presentation to Junior & Intermediate Students – April 28
9. OYAP Presentation to Grades 7 & 8 Students
10. System Public Speaking Final Forum, Grades 4-8 – April 29; 6:15p.m. @ BR
11. Student of the Month Assembly Awards & Term 1 Honor Roll Students – May 30 at 12:30p.m.
12. Dental Screening for FDK, Grades 2,4,6,8
13. Catholic Education Week: Sunday, May 3 – Friday, May 8 (System/School Events to be Posted on CM Website)
14. HWCDSB Garage Sale (BBQ & Ticket Raffle) - Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
15. Grades 4-6 Marydale Educational & CEW Themes Excursion
16. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire Drill
17. Fire Safety Presentation to Grades 1-4 by Fire Department – May 5 at 9:20a.m.
18. Jump Rope for Heart – May 6 at 1:00p.m.
19. Scripture Reading Presentation – May 6 at 7:00p.m., BR
20. Director's Award of Excellence Presentation at the CEC – May 7, 1:00p.m.
21. CSC Pasta Dinner Night – May 7 starting at 5:30p.m.
22. 911 Program Presentations to FDK Classes – April 8, 1:00p.m.
23. Spring School Photo Day – May 14
24. May Crowning Mass – May 14, 9:00a.m.
25. President's Dinner Award in Honor of Toran Seggie (EA) – May 14
26. Victoria Day, No School – May 18

#### **Extra-curricular**

- Stamp Club Meeting (lunch hour) – **May 12**, Grades 3-8
- Junior Boys Volleyball – Coaches: Mrs. Bonini & Mrs. Dagenais
- Cross Country – Coach: Mrs. Chesla, **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, Whole School Event
- Track & Field – Coaches: Mrs. Meville & Mr. Gordon

#### **School Improvement Plan 2014-2015**

- Ongoing Moderation/Monitoring Period for Term 2 – Reviewing Data, Targeted Actions/Strategies, Evidence of Progress; Superintendent Moderation Visit – Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Programs/Resources**

- C.Y.O. Summer Day Camp 2015 – Camp Marydale
- CCAS – *Adoption Services & Become a Foster Parent*
- Precious Moments – See website for details

#### **Budget/Fundraising**

- Secretary Report
- Spring School Fundraiser “Chocolate Challenge” – up-date (see website for details)
- Money towards school wide WI FI

#### **Steps for Improvement**

- School Communication:
  - ✓ Website (banner/buzz board/ weekly e-mail)
  - ✓ Electronic Board
  - ✓ Monthly Calendar
- School Cash On-line Up-date
- Monthly Divisional Team Meetings
- Monthly Staff meetings
- Monthly Catholic School Council Meetings

#### **Guest Speaker:**

- ✚ Mr. Begin – ECO Fair Film Fest5 Presentation
- ✚ Eco Fair is on April 22 events are starting at our school around 9:00am, St. Bernadette's in afternoon and then in the evening at St. Augustine's School from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

#### **4. Grade 8 Memory Book – Sarah Dennison**

- Past 2 years we have supported memory book for grade 8, includes individual student submissions of written information & photos, also other photos from student time at CMS. Cathedral publishing group used for printing booklets
- Requesting funds to support payment – cost \$12 / student last year
- 21 grade 8 students with additional purchased for intermediate teachers, French teacher, and principal
- Committee voted unanimously to approve funding support
- A big thank you to Sarah Dennison from parent council for organizing

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Report from Mrs. MacIsaac, presented by Sarah Dennison:  
**September 2014 – April 2015**

<b>Opening Balance as of September 2014</b>		<b>\$1,653.86</b>	
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	<b>Snow Blower for School</b>	<b>\$415.84</b>
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 purchase Feb	\$408.26
<b>Popcorn Sales</b>	<b>\$282.45</b>	<b>St. Mary's Grad Award</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Easter Basket Raffle</b>	<b>\$69.00</b>	<b>Kernel's Popcorn</b>	<b>\$226.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,242.61</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,471.36</b>

**Ending Balance as of April 17, 2015: \$6,771.25**

	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	

6. **Co-Chair's Report** – Lina Cannella and Erin Horrill

- The Healthy Eating Night has been booked for May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm to 7:30 pm at Fortinos community room all are welcome. Chef from "My Tree House Kitchen" will be teaching us 2 recipes. 40 people maximum, pre-registration required. Details to be confirmed.
- Pasta dinner is on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at school from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, letter to be sent home soon. Seeking assistance to serve pasta. Dinner from Roma. Discussion re Art night/silent auction ... may be consideration for next year or seek donations from classes.
- Seeking idea's for next year's PRO grant submission. Ideas to submitted electronically with e-vote.
- Positive balance for funds identified from treasurer's report (see above).

- Suggested to donate to each teacher. Group agreed. Mrs. Traina to develop a wish list for teachers.
  - Laminating rolls requested by Mrs. MacIsaac (via Mr. Messina). Group agreed.
  - June 10 Fortino's BBQ fundraiser 4:00pm to 7:00pm. All food supplied by Fortinos. Need 10 volunteers to support the event by cooking, selling, and serving. We could also have a raffle
7. **Student Concern** re request for soccer balls – Kate Prangley
- Mr. Messina responded by discussing concussion concerns re leather soccer balls and risk of injuries. New concussion protocol is 8 step process. There have been many injuries with leather soccer balls. Currently only Nerf balls allowed. Will consider re-looking at issue.
8. **Closing Prayer** – Erin Horrill

**NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2015 at 6:30**

Remaining meetings for the school year: June 16