



Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Monday, May 27, 2013

In attendance: Lina Cannella, Sarah Dennison, Annie Jurkovic, Suzy Lopes, Margarida Monteiro, Dolly Palin, Mary Jane Rossi, Deb Tallevi, Sandra Tirabassi, Maddalena Traina

Regrets: none

1. **Opening Prayer:** Sarah Dennison

2. **Welcome and Introductions:**

- Pita Pit Representatives with presentation for Pita lunch options:
 - More pita options available
 - Nutritionist approved
 - Cost \$4 for smaller size pita
 - Could also offer juice box and piece of fruit for extra \$1
 - Delivered to school
 - Individually packaged (with order form attached) and boxed by class
 - Plan to try prior to end of year, with consideration for monthly next year
- Sandra Tirabassi (ECE Instructor) and Annie Jurkovic (EA) re plan for Nutrition Program at CMS:
 - Funded by Hamilton Partners in Nutrition!
 - Money supplied, we have to purchase food (could pre-order and have delivered from Loccas or Fiddes)
 - Fridge, freezer, cart and other supplies are provided by the program
 - Plan to start in October as a 3 day per week snack program: Monday, Wednesday and Friday for am recess
 - Possible to advance to 5 days per week
 - To start with 1 day per week
 - Snacks to be "grab and go" ... food on a cart and children will grab a bag on their way out for recess
 - Food needs to be organized in am prior to recess – requesting parents to cut and prepare foods
 - Mrs. Rossi and parent volunteer to go to a presentation to learn more

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

- Staff update:
 - Surplus teachers: Mrs. Leon, Ms. Smith
 - If intern approved, one of above will go
 - If no intern one stays
 - Mrs. Marccone has requested a transfer after 11 years, St. Vincent de Paul
 - Mr. Palumbo returning to Our Lady of Assumption
 - Hoping for Mrs. Piccione to return in September (she is doing better)
 - No news re EAs, depends on students
 - Mrs Boyd, Mrs Sylva and Mr Seggie returning
- JK/SK enrollment for next year at 38:
 - First class: teacher and ECE
 - Other class: teacher only
- Mass:
 - Classes rotate and go to mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Children in separate pews and spread throughout the church
 - Allows an opportunity to focus on the mass
 - End of year school mass June 27 at 9 am
- Graduation:
 - Community mass at 10 am on June 20, all are invited to attend
 - Awards evening at 5 pm

- Graduate dinner and dance at Liuna Station
- Graduation breakfast – walk to Pancake House
- Special Days:
 - Spirit Awards Assembly- June 4 and June 27
 - P.A. Day-June 7 and June 21
 - Play Day June 24
 - Math night on April 29:
 - 2 guests, specialist within math
 - 8 parents, JK – 8 represented
 - resources to be posted re on line literacy, science and numeracy, math around home
 - plan to do earlier in school year, probably fall
 - feedback re week of pasta dinner may have limited participation

PROGRAMS:

- EQAO May 29 – 31, 1 hour each am and pm
- Pep Presentation May 28- Mohawk College re personal preparedness
- grade 7 & 8 invited to Track Day on May 28, 5 students participating, Sarah D to accompany, track training by university students, cost of \$5 to be covered by school
- Track and field June 6
- Library presentation of summer program - June 12
- FDELKP information night June 12, Sarah D to represent school council
- JK and SK classes had field trip to the Apple store, hands on learning, free trip, bus funding reimbursed, free t-shirts for all
- Summer school offered at CMS for grade 7 & 8, focus on math, literacy and technology
- Roots of Empathy –teaching children to be empathetic with each other, very successful, to be continued next year
- Last year had Roots of Empathy graduate visit 6 years later

End of Year School Trips:

- Intermediate Trip to Ottawa May 29 - 31
- Junior Trip to Science Center
- Primary Trip to Art Gallery

EXTRAS:

- Report cards home June 25
- Golf shirts will be available to order for staff or parents
- 10 iPads purchased and will be part of Learning Commons to support hands on learning – teachers to receive training

5. Treasurer's Report –

- Balance in the account \$1704.68 (same as last month)

4. Co-Chair's Report – Sarah Dennison

- Pro Grant application completed by SD
 - Parent Reaching Out Grant
 - In the past focus of healthy eating, soccer/anti-bullying, Karen Gordan speaker
 - Theme for this application "Get Moving Marauders", February Heart month – *Focus on body, distress, suggest yoga nights*
- Green Apple Grant – applied for \$1000, nutrition based funding
 - Suggest water filling station *Easy H₂O*
- Discussion with Grade 8s re Dr. Seuss book "Oh the Places We'll Go" and alternative Memory Spiral book
 - Students to complete memory pages (template given to each student) and submit 3 photos – due June 3

- The Moldiv Collage App to be used for the photos
- Booklets to be printed through Cathedral Enterprises
- Upcoming events:
 - Staff appreciation lunch June 11 – letter to be sent home this week
 - Requesting Star Buck's
 - Play Day June 24 – 3 volunteers from St. Mary's, plan on hot dogs and exploring options of cool treat e.g. frozen yogurt; TCBY \$1.10 each, Yogurty's application on line free (need to be approved)

5. **Closing Prayer** - Sarah Dennison

LAST MEETING: Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:30