

## **Catholic School Council Meeting Tuesday October 20, 2015:**

In Attendance: Melissa Stewart, Lina Cannella, Amy Gillgrass, Dolly Palin, Craig Rushton, Sarah Dennison, Deb Tallevi, Claire Beauvias, Kate Prangle, Lerida Drosi, Val Iantomasi, Stephanie Roberts

School Representatives: Mr. Messina, Mrs. Traina, Ms. Lamparski

1. Opening Prayer: Melissa
2. Welcome/Intro- Introduced ourselves
3. Principal's Report: Delivered by Mr. Messina



CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **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.*

## **SCHOOL IMPORVMENT PLAN – SCHOOL GOALS**

### **Learning with Faith Goal**

The Staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will explicitly teach the traditional Catholic prayers & meditations (including the Rosary and Stations of the Cross); as well, the responses to the four parts of the Mass, which will increase student knowledge, participation and leadership during daily classroom/school prayers, and school monthly and community weekly Masses.

### **Literacy Goal**

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES, through differentiated instruction, will work to foster the acquisition, and understanding of reading strategies to improve proficiency 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, open response opportunities, 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, safe, and healthy school environment.

## **Principal's Report**

1. **Student enrollment** - 197 to-date
2. **Student Voice** - Student Council, Student Bus Patrol, Student Lunch Monitors
3. **Staff Up-date** – Kailee Condo (AIT), Oksana Koladyk (ESL), Alison Tyrell (MSAT), Erica Bozzo (Mac Student)
4. **School Communication:**
  - School Correspondence: Phone, Student Agenda Books, Notes
  - School Website: Banner/Buzz Board/Tabs/cama (weekly e-mail up-date blitz)
  - Monthly Calendar
  - School E-mail - [cama@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:cama@hwcdsb.ca)
  - Protocols - Arrival at School, School Visits, Playground
  - Appointment with Principal or Teaching Staff
5. **Parish Priest** - Class Visits & School Masses
6. **Sacramental Dates Established:**
  - ✚ First Reconciliation – Tuesday, December 8, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
  - ✚ First Holy Communion - Sunday, May 8, 2016 @ 10:00a.m.
  - ✚ Confirmation - Sunday, May 15, 2016 @ 11:00a.m.
7. **School Improvement Plan** - School Goals (revised)
8. **System School Supports & School Resources:**
  - ✓ Math Special Assignment Teacher
  - ✓ Grade 3 & 6 Numeracy Tutor
  - ✓ 2 Document Reader Cameras & 2 LCD Projectors
9. **Fundraiser** - 2015-16 – *World's Finest Chocolates*

10. **Parent Conference & Donation** - Saturday, November 7 at Bishop Ryan
11. **Ministry - Parents Reaching Out Grants** - *Let's Draw, Paint, Create... Together*
12. School Snacks, Nutrition Program, Friday Lunches, Weekend Provisions
13. **Photo** - Catholic School Council

Other details discussed during the Principals Report:

70% Catholic, 30% not, approx. survey - 41% attend mass, discussed many may go to Cathedral Church not Canadian Martyrs, (12/23) 52% of grade 2 got Communion, (17/17) 89% Grade 7 Sacrament.

**Literacy Goal** to promote reading: Previous statistics indicated at CMS Term 2 Report Cards (40/199) 20% of students achieving below level 3 in Reading, 20% of students in Grade 3/6 didn't meet provincial standards in reading.

**Numeracy Goal**- Term 2 Report Card, 32 of 199 students achieving below level 3 in number sense (experience difficulties with simple manipulation/basic operations, add, multiply etc...), focus on this- discussed methods like using sports to teach math, repetition of skills, technology, manipulatives, and other teaching best practice strategies, also found last year EQAO that 69% of students in grade 3 "like mathematics most of the time", but only 26% of students in grade 6 "like mathematics most of the time".

**Catholic Community Culture and Service Goal**- Last year mental health/Caring Community was the focus, this year new workshops on safety, inclusivity, healthy positive feelings (petal of flowers) through 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mac Student Nurses initiative. Will again invite police for bullying/online presentation- discussed how social media posts/pictures stay for life and can affect future/job/career opportunities.

**Daily Physical Activity (DPA)** - encourage throughout the day (recess, outdoor classroom, unscheduled outdoor time when needed), not just in physical education- Craig asked question and wondered if it could be tracked. We were told there is at least 20 min mandated DPA during teaching time. Some teachers may do this more than others- hard to not give them options.

**EQAO**- Official results out soon, preliminary look good.

**Staff Update:** MSAT (Math Special Assignment Teachers)- to help improve math teaching/attitude/support. They performed a student interest survey on *Reading and Mathematics*. Some key points include that students enjoy read-a-loud. Also the majority of students think math isn't used outside of classroom. In reaction, they want to make math more relatable to real life.

**School Communication:** Reminded that when coming to school/visit- need to sign in, get sticker badge, at recess do not approach child on the playground- come in and tell the office you are there as it is a safety issue. Also want to limit other people walking through the playground with No Trespassing sign (Mac students often do this).

**Resources:**

-Grade 3/6 math tutor- 3 students in grade 3 and 3 in grade 6 who are performing at level 2

-Mathematics Special Assignment Teacher – Alison Tyrell

-With fundraising last year we purchased 2 more camera document readers and 2 LCD projectors

Now we have: Wi-Fi school wide, 3 smart boards, portable smart board, 4 document readers, laptops and Ipads, and computer lab

School will do the Chocolate Bar fundraiser again. Prompted to think about where we want the money to go- projection \$3-4,000

Asked if we want to give a donation to Parent conference- draw prize? Unanimous vote to give a \$25 gift card.

4. Treasurer's Report- Mrs. MacIsaac

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**TREASURER REPORT**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

<b><u>Ending Balance as of June 16, 2015</u></b>	<b>\$5,054.14</b>	(Toyota Grant Bal. \$82.91 incl.)
<b>JUNE REMAINING EXPENSES</b>		<b>JUNE ENDING INCOME</b>
Junior Division Year end trip	\$250.00	Popcorn Sales \$51.50
Primary Division Year end trip	\$100.47	
Play day - Refreshments	\$263.39	
CM Staff departing gifts	\$303.50	
Sent two students - CYO Camp	<u>\$444.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,361.36</b>	
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2015</b>	<b>\$3,744.27</b>	
<b><u>SEPTEMBER 2015 EXPENSES</u></b>		
Laminating Film - BBM Business System	\$372.73	
Kernel's Popcorn	\$113.00	

Donation - Kidney Foundation (Leon Family)	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SEPTEMBER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$585.73</b>

<b>Ending Balance as of October 20, 2015</b>	<b>\$3,158.54</b>
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5. Co-Chair Report- Lina and Melissa

**Fundraising:**

Mr. Messina would like to know our major/minor fundraisers by Oct 30 for his Principals report.

*Possible Ideas:*

Gift card Fundraiser- Fundscrip: several people said it could be profitable; 3 ways to do it- buy online- ship to you, buy online go to school and send home with kids, collect orders, put them in. You get different percentages depending on provider (i.e. 3% of gift card to Longo, 5% for BP card). Question: Is it enough profit for the work? Would the school community be interested? More details next meeting.

Christmas Tree Raffle- solicit donations and some donations from council. Perhaps sell tickets at turkey, advent night. Could have multiple themes. Some worried we couldn't get enough donations.

Proposal to do Steeped Tea ball- cost \$23.62- would make 4.75 each one. We could run in Nov and get it at Christmas store. Decided it was too much money.

Samko- we get 10% back. Indicated we would do this as it is not much work.

**Christmas Store:** Picked at date: Dec. 9/10 Wed/Thurs. (library available)  
We need to make a list of what is bought as we probably need to buy more.

**Turkey Lunch:** Tue. Dec 15. The church is booked and Father Markus was invited and should be there. Lina wanted to know if on the volunteer form we should ask for volunteers to donate a turkey? Yes people agreed. We will add it to the form.

**Pro-Grant-** Funded for an Art project involving parents/children after hours. There was the proposal of a Crock- a-doodle night in the gym, possibly in January. Voted and unanimously approved this idea.

**T-shirts-** Ms. Lamparski suggested funding a CMS T shirt with their own design on it that could be worn on spirit days and to out of school events. We will investigate a price.

**Playground possible?** Kate Prangle looking into the costs associated. There is a question re whether we are allowed. We will try to find a school in the area that has gotten it approved (Central school in Dundas has one) to see what the process of approval would be. It was suggested that Bienenstock make all natural playgrounds and may be a good place to price it out.

**Church Bazaar:** Nov 27 4-8/ Nov 28 10-2- Santa will be there, kids corner, looking for grade 7/8 volunteers.

6. Closing prayer- Melissa

7. Next meeting Nov 17.