



Hamilton-Wentworth  
Catholic District School Board

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## CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **In Attendance:**

**Val, Sarah, Deb, Melissa, Lina, Lerida, Kate, Claire, Craig, Stephanie, Amy, Mrs. Lamparski, Mr. Messina**

**Guests: Mr. Furlong (Music Teacher), Scott Innes- to talk about Ward 1 Improvement Plan**

**Started with New Year's Prayer- Melissa**

### **Guest Speaker-Mr. Furlong RE: Musical Instruments**

We have asked for information about getting school instruments. Last year Mr. Furlong got a grant for another school of \$5000- he bought instrument through Long & McQuade, other sources possible (Empire). It may be possible to get extra support from other sources (ukuleles in particular). Mr. Furlong runs a ukulele club at lunch at another school (St. Augustine's).

Ideas of what to get and approximate prices:

Drums (Djembe)-\$65-81, useful for drama/dance too (Congas a possibility)

Doumbeks- Middle Eastern Instrument that would be of use

Ukuleles- \$85, good for teaching melody/theory, need tuners (\$16.50)- may be able to get it thrown in for free

Xylophones- \$300

Guitar?

These are good instruments to tie in with the program.

If we spend a certain amount- they usually throw in some extras.

Ukuleles or Drums- Class set (30-31 pieces)- \$2200 +tax

Want to ask him in the future: Where did he get the grant??

### **Guest Speaker: Mr. Scott Innes RE:Ward 1 Improvement Plan**

Area rating money (\$3 million this year) provided in the budget- residents of our ward decide where it goes. In March you submit your ideas online (he will send us the link) or can do it on paper (Dropbox at Westdale Library or Emerson St Barber). In May you vote online for the idea you like best.

Must be a permanent improvement (or lead to a permanent improvement) and must be publicly accessible.

Examples Given: G.R. Allan- got a playground, public safety issues (flashing sign) or build a building for refugees

What we can do: Send out literature to parents/ families for ideas. Can get students involved- brainstorm ideas, essay contest. Can submit from kids.

### **Questions:**

Where can you vote from? Ward one postal code necessary (ideas can come from anyone)

How many ideas can we put in? As many as you want

Who oversees the administrative part? The committee does all of that

Where do the funds go? Hope to go to each area of Ward One (Ainslie Wood area is ours - 403 to Dundas, Main to Mountain)

How many projects approved? 10-15 in past- could even be for 1/2million (they have engineers to cost it out), can even be a down payment on a larger project.

All Members are asked to put some thought into potential projects for the Area Rating Grants and come to the February meeting with these ideas for discussion, prioritization and action plans/next steps.

### **Contact Information given to secretary**

### **Principals Report: Mr. Messina**

## **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. January Focus: *Parables/ Ministry of Jesus*

### **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. January Focus: *Summarizing*

### **Numeracy Goal**

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will introduce, expose and explore the 7 mathematical processes as they work to achieve the expectations outlined within the five strands of mathematics. This will be done through modeling, practice and open response opportunities to improve on student mindset towards mathematics and greater student success. January Focus: *Representing*

### **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.

January Focus: *Learning Skill: Organization*

### **Catholic Community, Culture and Service Goal**

The staff of Canadian Martyrs CES will work to foster an inclusive, safe, and healthy school environment.

January Focus: *Kindness Calendar & Daily ECO Facts & Tips (shared on announcements each day). 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mac nurses leading this via kindness club/eco club.*

## **Principal's Report**

1. **Photo** - Catholic School Council, then post on school website
2. **Student enrollment** - 197 to-date
3. **Student Voice** – Student Council is having a “Warm Mitten Drive” & has planned on having Pajama Day on January 28 during our *Snuggle-Up & Read Literacy Day*  
**Idea from Kate- To Raise Funds at this event by collecting a loonie/toonie from each child to support: Rick Mercer Challenge- match funds to get necessary items for communities in Africa (a well, etc...)**  
**Craig brought up- Create Climate of Change- Ms. Pavelka will incorporate ideas in her class as the Religion representative**
4. **CYO** – Winter sports include: Senior Boys Basketball & Junior Girls Volley Ball
5. **Staff Up-date** – Ms. Lamparski will be off effective February 26 (6-8 weeks) for ankle surgery
6. **Mass, Liturgy & Sacramental:** Ash Wednesday Liturgy – Wed., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.
7. **Snuggle-Up & Read Literacy Day:** January 28 (Family Literacy Day is officially Jan. 27)
8. **Confirmation Up-date**  
**Father David and Bishop Crosby – Jan 28 get confirmation package, May 4- retreat/rehearsal at Cathedral (paid for), Sat, May 7 at 5 another event, Actual event May 15 at 11 am**
9. **P.A. Day:** Friday, January 29, 2016 (Report Cards)
10. **CM Science Fair:** CM Gymnasium, February 2 at 9:00a.m.; **System:** Sat., Feb. 27
11. **School Improvement Plan, January Focus:** see front page
12. **Ministry Resource** – Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math  
**This is a Parent resource- from it you can print out extra resources and it provides advice on how to teach math concepts. 6 copies will be in the library that can be checked out.**
13. **Tell Them From Me Climate Survey Results: Students, Parents, Staff**
  - **Grade 4-8 students** (85 of 95 students participated = 89% of students) – two separate attachments one is on bullying & Safe Schools alone
  - **Staff** – (11 staff members, 100% of teaching staff)
  - **Parents** – 31 of 127 families participated, 24% of families

Overall, I am pleased with the results. Yes, there are some areas of concern which require attention and action. Always room for improvement. This survey aligns clearly with our SIPSA – 5<sup>th</sup> Pillar Goal, which I look forward in discussing with Staff at our monthly divisional meetings and SIPSA release days.

**Student highlights include:**

- 82% of students in the school have a high sense of belonging
- 80% of students have positive relationships
- 26% of students in this school have moderate to high levels of anxiety (35% girls and 18% boys), Canadian norm is 16%
- 51% of students reported being a victim of bullying for at least one of the 4 types of bullying (physical, verbal, social, cyber – social and verbal ranked highest)
- 64% of bullying takes place during recess
- 38% of students in this school were victims of moderate to severe bullying in the previous month, Canadian norm 26%
- 64% of students felt safe attending school, Canadian norm is 68%
- Students rated advocacy at school 7 out of 10 (who feel they have someone at school who consistently provides encouragement and can turn to advice), Canadian norm is 4.9
- Positive teacher-student relations were rated 8.2 out of 10, Canadian norm 7.9
- Students rated disciplinary climate of the classroom 6.6 out of 10, Canadian norm 7.4
- Students rated teachers' expectations for academic success 8.7 out of 10, Canadian norm 8.7
- 74% of students “heard about Restorative Justice”

***Worrisome Results: Bullying/not feeling safe (discussed how perhaps there was a misinterpretation of Bullying), high levels of anxiety***  
***Good results: belonging and having good relationships, positive teacher/student relations, expectations for success***

***We do many events at the school to help deal with these issues: Kindness club, Spring- Kindness day-dance/yoga, Mac 3<sup>rd</sup> year Nurses, other clubs etc...***

**As you are well aware, at Canadian Martyrs we continue to promote a kind and caring community. Some initiatives/examples include:**

- ✓ Welcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> McMaster nurse students who continue to build on “A kind and Caring Community” through class and school activities
- ✓ Kindness Club
- ✓ HAT (Health Action Team) and ECO Clubs
- ✓ Stamp Club
- ✓ Annual School Community Christmas Turkey Luncheon
- ✓ Advent Family Community Celebration
- ✓ Other community partners and programs include: presentation/services by Police Liaison Officer Henry on Safety, Bullying/Problem Resolution, Social Media: Social worker; Public Health Nurse
- ✓ In the Spring we will be having a Kindness Fair (dance yoga.. and many other stations)
- ✓ Our Religious education programs are guided by God's teachings through Gospel values including: compassion, service, caring, love...

**14. School Major Fundraiser 2015-16: February 10 to March 1**

Key Dates: Feb. 3 (kick-off assembly), Feb 9 (delivery), Feb 10-Mar 1(distribution/selling)

Profits: School Instruments

Prizes/Incentives include:

- Top Sellers:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$200.00 Gift Card of Your Choice
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$100.00 Gift Card of Your Choice
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$50.00 Cineplex Basket

- o Students receive a chocolate bunny for each case sold
- o Daily Draws from Treasure Chest
- o Movie basket (\$50.00 Cineplex) towards draw with each box sold, student issued a ballot
- o Pizza Party for class per capita with most sales by: Feb. 16 (Tuesday back from Family day); and Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> (last Tuesday of the campaign)

- Regional Prizes to be won: *Great Wolf Lodge, Canada's Wonderful Year Pass...*

**15. Term 1 End:** February 3; **Term 2 Begins:** February 4

**16. Term 1 Report Cards:** Sent home February 17<sup>th</sup>

**17. CSC Breakfast - Principal & CSC Chair at NMC, 8:30a.m. Feb 5**

**18. 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

**Items in Red added by the secretary**

**Treasurer's Report:**

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
TREASURER REPORT  
as of Tuesday, January 19, 2016 Meeting

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

DESCRIPTION	INCOME	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSES	PROFIT
Popcorn Sales (Nov.)	\$ 184.20			
Popcorn Sales (Dec.)	\$ 173.00	Purchased gift card (Fundscrip – Kernels)	\$ 300.00	
Christmas Turkey Lunch	\$ 656.00	Annual Turkey lunch purchased groceries	\$ 380.18	\$ 275.82
Major Fundraiser – XMAS STORE	\$ 2,429.25	Major Fundraiser – purchased items	\$ 287.51	\$ 2,142.10
Major Fundraiser – donation (former CMS moms)	\$ 180.00			
		Art supplies - classrooms – Mr. Spadafora	\$ 174.46	
		Purchased perennials (Toyota Grant)	\$ 40.22	
		Purchased gift cards (Fundscrip xmas baskets)	\$ 200.00	
		Purchased items 2016-2017 xmas store	\$ 71.82	
		Minor Fundraiser – Classroom Prize – movie & treats	\$ 26.72	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,622.45</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,480.91</b>	
<b>Ending Balance as of January 19, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 6,410.98</b>			

*Please Note:*

*Toyota Grant Balance (incl.) \$ 42.69*

*Items not Recorded at this time:*

*Samko Rebate – Profit – have not received cheque to date.*

*CSC Minor Fundraiser - Fundscrip collected \$ 14,090.00*

*Profit – have not received cheque to date.*

## **Co-chair Report:**

### **Fundraising:**

Fund-script- about \$500 profit (approx. 14,000 ordered), time consuming  
Discussed methods which may or not be better- order yourself over the year (but then you pay delivery fee). Consensus was that this was better than MacMillans still.

Christmas Store- Went well. Bought for next year already. Remember the raffles- maybe ask families to donate and give some raffle tickets.

### **Pro-Grant:**

Peter discussed the \$500.00 Ontario Parent Involvement Grant. Monies will be/ have been directed toward Advent Night, Pasta Dinner, Education Week 2016.

Lina discussed Crock-A-Doodle Night (Parents Reaching Out Grant). Details: February 11, 2016. 6-7:30 p.m. at CMS. Cocoa mugs will be painted. 40 students may attend. \$1000.00 grant will be used to pay Crock-A-Doodle.

### **Valentine's Day Cake Raffle:**

Valentine's Day Cake Raffle will take place on Friday, February 12, 2016. Donations are asked to be totally covered, with a list of ingredients attached. Lina, Val, Melissa, and Sarah will run the event. Robotics team members will assist, as a portion of the funds raised that day will go to costs for their team.

### **Other discussion:**

- Briefly discussed some ideas for the Area Rating Project. We talked about the school playground and parking lot. How much potential is there in terms of space to build a natural play space? Discussed parking designations: spots as "church" and spots as "school". Ideas will be gathered to discuss at February meeting. (possible consultation with Bienenstock Playgrounds)
- 20/20 Challenge will be undertaken by Ms. Luca's class.
- Sarah shared the results of a survey (informal and anonymous) hung up in the staff room, asking people to respond to their #1 choice for future Turkey Lunch dates. The overwhelming majority of the staff, when given the choice between Thanksgiving and Christmas, chose a Christmas Turkey lunch. This was intended as fact -finding, and will be considered in future discussions regarding the planning of the CMS Annual Turkey Lunch.

Closing Prayer- Melissa

Next Meeting Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm