

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Attending: Mr. Messina, Ms. Lamparski, Magdalena Sztajnmecc, Julie Deane, Tierney Thorne, Greg McCormick, Stephanie Roberts, Claire Beauvais, Kate Prangley, Lerida Drosi, Craig Rushton, Lina Cannella
Regrets: Dolly Palin, Deb Tallevi

- **Opening Prayer** – Lerida Drosi
- **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. Before/After Care Program
- B. Distribute **January** calendar
- C. Waiting to hear from **Speak-Up** Grant for **Cooking** Club here at CM
- D. **Natural** Playground: Christmas Tree Forts facilitated by Bienenstock, *Natural* Playgrounds
- E. **Extra-Curricular:**
 - a. January: CYO Junior Boys Basketball & Junior & Senior Girls Volleyball
 - b. Stamp Club continued
- F. **School Major Fundraising – World's Finest Chocolates:**
 - a. Kick off assembly and permission forms sent home on Thursday February 8, 2018
 - b. Chocolates delivered to school on Friday February 9, 2018

- c. Chocolates sent home and duration of campaign – Monday February 12, 2018 – Thursday March 1, 2018
- d. Volunteers to help with this campaign are needed – Mrs. Roberts and Ms. Lamparski volunteered.

G. 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
- Protocols - Arrival at School, School Visits, Playground
- Appointment with Principal or Teaching Staff

Questions...

- **Treasurer’s Report** – Julie Deane

Date	Transaction	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
		Balance Forward			\$2,816.81
12/11/2017	Deposit	Christmas Store		\$1,842.25	\$4,659.06
12/19/2017	Cheque 1673	Turkey Lunch	\$536.62		\$4,122.44
12/20/2017	Cheque 1674	Turkey Lunch	\$182.26		\$3,940.18
12/21/2017	Deposit	Turkey Lunch		\$841.25	\$4,781.43

- **Co-Chair Report** – Deb Tallevi / Lerida Drosi

- A. Discuss and review Christmas events – Christmas Store and Turkey Lunch.
 - a. Discussed removing the Christmas store and replacing it with another family event such as 10,000 villages running an event here at the school in conjunction with a smaller xmas store (1 day event only). Craig Rushton will explore this option and let us know.
 - b. Turkey Lunch – everyone looks forward to this tradition, we anticipate continuing with this.
- B. Drum Fit night (Pro Grant) is set for January 25, 2018 with sessions running during the day and one at night. Students will be participating in a session during the day. A family session will be held at night. Permission forms to be drafted and distributed to students this week (or the latest on Monday) – Lerida Drosi to draft.
 - a. Need to organize refreshments and snacks for the family night - water jugs & cups, fruit trays (Kate Prangley) and cookies (Lerida Drosi).
- C. Pancake Tuesday – looking for volunteers on Tuesday February 13, 2018 in the morning to help make and serve the pancakes to the students - Stephanie Roberts and Tierney Thorne have volunteered.
- D. Chocolate Fundraiser – Stephanie Roberts and Ms. Lamparski to help.
- E. Valentine’s Day Raffle Fundraiser – discussed alternatives to this fundraiser as baked goods are no longer allowed as per school board policy. Option was discussed and agreed upon to hold a dance asking students to provide \$2 minimum to participate. Julie Deane will draft a permission form to send home to the parents. Popcorn and

TCBY will be for sale. Students will be allowed to wear red/pink (non-uniformed attire will be permitted). Julie Deane will buy decorations and Stephanie Roberts to decorate.

- F. Natural Playground update – Craig Rushton is reviewing the yearly cost and is looking at grants. June/July will be the yearly inspection and we will have a better idea of yearly maintenance costs.
- G. Suggestions for Next Meeting
 - a. May – Catholic Education Week (pasta dinner or math night)
 - b. Sending out a one-time letter for donations
 - c. Magdalena Sztajmiec to look at the fundraising initiative of selling magazine subscriptions for next year.

- **Parish Report** – Dolly Palin was not in attendance.
- **Closing Prayer** – Lerida Drosi

Thoughts, ideas, notes:

- Next Council meeting is set for Tuesday February 6, 2018

Addendum – Thursday January 11, 2018

During the approval process of our Meeting Minutes from last Tuesday's monthly CM Catholic School Council Meeting (January 9, 2018), all schools received the following information/email from the Diocese of Hamilton regarding both Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday landing on the same day. To that end, we would like to suggest and move forward with the following plan (in lieu of items #4 "C" & #4 "E" from the minutes), as to not have to cancel any of our already discussed and planned activities for Pancake Tuesday and Wednesday Valentines Celebrations. The plan is to consolidate both events on the Tuesday and exercise and show great reverence to our liturgical calendar and Catholic Faith tradition, as we embark on the season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on the following day, with a liturgy over at Canadian Martyrs Church. All are welcome to attend the 9:15 liturgy on Wednesday, February 14th as previously scheduled by Father Markus and Mr. Messina.

On Tuesday, February 13th, (morning ONLY) we will have - ***Tuesday Mardi Gras/Valentine Activities & Celebrations*** (as well, replacing the annual Valentines Day bake sale/Raffle Catholic School Council fundraiser with):

- \$2.00 entrance to the Mardi Gras Dance as per divisional schedule in the gymnasium
- Students are encouraged to wear colourful attire and beads to reflect *Mardi Gras*, or they may wear red/pink/ and or white to reflect the theme of Valentines day
- At the Mardi Gras celebration in the gymnasium, popcorn and TCBY yogurt will be on sale for \$2.00 each
- Student Council will be taking independent and/or group photos in front of a green screen to transport the students' image to Mardi Gras settings, pictures will be developed at the cost of \$1.00
- Once students return to class from the Mardi Gras celebration, they will enjoy, as per division, complimentary pancakes by the school

To that end, we are in need of additional Parent Council members to assist with this fundraiser in making the pancakes at school throughout the various stations, and selling popcorn and TCBY during Mardi Gras.

DIVISION OF TASKS:

School Council – Volunteers making pancakes, selling popcorn & TCBY, decorating the gymnasium

Student Council – DJ/provide the music (approved by Staff Council Advisors), photo booth

School – Providing donation letter and batter from Cora's for pancakes, plastic dishes/forks, syrup, ordering TCBY

Thank-you to Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Thorne for volunteering so far. Other Parent Council members are also encouraged to volunteer if available.

This promises to be the beginning perhaps of a new tradition here at Canadian Martyrs, looking forward to a great celebration!