



Hamilton-Wentworth  
Catholic District School Board

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CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

Attending: Sarah, Deb, Val, Dolly, Melissa, Stephanie, Kate, Claire, Craig, Amy, Mrs. Traina, Mrs. MacIsaac, Mr. Messina, Mr. Valvasori and Mr. Hucal  
Lina sends her regrets

- 1. Opening Prayer- Melissa**
- 2. 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.

**March Focus:** *“Lenten Promises” & Type of Prayer/Meditation – Stations of the Cross*

### **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.

**March Focus:** *3 Types of Questions – literal, inferential, evaluative*

### **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.

**March Focus:** *Selecting Tools and Computational Strategies (manipulatives, calculators, technology/mathies.ca...).*

- Recently, the math consultant presented newest manipulatives to primary grades.
- Handout was provided re: “Youcubed”- Stanford University- Professor Jo Boaler Advice on Mathematics.
- Mr. Messina goes to visit and observe each class to support their needs- he will share some of

his findings with us in the future.

### **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.

**March Focus:** *Learning Skill: Initiative*

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

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

**March Focus:** *Greater awareness/benefits of healthy eating through our community partners and school nutrition program*

- Examples include the recent Hamilton Ticats visit, nutrition program

## **Principal's Report**

1. **Photo** - Catholic School Council, then post on school website
2. **School Improvement Plan, March Focus:** see front page
3. **Student enrollment** - 190 to-date
  - Our numbers change monthly because we are a transient school for many groups- shelters, Ronald McDonald families, visiting families from other countries...
4. **Staff Up-date** – Mr. Begin returns to his original Grade 4/5 assignment after his library leave
5. **Student Voice** – Thank-you for supporting/voting for the Grade 7/8 *Parks Pass Canada Contest: Canadian Martyrs presents the HMCS Haida*
  - We weren't in the top ten- but a great effort was made by all!
6. **Intermural** – Co-Ed Volley Ball
7. **Calendar of Events: March 22 – April 19 & Long Range Events** (See March/April Calendars for Actual Dates)
  - Grade 3 Swim to Survive Program, Flamborough, begins today – Next 3 weeks
  - Gr. 7 Hep B 2nd Dose & MenC AND Gr. 8 Girls HPV 2nd Dose (Immunizations)
  - Stations of the Cross Liturgy
  - Easter weekend
  - Kindness Culminating Presentations – McMaster 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Student Nurses- there will be a culminating PowerPoint
  - Stamp Club Meeting
  - Marauder Presentation at CM for All Grades in Gymnasium
  - Student Monthly Awards Assembly (*Effective Communicator*)
  - **Mass, Liturgy & Sacramental:** Our School monthly Mass (April Theme: Easter), CEW Community Mass – May 1 at 10:00a.m., First Holy Communion – May 8 at 10:00a.m., Confirmation – May 15 at 11:00a.m. at the Basilica of Christ the King
  - Mad Science Presentation
  - Superintendent School Visit
  - Grades 3 & 3/4 Classes - Ancaster Fairgrounds, "Farm Gate to Dinner Plate"
  - Scholastic Book Fair – May 3-10, require Parent Volunteers to run Fair (will be in the library this year- in the future this may change as they need to allow the teacher librarian to follow their curriculum)

- Parents Reaching Out Grants - The deadline for applications is May 29, 2016. – Please follow up with Lina

8. **JML uniforms** is clearing all current embroidered Canadian Martyrs clothing effective immediately for half price! This sale will only last for as long as all embroidered clothing is in stock while quantities last. We will be introducing the new logo in the near future. For more details, please visit our CM website to view the flyer.

9. **CM Spirit Wear T-Shirts** (Postpone to September 2016)

- Melissa – Her quote was for \$9 due to the color we want (white is cheaper)
- Ask JML? Bombardier Uniforms?
- Mrs. Lamparski is off on leave but will follow up as well

10. **Fundraising Results/Next Steps**

- **Total Profit- \$4,287**
- **Only 53% of the school population participated.**
- **This profit will go towards purchasing musical instruments for the school.**

11. **St. Mary Grad Award Donation** – reply requested before March 31<sup>st</sup>

- **We will give the same we donated last time (\$50). Vote: unanimously yes.**

12. **“Community Planning & Partnerships”, Board Initiative**

- We only use 53% of the space at Canadian Martyrs (by definition- must be full time usage- 26 kids/ classroom all day).
- The board wants to use all of its space well and would like to rent out the space not used to generate extra revenue to fund the empty space in schools (costs money to heat/cool, clean, maintain). Possibilities may include things like a McMaster Daycare, Early Years Centre, Community Hub, Community Garden, Before/After Care
- Mr. Valvasori- Reports state that at least 60% usage is what they want in viable schools and thus recommends we watch for this opportunity to rent out.
- Other schools have been trying to do this and haven't been very successful at getting people to use the school environment to get extra revenue to fund the empty space.
- In successful cases, space is blocked off to make it secure.
- CMS had previous use of St. Charles Adult education program (separate entrance off Main Street)
- Are there examples of this being successful? St. Anne's- has a daycare.
- Craig will talk to Today's Family as he is on the board to see if there is interest from them.
- Discussion then evolved into the need for before and after care at Canadian Martyrs, even if there is only a reported low number of people who need it currently. This may contribute to people not wanting to come to the school as many parents require this option. Mr. Hucal/Mr. Valvasori said they would look into it further.
- We were assured that closure isn't imminent, but we would be more viable with the increased funding this type of venture would provide.

13. **Ward 1 Improvement Plan Proposal Up-date**

- **Craig has been leading this initiative and has had meetings with:**  
  - Bienenstock- they do a big engagement phase up front for \$7000.**
  - Earthscapes- Less of an engagement- design cost \$2000.**
- **He then met with Val, Kate and Mr. Messina. Determined that we can't afford this step ourselves so we would need to make it part of the proposal. Both groups gave us example pictures.**
- **Craig investigated the submission process and it is very simple. It is just a description of the idea and the benefits to Ainslie-Wood neighborhood.**
- **Craig made a draft and sent it to Val/Kate for their input. He then presented it for our input. It was wonderfully done.**
- **Trustee/Superintendent/Principal had also met to discuss this previously and felt that we needed to emphasize this as a community venture. They agreed that the proposal did this very well.**

- **Craig asked whose name we should submit this proposal under? We agreed that it should be in his name- add that it is supported by the board and we thought we could mention the proximity to the Children's Hospital.**
- **Voting on this issue is: May 16-June 3.**
- **All agreed the proposal was fantastic and Craig will submit it.**

**14. 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  
**Come to the office if coming to school for any reason**
- Appointment with Principal or Teaching Staff

**3. Treasurers Report:**

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
TREASURER REPORT  
as of Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Meeting

Balance as of February 16, 2016      \$ 5,398.36

DESCRIPTION	INCOME	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSES	PROFIT
Popcorn Sales	\$ 255.85	Purchased art supplies for classrooms from Mario Spadafora	\$ 83.08	
		Trust fund in memory of Matt Brennan	\$ 500.00	
<i>Please Note:</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Toyota Grant Balance Remaining (incl.) \$42.69</i></li> <li>• <i>Xmas Store Profit 2015-2016 Balance Remaining (incl.): \$ 1,136.42</i></li> <li>• <i>Cake Raffle Profits of \$400.00 for Robotics Team</i></li> </ul>				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 255.85</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 583.08</b>	
<b>Ending Balance as of March 22, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 5,071.13</b>			

Money for robotics has not come out or for the St. Mary's Grad.

St. Mary's robotics team finished first in the recent competition and will proceed to the next level in St. Louis. Mr. Hucal thanks us for supporting robotics and CM as having it at our school level promotes it later on and develops important skills. Canadian Martyrs did very well at their competition (Kate thinks we should have been 1<sup>st</sup>!). Is there corporate sponsorship? Yes (Mr.Hucal). But you need to find them. (ex. Arcelor Mital, Trustee/Superintendent)

We need a new robot.

\*\*\*\*\***All items in red have been added in by the secretary.**

#### **4. Co-Chair Report- Melissa**

##### **Ward 1 Update- See above discussion**

##### **Pasta Dinner- May 4- 5-7 pm**

- An email will come out from Melissa and you sign up with what you can do.
- Invite Mr. Spadafora to do accordion (Mr. Hucal wants to come too!).
- We can use school sound system for music (Ms. Melville)
- We want to set up as a paid on line- we will send out form soon.
- We will go with Roma we think-best price, but we can vote on it via email.

##### **Grade 8 Grad Book-**

- \$7 last year/student
- Should we make the picture/memory book again? Yes we would like to.
- Sarah is willing to do it again this year.
- We voted- unanimous vote of yes.

##### **Spirit Wear Shirts- See above discussion**

**Book of Thank You for Turkey Dinner from Mrs. Leons Class- passed around. It was lovely.**

**5. Topic Selection for next meeting-** How to get Votes for Ward 1 Improvement Plan, Pasta Dinner, Play day, End of year Trips, Hosting Lunch for Play Day

**6. Closing Prayer**

Next Meeting: April 19, 2016