



# Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Monday, February 11, 2013

**In attendance:** Lina Cannella, Sarah Dennison, Val Iantomasi, Colleen LeDrew, Dolly Palin, Mary Jane Rossi

**Regrets:** Deb Tallevi

1. **Opening Prayer:** Sarah Dennison

2. **Welcome and Introductions:** All

3. **Principal's Report:** Mary Jane Rossi

- Staff update:
  - Mrs. Piccioni has had surgery and continues to be off
  - Mr. Palumbo covering library
  - New EA Miss Annie Jurkovic
- Celebrations:
  - First reconciliation – March 20
  - First communion May 5 at noon
  - Catholic Education Week mass – May 5 at 1000 – seeking participants
- Activities:
  - Shrove Tuesday: pancakes will be served “bring your own fork”
    - Mrs. Tirabassi obtained the batter from Golden Griddle
    - Pancake house donated 2 large containers of syrup and offered more if required
  - February 12 awards ceremony: Catholic spirit awards and first term literacy, numeracy and french awards
  - Year of Faith mass – March 7
  - Ash Wednesday mass at 0930, all are welcome
  - Valentine's day
    - wear red & white
    - cake raffle
    - Mrs. Rodrigues received donated Caramilk bars, made festive wrappings and are selling for \$3
  - Many church activities – see bulletin for more details
  - February 18 – Family day – see website for a variety of activities
  - February 27 – dress down – **Pink shirt day** “Wear Pink Against Bullying”, pink ribbons will be available for those unable to wear pink
  - Science Fair – March 1 & 2, volunteer participation, 2 volunteers
  - Heritage Fair – information to follow, usually in May, grades 4 and up, individual participation
  - Public Speaking – March 25:
    - see March calendar for date/times
    - hosting Regional public speaking
  - Chess tournament in May, Miss Pavelka leading
  - Girls volleyball and boys basketball
  - Leukemia/lymphoma fundraising until February 15
- Roots of Empathy – ECE both trained
  - 2 babies participating in JK/SK classes
- Yoga:
  - Exploring option of yoga demo for entire school
  - Looking at price
  - Sought feedback re value of experience
  - Group agreed that this would be valuable learning for students
  - Lesson would be about 45 minutes

- Introduction lesson for each class
- Grade 8 students had to return early from Camp Brebeuf due to inclement weather, owed one night, will reschedule another overnight
- 4 Mohawk-McMaster nursing students this term, focus on daily physical activity and nutrition lessons
- Before and after school care surveys sent out, want response from each family
- Mrs. Scheban has ordered stainless steel water bottles for those who are interested, waiting for cost, letter to be sent home
- Discussion re Move-a-thon as spring fundraiser, planning prior to March Break with Hawaiian theme, Mademoiselle organizing
  - 3 top prizes with additional draws
  - Seeking volunteers to purchase prizes
  - Suggest top prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 OR \$200, \$100 and \$100
  - Looking for additional smaller prizes for each division (younger to older)
  - Also seeking donations of prizes
  - About 30 prizes per division (primary, junior and intermediate)
- Grade 8, selling chocolate bars to raise money for Ottawa trip, cost \$90 for case with \$45 raised
- Principal Profile completed by Sarah Dennison, this letter to be kept on file for 2 years in the event that there will be a change in administration
- Staff trained to use the defibrillator
- JK to grade 4 – RBG trip: Battle of the Titans, \$8.50 (entrance fee + bus), charging \$6 per student with remainder supplemented by school and parent council
- Grades 4 – 6 trip to Carmen’s for BR Expression, cost \$2 per student, bus fee paid by school
- Discussion re spring cross country and the need for new t-shirts
  - to review cost from JML
  - to use new logo
  - suggest to promote for move-a-thon fundraiser
  - each student to get their own shirt to keep for future events
  - group suggested that families would be willing to supplement cost
- Also want another set of sports jerseys
- Issues with parking related to Shoppers/Starbucks – please notify the school if you notice that there are vehicles with no parking pass, Bylaw enforcement will continue to check with Mr. Spadafora
  - if you are parking in the lot, please remember to register your license plate number at the office
- Basket ball nets have been purchased and are waiting installation
- Heart and Stroke fundraiser provided gift certificates from Scholars Choice – \$650 to be used for new equipment
- Score board for gym on wish list
- Graduation breakfast tradition will continue

**4. Treasurer’s Report –**

- Cash Flow Report: 9/1/12 through 2/11/13:

**Inflows**

*Catholic School Council – Income:*

<i>Donation Income</i>	<i>0.50</i>
<i>Fundraising Inc</i>	<i>3,604.00</i>
<i>Major Fundraising – Income</i>	<i>2,454.21</i>
<i>Popcorn Sales Income</i>	<i>216.75</i>
<i>Turkey Lunch Income</i>	<i>615.00</i>
<i>Catholic School Council – Income - Other</i>	<i>42.51</i>

**Total Catholic School Council – Income**

*6,932.97*

**Total Inflows**

*6,932.97*

**Outflows***Catholic School Council – Expense:*

<i>Fundraising – Expense</i>	3,046.75
<i>Gifts, Honoraria, Goodwill – Expense</i>	550.00
<i>Major Fundraising Expense</i>	1,445.33
<i>Ont. Parent Involvement Expense</i>	20.00
<i>Popcorn Purchase – Expense</i>	226.00
<i>Turkey Lunch</i>	520.42
<i>Catholic School Council – Expense – Other</i>	300.00

**Total Catholic School Council – Expense**6,108.50**Total Outflows**6,108.50**Overall Total**824.47**5. Co-Chair's Report** – Sarah Dennison

- Mrs. Rossi and Sarah attended the JEPAG (Joint Educational Parent Advisory Group) breakfast meeting
- Catherine, Mary Jane and Sarah joined forces to complete the State Farm grant application.
  - In other years, this process was a cinch
  - This year, it was a 51-page document
  - We hope to again secure a \$500 grant
- Many events/news items are forwarded to council and are posted on the bulletin board outside of the office, including:
  - JPEG – Joint Educational Parent Advisory Group – hosts many speakers throughout the school year, we pay \$20 membership each year
  - Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education – AGM and conference May 24 & 25, Peterborough, theme is "*Embracing Parent Engagement in Catholic Education*"
  - Retreat " The Faith We Savour" Feb 21 – Nicolas Mancini Centre
  - Other winter retreat events
  - Media.Faith.Culture Parents 101 April 18 7 – 7 Nicolas Mancini Centre
  - Parent Engagement Resources
  - School board is asking for feedback re policies
- Discussion re Dr. Seuss book "*Oh the Places We Go*"
  - For a number of years, we have bought and presented to grade 8 at graduation
  - Very costly this year approx. \$20 each
  - Looking for alternative suggestions for council to fund e.g. Grad booklet, photo collage, scrapbook pages
  - One suggestion re using an app for a photo collage
  - Further discussion to follow
  - Colleen to forward sample scrapbook PowerPoint template
- Pasta dinner tentatively scheduled for April 25, 5:00 to 7:30

**6. Closing Prayer** - Sarah Dennison**NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 25, 2013 at 6:30**

Remaining meetings for the school year: April 29, May 27, June 10.