

**CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**Attending:** Stephanie Roberts, Sarah Dennison, Deb Tallevi, Mr. Messina, Dolly Palin, Lerida Drosi, Ms. Traina, Craig Rushton, Kate Prangley, Clair Beauvais

**Regrets:** Christina Pasher, Melissa Stewart, Amy Gillgrass, Ms. Lamparski, Lina Cannella

- 1. Opening Prayer – Mr. Messina**
- 2. Guest Speaker** – Grade 4 students and Mrs. Burck presenting their entrepreneur idea for their charity of choice, which is World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Their idea is a smoothie – “Smooth-i-licious”. They are asking for a \$360 loan from the Catholic School Council for purchases of supplies. The Catholic School Council voted and agreed.
- 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...)**.

**March Focus:** St. Antoine Daniel; Virtue of the Month: Kindness

**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.

**March Focus:** Word Choice/Report Writing

**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.

**March Focus:** Decomposing and composing numbers through exploration, manipulatives and problem solving

**Pathways Goal**

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to support students with explicit teaching and guided student exploration, as students work through *the **Creating Pathways to Success: K-6 - All About Me Portfolio Building; Gr. 7&8 - Individual Pathway Plan (on-line)***

**March Focus:** "Who am I called to be?"

### 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 5 Ways to Mental Well-being.**

**March Focus:** Pillars 2 & 3 - “Keep Learning” & “Connect”

#### Principal’s Report

- A. Distribute/discuss March Calendar
  - a. Other dates: volunteer tea is Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11.30am
- B. March CM SIPSA Focus
- C. Student Enrollment - 180 to date
- D. Student Voice/Student Council –
  - a. Green Day on March 10<sup>th</sup> – Commemorating St. Patrick’s Day during the March Break
- E. “Parent Section” in the Learning Commons (Library) topics ranging from “Gifted Children”, “Reluctant Readers”, “Helping Struggling Boys Read”, “Dealing with Bullies for Kids”, all the way to “Personal Family Matters”
- F. Ministry 2016-17 Grants:
  - a. Student Speak-up Project Grant in support of Student Voice, 1300 applications
  - b. Parent Reaching Out Grant
- G. Donation for Secondary Graduation Scholarship Awards
- H. Extra-Curricular
  - a. March: Intermural Volleyball grades 5-8 Co-Ed
  - b. Stamp, Chess & Robotics Blucs
- I. School Fundraising ends March 9th
- J. Catholic Education Week – April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 5, 2017
  - a. Creative Club Math Night?
- K. Principle Descriptive Feedback
- L. 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](mailto: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

<b>Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council Treasurer Report As of February 28, 2017</b>			
<b>Ending balance as of January 31, 2017 \$5,245.72</b>			
Description	Income	Description	Expenses
Valentine Cake Raffle	\$422.55	Items purchased for Valentine Cake Raffle	\$25.68
Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse Fundraiser	\$25.39	2017-2018 Xmas Store Purchases - WalMart	<b>\$988.58</b>
Kernel’s Popcorn Sales	\$103.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$550.94</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,014.26</b>

Ending balance as of February 28, 2017	\$5,709.04		
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**5. Chair Report –**

- Our current chair will be stepping down and we are discussing options of a new chair for the remainder of the school year.
- Grade 12 St. Mary’s Graduation award – 2 X \$50 awards (1 female and 1 male); council voted and agreed to do this again this year.
- Parent Involvement Committee.
- Pancake Tuesday – need more volunteers next year.
- Math Family Night instead of Pasta Night – need to follow up in terms of the cost and nights available (during Catholic Education Week).
- Grade 8 year book – the cost is approx. \$200-250. The council agreed to pay for this.

**6. Parish Report – Dolly Palin**

One Flock, One Shepherd, One Hour

During the season of Lent, one hour each week will be dedicated to address the concerns and ideas of the parish community. Parishioners are encouraged to gather before the Blessed Sacrament, spend a half hour in Adoration and then the other half hour discussing current or future initiatives within the parish with Father Markus. To ensure that the conversations are guided by the Holy Spirit, only questions or comments who attended Adoration will be addressed. All are welcome. The remaining dates are:

- Thursday, March 16                      7 pm
- Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>                      10 am
- Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>                      7 pm
- Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>                      1 pm
- Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>                      10 am

**7. Community Update – Craig Rushton**

- The city and the school board have signed off on the agreement. Craig working with Project Manager on accepting bids and evaluating bids. The plan is to have it done for September.
- For April and/or May meeting – would likely require a 1 hour engagement session with the successful natural playground bidder at our council meeting; Craig to confirm.

**8. Topic Selection for Future Meetings**

- Parent Reaching Out Grant – due May 25, 2017.
- Presentation for Natural Playground.
- Math Night – pick date.

**9. Closing Prayer – Mr. Messina**

**Thoughts, ideas, notes:**

- Next meeting is April 4, 2017