

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Stephanie Roberts, Dolly Palin, Sarah Dennison, Deb Tallevi, Ms. Traina, Mr. Messina, Lina Cannella, Lerida Drosi

Regrets: Amy Gillgrass, Christina Pasher, Clair Beauvais, Ms. Lamparski, Craig Rushton, Kate Prangley

1. Opening Prayer – Mr. Messina

2. Guest Speaker – Mrs. Trombetta – Public Health Nurse

5 Ways to Mental Well-being:

- 1. Connect** – talk face to face with friends and family, be kind and smile.
- 2. Keep Learning** – try something new, read for fun, teach yourself.
- 3. Be Active** – walk, cycle, run, dance, join a sport.
- 4. Take Notice** – be curious, look around you, know how you are feeling.
- 5. Be Creative and Play** - draw, paint, act, build, collect, dream.

Moving forward the HAT Team will plan activities that will fall under these five categories.

3. Principle Report – Mr. Messina

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 2016-17

Learning with Faith Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to deepen the integration of the teachings of our Catholic faith into all aspects of school culture, specifically through **spiritual journeys and experiences (focus: pilgrimage, Eight Canadian Martyrs...)**.

Literacy Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs, through differentiated instruction, will work to foster the acquisition and understanding of **writing traits and forms**, to improve proficiency across the curriculum.

Numeracy Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to improve students' ability to select the appropriate **electronic tools, manipulatives, and computational strategies** to perform particular mathematical tasks.

Pathways Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to support students with explicit teaching and guided student exploration, as students work through the **Pathways to Success Program by reflecting and portfolio building**.

Catholic Community, Culture and Service Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to foster **an inclusive, safe, and healthy school environment with a focus on mental health**.

Principal's Report

- A. Distribute/discuss **December Calendar**
- B. **Student Enrollment** - 181 to-date
- C. **Student Voice/Student Council** – “Shower for Baby Jesus” (collecting baby items for *Birthright*) and Joy Day is this Friday
- D. **Extra-Curricular:**
 - a. December: **Robotics Tournament** Saturday at Cardinal Newman
 - b. January – **CYO Senior Boys Basketball & Junior Girls Volley Ball**
- E. **School Communication** (standing item):
 - a. School Correspondence: Phone, Student Agenda Books, Notes
 - b. School Website: Banner/Buzz Board/Tabs/cama (weekly e-mail up-date blitz)
 - c. Monthly Calendar
 - d. School E-mail - cama@hwcdsb.ca
 - e. Protocols - Arrival at School, School Visits, Playground
 - f. Appointment with Principal or Teaching Staff

Questions...

4. Treasurer's Report – Sarah Dennison

Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council Treasurer Report As of November 30, 2016			
Ending balance as of September 30, 2016 \$3,252.36			
Description	Income	Description	Expenses
Sale of Kernel Popcorn	\$170.00	BBM Business System (Laminating film)	\$372.73
Total Income	\$170.00	Total Expenses	\$372.73
Ending balance as of November 30, 2016	\$2,993.50		
<i>Please note: (included in the ending balance)</i>			
- Toyota Grant Balance Remaining (incl.) \$42.69			
- Xmas Store Profit 2015-2016 Balance Remaining (incl.) \$1,136.42			

5. Chair Report – Melissa Stewart

- Volunteers for turkey lunch, Lina has organized
- Advent Celebration on December 22nd; the school will provide refreshments, the council will be responsible for setting up and cleaning up
- **Parish Report** – Canadian Martyrs Parish will be presenting the Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve (5pm Mass). To that end, the Church requires the participation of at least 16 students. If your child is interested in participating, kindly send an email to:

tracyibewlocal636@gmail.com or call Tracy O'Meara at 289-877-8775 and provide the child's name and age. Play practices will take place after the 10:00am Sunday Mass on Dec 11th and 18th.

6. Topic Selection for Future Meetings

- Send email to Melissa.
- Community Update.
- Parish Update.

7. Closing Prayer – Melissa Stewart

Thoughts, ideas, notes:

- Next meeting is January 10, 2017