



Hamilton-Wentworth  
Catholic District School Board

*Believing, Achieving, Serving*



CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**In attendance:** Lina, Deb, Sarah, Amy, Craig, Melissa, Lerida, Val, Claire, Kate, Mr. Messina, Ms. Lamparski, Mrs. Traina  
**Regrets:** Dolly

1. Opening Prayer: Melissa
2. Welcome/Intro
- 3. Principals Report:**

**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 IMPROVEMENT 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 introduce and implement the 7 *Mathematical Processes* in all five strands 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. **Photo** - Catholic School Council, then post on school website
  
2. **Student enrollment** - 196 to-date
  
3. **Student Voice** – As part of Joy Day on Friday, December 4, the student council will be challenging all classes in a Christmas door decorating contest
  
4. **CYO** - Wrapping up Fall sports with “Pizza Party” for football, girls basketball, this Thursday; Beginning boys basketball and girls volleyball season
  
5. **Staff Up-date** – Maria Luca (Grade 4/5 Teacher), Christina Mielko (Grade 1 PPT)
  
6. **School Communication Reminders:**
  - 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
  
7. **Mass, Liturgy & Sacramental:**
  - ✚ Monthly School Mass – Theme: For the Deceased, Thurs., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00a.m.
  - ✚ First Reconciliation – Tues., Dec. 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Church) (Grade 2)
  - ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent Liturgy – November 30 (9:00a.m. (School Gymnasium))
  - ✚ Family Advent Celebration – Thursday, December 17- 6:30 pm
  
8. **School Improvement Plan (on web site and above)** – Numeracy School Goal revised, 7 Mathematical Processes, view Edugains segment (4 minute video)
  
9. **Ontario Parent Involvement Fund** – \$500.00 deposited in our account
  
10. **School Major Fundraiser 2015-16** – Confirmed *World's Finest Chocolates*, February 10 to March 1
  
11. **Ministry - Parents Reaching Out Grants** - *Let's Draw, Paint, Create... Together*

## 12. Multi-Year Strategic Planning 2015-2018

Went through a presentation to get our input- Mission and Vision statement of HWCSB, Executive Summary. 3 priorities: Believing- strengthening our Catholicity, Achieving- student achievement and well-being, Serving- effective management of resources. We were asked for our feedback in each of the 3 priorities (Strengths, Weaknesses, Future Areas, Considerations). The powerpoint/word version will be sent to us for completion by Dec 17th. We will all put our comments into one document (collected by co-chairs).

Other things discussed during this time frame:

- **Parents Reaching Out Grant: Crock-a-doodle-** we are thinking Jan/Feb in the gym, one item, Lina will determine how many people we can have for the amount of money we were given
- **Funds from previous Nevada sales (Mini-mart) (now defunct)-** around \$1000, going for another bike rack
- Mr. Spadafora: Volunteering to continue art lessons in classes. Last year spent \$500-600. Would like to use a little bit better materials such as larger paintings, pastels etc. Would like an investment from the council- he showed us his creations from last year (fantastic). We voted to approve \$300 (school will match) for this activity this year- unanimous vote.

4. Treasurer's Report- See at end of document- presented by Sarah

5. Co-Chair Report

**Fundraising/where to allocate funds:** List of where funds raised go: Field trips, graduation awards (feeder school and ours), technology (in previous years- not needed this year), play day, artist in the class room. Teacher wish lists- Mrs. Traina will ask teachers for wish list.

**Christmas Store:** Dec. 9/10- Need to wrap ahead of time. How do we get the cups and chocolates from Cadbury? Tina previously has done them- will get her an official notice to ask for donation. May need to shop a bit more- Amy will total and put what we have in a spreadsheet. Need a night to wrap gifts- Dec 8 at 6:30 was approved. We will set up store too that day/evening. Baked goods for Christmas store- write all the ingredients and wrap up. Can get list of students with allergies from the school. Passed around a sign up sheet

**Christmas Turkey Lunch:** Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. We need someone to use dishwasher.

**Samko Sale:** Dec 3-6- at Warplane Heritage Museum- We are registered. Will get letter sent home before hand.

**Fund-Scrip:** Good positive feedback. Due the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Help a family at Christmas program:** Many families identified this year as needing a little extra help- Mrs. Traina asked if the council could contribute? Mrs. Traina will get back to us for amount and we will vote online. (perhaps gift cards via fund scrip)

**Church Bazaar:** 27/28<sup>th</sup> November

Cancel next meeting Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Will discuss anything required at wrapping session

Closing prayer.

**CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
 TREASURER REPORT  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

**Ending Balance as of October 2015**      **\$3,158.54**      (Toyota Grant Bal. \$82.91 incl.)

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Starbucks Gift Card - gift toward Parent Conference	\$25.00	Grant - Let's Draw,	\$1,000.00
Purchase of Kernel's popcorn	\$113.00	Paint, Create Together	
		Popcorn Sales	\$248.90
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$138.00</u></b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,248.90</b>

**Ending Balance as of November 17, 2015**      **\$4,269.44**