

Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

In attendance: Sarah Dennison, Lerida Drosi, Amy Gillgrass, Val Iantomasi, Mr. Messina, Dolly Palin, Jennifer Rutkowski, Deb Tallevi, Maddalena Traina

Regrets: Lina Cannella, Katherine Cardwell, Erin Horrill, Kate Prangley

1. **Opening Prayer:** Sarah Dennison

2. **Welcome and Introductions:** All

3. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Peter Messina

THE MISSION OF THE HWCDSEB *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
- Share Early Class Projections for 2014-2015 – Up-date
- On-going JK/SK In-takes
- Expecting 5 LTOs to be leaving at end of school year: Miss Grimaldi, Mr. Porco, Mrs. Bonini, Mrs. Dagenais, Mrs. O'Brien
- Mrs. Chesla is retiring at end of school year

Liturgical Celebrations:

1. Monday & Wednesday Community Masses at 12:30p.m.
2. Graduation Mass – June 17
3. Year End Mass – June 25

Special Days/Events:

1. Grades 3 & 6 EQAO: Monday, May 25 – Friday, June 5
2. "Alice in Wonderland" Performance by St. Mary CSS at CM - May 25, a.m.
3. Dental Visit for FDK, Gr. 1&2 Classes – May 26, 9:00-10:00a.m.
4. Children's Water Festival Education at the Pier 4 Bayfront Park – May 27
5. CSC Healthy Eating Event at Fortinos, Main Street West – May 27, 5:30-7:30p.m.
6. FDK Nutrition Fieldtrip to Fortinos – May 28, 9:-00-11:30a.m.
7. Student of the Month Award Assembly "Teamwork"- May 29, 12:30p.m.
8. St. Mary Drumline Presentation at CM, June 2, 12:45p.m.
9. Releasing Salmon at Bronte Creek – Gr. 1/2 & 4/5 Class, June 3, a.m.
10. Professional Activity Day – No School, June 5
11. Hamilton Public Library Visits CM – June 8, 12:30p.m.
12. Grade 7&8 Ottawa Trip – June 9-11
13. Forestry Presentation for Grade 3 Students – June 9, 9:00-10:00a.m.
14. CM Fortinos Fundraiser, Main Street West – June 10, 4:00-7:00p.m.
15. Author Michael Wade Visits Grades 3-6 Classes – June 15
16. Play Day – June 24 a.m. & Awards/Honour Roll Assembly p.m.

Extra-curricular

- Stamp Club Meeting (lunch hour) – **June 9**, Grades 3-8
- Track & Field Day – Gr. 3-8 (Approx. 35 Students Attend), June 2

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015

- Ongoing Moderation/Monitoring Period for Term 2 – Reviewing Data, Targeted Actions/Strategies, Evidence of Progress
- Superintendent Moderation Visit with School SIPSA Committee– Monday, June 1st

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 – presented by Sarah Dennison
- End of year request from Mrs. Meville to support the intermediate trip to Ottawa – unanimous decision to subsidize each student \$5.00 towards their year-end field trips, this includes our grade 7 & 8 students
- Group agreed to \$50.00 for 1 male and 1 female Grad Award
- Mrs. Traina will liaison and follow through with Staff regarding “wish list” for classroom miscellaneous needs for September on behalf of the Council
- Consider purchasing new technology (e.g. document readers) for September along with our chocolate bar fundraising monies

Steps for Improvement

- **Need to purchase a new bike rack for students** – council agrees to review at cost at June meeting
- Outdoor stenciling activities to be completed soon e.g. 4 square, hop scotch, map of Canada, social justice, wall darts, etc.
- 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

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 last year, using school board’s printing department this year with cheaper cost
- 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

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	Snow Blower for School	\$415.84
MacMillan Fundraiser	\$2,169.00	Turkey Luncheon (Dec)	\$175.05
Turkey Lunch	\$699.30	Turkey Luncheon (Dec)	\$272.35
State Farm (Dec)	\$500.00	Christmas Store	\$243.96

Christmas Store (Dec)	\$2,143.15	Christmas Store	\$174.19
Popcorn sales (Nov)	\$125.80	Christmas Store –purchased Jan	\$178.55
Popcorn sales (Dec)	\$109.50	Popcorn purchase (Jan)	\$113.00
Toyota Grant Balance	\$1,062.94	Robotics (to be given to school)	\$354.88
Samko Fundraiser	\$89.51	Popcorn purchase (Feb)	\$226.00
Popcorn Sales	\$161.00	Christmas Store purchase Feb	\$408.26
Valentine Cake Raffle	\$353.45	St. Mary’s Grad Award	\$50.00
Popcorn Sales	\$282.45	Kernel’s Popcorn	\$226.00
Easter Basket Raffle	\$69.00	Pasta Dinner supplies	\$74.44
Popcorn Sales (April)	\$282.45	Roma Bakery (Pasta Supper)	\$536.75
Easter Basket Raffle	\$69.00	Tree Purchased from Home Depo	\$39.47
Popcorn Sales (May)	\$142.00		
Pasta Dinner Ticket Sold	\$1000.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,384.61	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,072.02

Please note: Parent Involvement fund absorbed pasta expenses of \$238.76

Pasta Income:	\$1000.00
Pasta Expenses:	611.19
Profit:	\$388.81

	Income	Expenses
Toyota Grant	\$2,000.00	\$1,191.42
Mrs. Cipolla Donation	\$1,000.00	\$140.00
		\$304.28
		301.36
Tree from Home Depot		\$39.47
Total	\$3,000.00	\$1,937.06
Balance Remaining	\$1,062.94	

6. Co-Chair’s Report – Lina Cannella (*via email since she was ill*)

- Fuel for Kids fundraiser information to be sent out by Lina on May 20:
 - program started by Dave Connelly in 2005 to support elementary schools in Ontario
 - Our event June 10 – 2:20 pm presentation at school and then 4 pm until 7 pm fundraising BBQ at Fortinos, Main Street West
 - Mrs. Traina suggested: opening up the volunteer spots to other parents and staff at the school first
- Play Day confirmed for June 24, group agreed to hot dogs and freezies. Mrs. Traina to request assist from HAT (Healthy Action Team) to provide fruit infused water
- Staff appreciation lunch June 18. Letter to be sent home.
- Outdoor classroom request for perenial donations. Mrs. Prangley will notify the group when she sets a date to work on the garden.
- Mrs. Traina commented on how much the students are enjoying the outdoor space. She has requested more stumps and logs for seating. This suggestion to be forwarded to Mrs. Prangley
- Reminder: The Healthy Eating Night is scheduled for May 27th, 5:30pm to 7:30 pm at Fortinos community room, spaces are limited. Chef from “My Tree House Kitchen” will be teaching us 2 recipes. 40 people maximum, pre-registration required. Details to be confirmed.
- Pasta dinner was a success with much positive feedback re food. One suggestion re earlier date in school year e.g. February date close to family day
- Next year’s PRO grant submission submitted for arts night “Let’s Draw, Paint, Create Together”.
- Suggestion for next year’s council to arrange division of workload with subcommittee taking lead for each council sponsored event. Plans to be discussed at next meeting.

7. **Closing Prayer** – Sarah Dennison

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2015 at 6:30