

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

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

Regrets: Christina Pasher, Melissa Stewart, Lina Cannella

- 1. Opening Prayer – Deb Tallevi**
- 2. Guest Speaker – Mr. Culina (Teacher Librarian) –** Mr. Culina discussed strategies on expanding the parent section. He is looking for ideas on book topics. Should you have any suggestions please email him directly. Students can log into their online profile under “Destiny Quest” and look at what books are available. Also discussed the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair (see notes below under Chair Update). If parents have books to donate please contact the school.
- 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...)**.

April Focus: St. Rene Goupil; Virtue of the Month: Love, Stations of the Cross & Christian Meditation

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.

April Focus: Conventions/Explanatory

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.

April Focus: Reviewing rounding and factors in order to find reasonable estimates and determining equivalency; ongoing practice with multiplication fact families and skip counting

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)***

April 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.**

April Focus: Christian Meditation, Painting Spring & Summer Landscapes, Culminating Fair

Principal's Report

- A. Distribute/discuss April Calendar
- B. April CM SIPSA Focus
- C. Student Enrollment - 177 to date
- D. Student Voice/Student Council –
 - a. Grade 4 Class – Entrepreneur Class Project – Smoothilicious Smoothie Sales is April 24 – 28th
- E. Extra-Curricular
 - a. Intermural Volleyball grades 5-8 Co-ed
 - b. Robotics and Stamp Clubs
- F. School Director Awards – May 4th, 2.30pm Board Office
- G. Students with Special Education and Sacraments (Dr. Ann Jaimeson)- Important for Parents to have conversations with their Pastor; as well, parents with special needs are encouraged to: ***declare their intent; ask for assistance; be prepared to be involved;***
Resources available:
 - www.hamiltondiocese.com/catechesis – sacrament video clips;
 - Church's teachings with students with special needs include:
 - ✚ The Code of Canon Law #208, 213, 777
 - ✚ The General Directory for Catechesis – speaks about not what, but how we pass on the faith; article 189 speaks to Catechesis for the disabled and handicapped – considered by our church as “particularly beloved children of our Lord”
- H. School Fundraising Profits: \$4,941.90 – Proceeds towards student sport team jerseys (basketball, volleyball, flag football) and NetBooks to support additional technology school resources
- I. Support our System Community Garage Sale to Benefit Children in our Equal Opportunity Schools & CYO Programs on Saturday May 13th from 9.00am – 3.00pm at St. Luke's Elementary School, organized by our custodians. Visit our Board/School websites for details.
- J. Catholic Education Week – April 30th – May 5, 2017
 - a. Creative Club Math Night?
 - b. Director's Award
 - c. Community Mass need volunteers to lead
- K. Mental Health – School Mental Health Decision to Support Tool: Student Mental Health Awareness Initiative – review the document prior to inviting guest speakers to present at our meetings.
 - a. CM Mental Well-being Initiatives: CM Wellness Fair & Spring/Landscaping Paint Activities
- L. New Safe Arrival System – What is Safe Arrival? It is an absence reporting system which will allow parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of 3 ways:
 - a. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number through which absences can be reported
 - b. Parents can log into a website to report absences (email addresses need to be set up in Trillium accordingly)

- c. Parents can use their iOS or Android device and download the corresponding app to report absences

M. Principle Descriptive Feedback

N. 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 March 31, 2017			
Ending balance as of February 28, 2017 \$5,709.04			
Description	Income	Description	Expenses
		St. Mary SS Graduation – Awards	\$100.00
		Total Expenses	\$100.00
Ending balance as of March 31, 2017	\$5,609.04		

5. Chair Report – Deb Tallevi

- Lego (Math) Night during education week April 30 – May 5th – Deb Tallevi to follow up in the next few days to see if this is still possible on May
- Parent Reaching Out Grant – due May 25th, Deb Tallevi will be submitting this application for a Drum Fit night in January/February 2018
- Scholastic Book Fair – volunteers needed for Tuesday set up, Wednesday – Thursday selling and Friday pack-up
 - Sara Dennison - Tuesday
 - Claire Beauvais - Wednesday
 - Amy Gillgrass – Thursday
 - Dolly Palin – Friday pack-up
 - Mr. Messina will send out an email to the community asking for more volunteers
- Year Book Update – Mrs. Dennison – will be going into the classrooms in 2 weeks to start the process

6. Parish Report – Dolly Palin

7. Community Update – Craig Rushton

- For the Natural Playground there were 4 bidders; the final one was decided and should be approved within the next few days. Next step is to review with the project manager the

timeline. A date will be set in the near future to gather recommendations from students and parents.

- If all goes to plan it should be done by September 5th.

8. Topic Selection for Future Meetings

- Grad – June 20th
- Play day
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

9. Closing Prayer – Deb Tallevi

Thoughts, ideas, notes:

- Next meeting is May 2, 2017