

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

**Attending:** Craig Rushton, Kate Prangle, Dolly Palin, Lerida Drosi, Deb Tallevi, Ms. Lamparski, Mr. Messina, Greg McCormick, Julie Deane, Magdalena Sztajnmecc, Lina Cannella

**Regrets:** Stephanie Roberts, Craig Rushton, Kate Prangle, Clair Beauvais

1. **Opening Prayer – Lerida Drosi**
2. **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 2017-2018**

**Believing:**

The vision of the staff at Canadian Martyrs CES is to foster student knowledge, participation, leadership and a deeper understanding of what it means to live out the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.

**Achieving:**

The vision of the staff at Canadian Martyrs CES is to place greater focus on the mathematical process of problem solving. This will include:

- a) Students able to identify and highlight the important information in a problem
- b) Students can select the appropriate operation
- c) Students understand how to compute the problem
- d) Students can communicate what solution they chose and why

**Serving:**

The vision of the staff at Canadian Martyrs CES is to foster an inclusive, safe and healthy school environment with a focus on mental well-being.

**Principal's Report**

- A. EQAO Results in from June 2017  
Mr. Messina reviewed results with council, including a review of each section of the graphs. He gave us an analysis between Cdn Martyrs', the Board and the Province. In conclusion, grade 3's met Provincial standards for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics; Grade 6's met Board and Provincial standards but were down in Mathematics.
- B. Mr. Messina introduced Evelin Niemiec as the Board Math Special Assignment Teacher (MSAT) assigned to 4 schools, one of which is Canadian Martyrs. She discussed the many options and online tools parents have to help facilitate the learning and supporting of math (E math+, Mathies, TVO games, Math before Bed - tying math learning into discussions).
- C. Book Fair - clarification of dates: running Nov 15 -17<sup>th</sup>, sign up sheet sent around for parents to volunteer.

- D. Cdn Martyr's featured on Pulse Page of the Hamilton Spectator: Various students submitted written pieces and art work for display.
- E. Natural Playground update:
  - a. Mr. Messina conducts daily, weekly and monthly inspections
  - b. On – going costs associated with maintenance of playground – Craig to provide further details
  - c. Teachers using tighrope donated – slack line from Mack Burlington
- F. School Fundraising will be World's Famous Chocolates (Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018)
- G. Parent Conference Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Ryan – Parent feedback was very positive. Workshops on teaching students to be better human beings through physical activity & sports
- H. Craft Club on Tuesdays for students: asking \$50 – \$100 for supplies from Council as support
- I. School Communication (standing item):
  - School Correspondence: *Safe Arrival*, Phone, Student Agenda Books, Notes
  - School Website: Banner/Buzz Board/Tabs
  - Weekend/Daily e-mail blasts (*School Connect*)
  - Monthly Calendar
  - School E-mail - [cama@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:cama@hwcdsb.ca)
  - Protocols - process for late arrivals, teacher communicates to parents, letters sent home

Questions...

### 3. Treasurer's Report – Julie Deane

Date	Transaction	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
		Balance Forward from June 30, 2017			\$3,447.25
10/13/2017	Check 1618	Playscape Inspection and Consulting Service Inc., Inspection Compliance Inv# 11155	\$459.72		\$2987.53
10/16/2017	Check 1623	Julie Lamparski Natural Playground Equipment	\$170.72		\$2816.81
		Ending Balance			\$2816.81

Please note: Popcorn sales not included in Treasurer Report – to be on next report

### 4. Co-Chair Report – Deb Tallevi / Lerida Drosi

- Turkey Lunch: Lina Cannella to oversee the Turkey lunch on Tuesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>
  - a) Lina to update hand out forms & give to Lerida for class distribution
  - b) Lina to source out nut free healthy dessert options as well giving out clementines and candy canes
  - c) New price for lunch is \$4/per child. Increase of \$1.00 from last year
  - d) Teachers to donate milk – same as last year
  - e) Magdalena to track incoming forms & count money
- New Fund Raising ideas discussed to replace Bake Sales: Danceathon for Valentine's Day – to be voted on and confirmed in January council meeting.

- Christmas Store – **Wed. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - a) Inventory of items (wrapping paper, decorations, etc.) done by Dolly and Lerida – Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b) Wrapping of Christmas store items – Tuesday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>
  - c) Set- up date: use next council meeting for set-up - Tues Dec 5<sup>th</sup>
  - d) Mr. Messina to include a blurb in the weekly blast asking for raffle donations – toys, books, gift cards etc.
- Pro Grant booked for Thursday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - a) **Cost is \$1,494.99 with \$1,000 covered by grant, the rest covered by Council**

**5. Parish Report – Dolly Palin**

- Christmas Bazaar set for Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

**6. Greg** – would like to propose a motion to the Board to reconsider their initiative in fund raising through the United Way, and to have any funding raised through our school to be given directly to designated charities. Mr. Messina will forward our concerns to Religion Consultant & Board contacts for review.

**7. Closing Prayer – Lerida Drosi**

**Thoughts, ideas, notes:**

- Next Council meeting is set for Tuesday, January 9th, 2018