



Hamilton-Wentworth
Catholic District School Board

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CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, June 14th, 2016

Attending: Sarah, Deb, Dolly, Lerida, Val, Craig, Kate, Amy, Mrs. Lamparski, Mr. Messina

1. Opening Prayer- Mr. Messina

2. Welcome and Introduction

**Thank you to Val for being such a valued and active member of the council for the last 10 years.
This is her last official meeting.**

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.

June Focus: Parts of the Mass (Culminating)

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.

June Focus: Synthesis: Analyze how different elements (i.e. title, fonts, graphics, captions...) in texts contribute to meaning

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.

June Focus: 7 MP: Communicating: encourage students to use correct mathematical language and conventions

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.

June Focus: Learning Skill: Self-regulation

Catholic Community, Culture and Service Goal

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

June Focus: Outdoor Learning Classroom/Space & Garden Beds, maintenance ongoing throughout the summer

Principal's Report

1. **School Improvement Plan, June Focus:** see front page
2. **Student enrollment** - 190 to-date
3. **Staffing – Veronica Campanaro & Rose Minardi** currently replacing Mrs. Smith with Reading Recovery and Grade 3 PPT; and **Jeanette Mellinger**, additional custodial support for the evenings
4. **Student Voice** – Grade 8 students beginning a new tradition painting a ceiling tile with a theme reflecting and capturing their final year at Canadian Martyrs-includes sports/science/math
5. **Extra-curricular:**
 - Stamp Club Meeting – June 14
 - Feeder School Soccer Tournament – June 14. **We won!!!!**
6. **Calendar of Events: Please visit our website to view our May/June Calendar. Some highlights include:**
 - ✓ CM "Hurray For FDK" Evening – June 14 @ 6:00p.m.
 - ✓ HPL Visit FDK-8 Summer reading –June 15
 - ✓ Gr. 6/7 & 7/8 - McMaster Computer Science and Programming Workshops – June 16
 - ✓ Music Club Presentation (Mr. Furlong) – June 20 @ 12:30
 - ✓ HAT Committee Celebration – June 20 @ 2:30p.m.
 - ✓ Graduation Breakfast – June 21
 - ✓ **Mass, Liturgy & Sacramental – June 23rd:**
 - ✚ Graduation & Year End Mass – 9:00a.m. (Canadian Martyrs Church)
 - ✚ Graduation Liturgy & Awards Ceremony – 5:00p.m. (Canadian Martyrs Church)
 - ✚ Dinner & Dance – 7:00p.m. (Liuna Station)
 - ✓ Final P.A. Day –24
 - ✓ Year End Field Trips:
 - Primary & Junior Division: Camp Marydale – June 27
 - ✓ Play Day – June 28
 - ✓ Students of the Month Awards & Honour Roll – June 29
 - ✓ Closing outdoor liturgy/flag ceremony, 12:00noon Dismissal – June 30
7. Next year our monthly Catholic School Council meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the Month except for our initial September meeting when we elect our new council right after our *School Community Meet and Greet the Teacher Night, Harvey's BBQ* scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

- Mrs. Lamparski volunteered to do the shopping at Costco- Sarah will provide the shopping list. Amy will bring the veggie dogs (one set of 12).
- Who can help out that day? Sarah, likely Claire (Kate volunteered her), possibly Dolly, Amy (except for 10:15-12)
- **Someone should call the families of the children with allergies to discuss the food (Melissa can you do this?).

Parents Reaching Out Grant:

- Deadline was missed but we applied late and will see what happens.
- Kate suggested seeing if we can get people to volunteer time if we do not receive these funds.

Teacher Gifts:

- We agreed to \$25- Ms. Woods and Ms. Chesla currently.
- If this changes and there is more staff change that is OK.

Ward 1- Voting for a Natural Playground at Canadian Martyrs:

- The city committee for this is meeting Wed. June 15 to discuss the winners. Therefore we should find out the results soon!

Spirit T-shirts:

- School would like this done first thing in September.
- Could we size kids at the BBQ in September? Should work. We will need class lists and those that don't attend could be sized at school. Need to get sample shirts to help with sizing. Remember to get them a little large to last for a few years.
- Shirts should cost under \$6. We agree to pay \$3. We will either get other half from school funds or request a small amount from parents.

Other issues addressed:

- Val says we should try to replace the funds we lose as she leaves. She has brought in \$500/year for the last 10 years. We should investigate if people have companies that may donate funds to places their employees volunteer.
- What is time commitment for being chair? Very variable. Encouraged to change the role to suit you if you can't be in the school as often. Technology has made the time required much less. Perhaps for next year we can divide up labor more.
- Before and After Care- We may have enough interest for this to happen next year. We need at least 20 committed families. We are currently determining if we can meet this number. We hope it will make our school more desirable and increase enrolment.
- Thank you letter from co-chair Melissa.

6. Closing Prayer: Mr Messina