



# Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

**In attendance:** Margarida Monteiro, Suzy Lopes, **Olivia Virag**, Sarah Dennison, Dolly Palin, Mary Jane Rossi, Deb Tallevi, Valerie Iantomasi, **Amy Gillgrass**, **Lerida De Luca Drosi**, Lina Cannella, **Kate Praugley**, Maddelaina Traina, **Thi Bich Thuy Luu**,

## Regrets

1. **Opening Prayer:** Deb Tallevi

## 2. Welcome and Introductions

Presentation re: Caliper Program- Olivia Virag intake coordinator

- Program to be presented to students Oct 18/13
- Clinic will be run at the school Nov 5/13
- Project will help establish baseline data for screening children for disease- thus improve diagnostic capability at MUMC and across Canada
- A questionnaire and consent form-program uses butterfly needles for sample collection
- Email/call directly with questions

## 3. Principal's Report: Mary Jane Rossi

- UW Board wide kick off 10/18/13-- donation to wear Red and White or alternative idea from student council
- Homework help for Gr 7-10 students- live tutoring – cards were handed out- this is free program- assistance for Math homework
- EQAO- results- as a Board did not have good results- as a province we did not do well- Numeracy was poor result- not enough gr 3 students in our school to  
Receive published results- only individual scores were provided to students
- Below Board and province in reading / below board/province in Math
- Multiple factors here for these results – board wide the situation is being examined – particularly in Math- initiatives, Math nights at school for parents which give  
Parent's on-line resources - get more practice at home!! – There is a great advantage in on-line help/tutors as noted above- Nelson e-math is helpful – Ministry  
Web site has tips and info for assisting your child with Numeracy and Literacy
- Mr. Fletcher reported on the Robotics Team- Mac student Joey Cappaletti- 10 students participating- robot is programmed by the team – The Challenge is to react to natural disasters- Ipads are used – program runs at recess and lunch- seeking a Mac Professor- likely Geography to mentor the group
- 23 Gr 7 and 8 students walking on the pilgrimage – leaving CMS 9:55 am - to go to Cathedral Secondary School for mass/prayer – hike 5km along Niagara  
Escarpment- returning approx. 3pm- raise awareness and funds for social justice to under developed nations- public can join at Cathedral Secondary School to  
Begin the walk – efforts to date have raised approx. \$479k
- Wellness Pillars- 6 pillars - nursing students Mohawk/MUMC- physical, emotional, social, and spiritual - this year will work on physical and social health- Mrs. Chesla is  
Liaison for this program –
- Big Brothers/Sisters- Go Girls Gr 6-8- Game On (boys) - info on healthy lifestyle activities – additional program New Immigrant (less than 4yrs residency) - lunch  
Hour activities once per month- Officer Clarke- Gr 1/2 Street Safety – Gr 4/5 Bullying- will have additional sessions throughout the year
- Mrs. Tirabassi Roots of Empathy program- baby "Rain" is currently 4 months old-
- 10 Mini Ipads available on loan at school (Board program) - each class has 3 computers
- Stamp Club has started up this year

- **Turkey Lunch- moved to December 17/13**
- For next meeting – provide ideas for topics of interest – suggestions behavioral consultant e.g. 123 Magic
  - Yoga rocks program with ministry \$\$\$PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant- coming in February
  - Healthy Snacks program – am recess – healthy snacks in the class room (donated by Lococco’s) funded
    - Via Partners in Education- 2x/wk. trial basis
  - Fundraising – Christmas Store- not having Move a Thon- option of Chocolate Sales-
  - BOOK FAIR- Nov 18- Nov 22/13-- co-ordinate with Caliper program (\$10 reward could be spent by kids
    - For items from the fair)
  - Catholic School Council guidelines were handed out – this year amendments were made to fundraising policy
  - Elementary progress report circulates 11/13/13

#### 4. **Co-Chair’s Report** –Dolly Palin and Deb Tallevi

Fundraising- discussion of merits of running a Spring MacMillan’s order in addition / or as substitution for Fall fundraiser - seek out an order form for Spring campaign- run the Fall as usual

Samko Miko Sale- will participate – it is a simple program to join even though there is nominal profitability

Christmas Store- stock is purchased- Dec 11 and Dec 12/13- Dec 10/13 set up at the school

- Discussed membership roles, since we are a small group, we agreed to share roles. These roles include health& safety, spiritual and fundraising. No need for uniform position/sub-committee at this time
- MacMillan’s fundraising approved for November. Dolly to schedule fall campaign.
- Chocolate fundraising for spring discussed. Further planning required.
- Plans for Grade 8 memory book discussed. Last year’s publication was well received, but planning started late in the school year, want to start earlier this year. Need to consult with Mr. Fletcher to plan for this year’s publication.
- Christmas store December 11 &12 . Gift items are all purchased, just need to wrap. Seeking donations of raffle prizes. Plan on bake table again this year.
- Advent night December 18

#### 5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Deb Tallevi

- Starting balance this year \$1013.25

#### 6. **Closing Prayer-** Deb Tallevi

***Thanks for your effort to be here this evening  
See you at our next meeting***

Remaining Meetings: Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, April 15, May 20, June 17