

**CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
November 6, 2018**

**Attending:** Mr. Messina, Ms. Martindale, Julie Deane, Magdalena Sztajnmecc, Eva Rushton, Lina Cannella, Tierney Thorne, Stephanie Roberts

**Regrets:** Claire Beauvais, Deb Tallevi, Lerida De Luca, Dolly Palin, Greg McCormick,

1. **Opening Prayer** – Julie Deane
2. **Principles 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 2018 - 2019**

**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 **representing** through the use of concrete and virtual manipulatives. This will include:

- A. Students able to model situations using concrete materials
- B. Students can make their thinking visible
- C. Students can draw appropriate conclusions based on their representations
- D. Students can communicate the reasonableness of their answer

**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. Take **photo** with group and post on website (invite Council to wear spirit wear).  
\*\*Reschedule due to absent members.
- B. Distribute **November Calendar**.
- C. **School Improvement Plan** (refer to pillars from above).
- D. **Renewing the Promise, A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education**. Shared/discussed handout distributed at our System Catholic School Council gathering on Tuesday October 23, 2018; focus on the 8 Themes and Thoughts to Ponder On.
- E. **System Parent Conference** – feedback from attendees.
- F. From Mr. Begin (Teacher Librarian). CM Book Fair will take place November 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Volunteers** are needed to work cash, especially in the evening of the Teacher-Parent

Interviews (November 15<sup>th</sup>); Set up on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> after school (Mr. Begin will recruit two St. Mary students to help – for their volunteer hours, which you will have to sign off on). See below item under Chair report for volunteers.

G. **Natural Playground** – TD Friends of the Environment Grant Fund. Have we applied? Eva Rushton to follow up on this.

H. **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 Messenger*)
- Monthly Calendar
- School E-mail - [cama@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:cama@hwcdsb.ca)
- Protocols - Arrival at School, School Visits, Playground
- Appointment with Principal or Teaching Staff
- **School Major Fundraiser** – Dates established February 8<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Questions...

### 3. Treasurer’s Report – Stephanie Roberts

**From September 4, 2018 – June 27, 2019**

**Opening Balance as of September 4, 2018      \$2,343.63**

Description	Income	Description	Cheque #	Expenses
<b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b>				
		Playscape Inspection & Consulting Service Inc. Playspace Inspection compliance Invoice #11560	1940	\$508.50
		Bombardieri Linen & Uniform Invoice #471782 for CM School Spirit Wear	1959	\$529.67
Closing Balance as of September 30, 2018	\$1,305.46			
<b>OCTOBER 2018</b>				
CSC Halloween Haunt Move-A-Thon Fundraiser	\$748.00	CM CSC Donation for the System Parent Conference	1992	\$25.00
		TCBY – for CSC Halloween Haunt Move-A-Thon	1999	\$162.00
Closing Balance as of October 31, 2018	\$1,866.46			

### 4. Chair Report – Julie Deane & Council

- A. Update from October minutes – One \$25.00 Starbucks gift certificate was bought and donated to the November Parents Conference
- B. Magdalena Sztajnmecc to follow up on “Tools for Life” (from Parent Teacher Conference). Gather more information, cost, opportunities for parent involvement, etc.
- C. Natural Playground
  - Eco-Team are asked to go out one more time to weed before winter.
  - The Pro-Grant activities for this year (by Bienenstock) are on hold due to the government putting this grant on hold (see pro-grant item below).

- Eva Rushton to follow up with Bienenstock to follow up on the cost of the Xmas tree forts (same as last year).
- Note – need to hold \$1000 - \$1500 for top up of mulch and sand for next year from our Council fund.
- D. Halloween Move-A-Thon recap
  - It is important to have a “dance” once a year; moving forward let’s continue with a Halloween themed dance but maybe have a few other stations in the gym for kids to have options.
- E. Book Fair November 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteers Needed: Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening – Tierney Thorne
  - Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Roberts
  - Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup> – Magdalena Sztajnmec (AM); Eva Rushton (afternoon); Tierney Thorne (evening)
  - Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> – Magdalena Sztajnmec (AM)
- F. Update on Christmas store
  - Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> - Ten Thousand Villages will come into the school and do a presentation on what they will be selling.
  - On Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> they will set up to sell. Eva Rushton will ask them to prepare a flyer to send home as to what will be for sale, or if they don’t have a flyer just some info and Julie Deane will prepare a flyer.
  - On Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a station set up to wrap the purchases. Julie Deane to ensure we are set up with wrapping paper, tape, scissors, etc. Stephanie Roberts to be on hand to help organize wrapping.
  - Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the storefront on Locke Street is “Canadian Martyrs Day” for families to go into the store and purchase items with a “kick-back” to the school.
  - Lina Cannella to send info from previous years xmas store to Julie Deane.
- G. Update on Turkey Lunch – Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Lina Cannella to prepare handout to be sent home; Stephanie Roberts to help with collecting money.
- H. Pro-grant application and funding updated – paperwork is in; however this is on hold indefinitely due to the program being canceled/put on hold by the government.
- 5. **Parish report** – Dolly Palin
  - A. Christmas bazaar coming up – Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6. Topics for future meetings
- 7. Closing prayer – Julie Deane

**Thoughts, ideas, notes:**

- Next Council meeting is set for Tuesday December 4, 2018