

**CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday October 1, 2019**

**Attending:** Mr. Fletcher, Ms. Martindale, Jordan Finucane, Claire Beauvais, Lerida DeLuca Drosi, Greg McCormick, Magdalena Sztajnmecc, Stephanie Roberts, Julie Deane, Lina Cannella, Kathryn Wiersma

**Regrets:** Eva van Vollenhoven

**Opening Prayer** – Ms. Deane

**Principal's report:**

- a) CUPE work to rule (Educational Assistants and School Secretary). No end date has been announced.
- b) Student Council. Grade 4 reps: Michael and Anna. Grade 5 reps: Miles and Daniella. Grade 6 reps: Jaylyn. Primary Liaison: Sierra. Secretary: Vanessa. Vice President: Hridya. President: Adam.
- c) Camp Brebeuf—Grade 8's attended from Wednesday September 25 – Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a successful start of the year!
- d) St. Mary feeder school football and spirit day – Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Kids had a lot of fun watching football!
- e) Different dress days for different purposes. Each one has a purpose.
  - i. September 19<sup>th</sup> – yellow day to remember Savannah who was a student at our school and passed away several years ago.
  - ii. September 30<sup>th</sup> – orange day for “each child matters”.
  - iii. October 2<sup>nd</sup> – yellow day for “walk to school day”.
  - iv. October 24<sup>th</sup> – purple day to represent child abuse awareness.
- f) Cross Country Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> Grades 1-8.
- g) Boris Brott musical/show (live orchestra). Our primary and junior/intermediate classes will attend Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- h) Lunch period and longer play outside started this week. Lunch is now 50 minutes long (was 40 minutes per day). Play first and eat second. Experimenting with 30 minutes outside and 20 minutes inside for this month. We will continue to analyze.
- i) Robotics club has begun with Mr. Berube (Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime). Grades 4 - 8 are welcome to attend.
- j) Stamp club has begun (one Tuesday per month). Grades 3 – 8 are welcome to attend.
- k) EQAO – see attachment for results. SIP focus on Math. Continued MSAT (Math Specialized Assignment Teacher) support at Canadian Martyrs. Mr. Fletcher will continue to report on EQAO math results, specifically concerning the low levels of success, and how the school is addressing this throughout the year.
- l) New staff – Mr. Gudemmi starts on Monday as our new custodian. Our FDK class has a new teacher (Ms. Schiavo) to replace Ms. DeMelo who has gone on parental leave.

- m) Church construction will begin in November. The house will be torn down and the back of the church will be extended and made bigger for a church community centre. The school will need to change our fire routes; a large construction barrier will need to be set up; we will temporarily lose our parking spaces (parents to pick up/drop off at the back parking lot). Our number one concern is the safety of the students. This may take a full year from start to finish.
- n) LRT proposal to run close to our school; if this happens we could possibly lose some of our space in the school's front lawn and the field. We will be kept updated.
- o) Outdoor playground inspection passed in August and is being upkept.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Ms. Sztajnmecc**

- a) Will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Chair's Report – Ms. Dean**

- a) Proposed Events for this year:
  - i. Halloween move-a-thon Thursday October 31, 2019 will be our first fundraiser as a council. Need volunteers for the day of the event (Ms. Deane has a potential list she will contact). A letter has been drafted and will be sent home.
  - ii. Book Fair in November; volunteers needed. Need to confirm dates (Mr. Fletcher).
  - iii. Christmas Store (10,000 villages). Will go ahead and start planning however we need a higher volume of lower priced items to be on sale. Ms. Deane to look into this further and talk about it at the next meeting.
  - iv. Turkey Lunch – Ms. Cannella will organize. Discuss next meeting.
  - v. Valentine prize raffle – donations from families; students bought raffle tickets. We will organize this again this year. This will be our second fundraiser as a council.
  - vi. Pancake Tuesday February 25th – we will be looking for volunteers in the new year.
  - vii. Catholic Education Week Event in May; to be discussed at a later meeting.
  - viii. Any other?? Mr. Finucane has suggestions to be discussed next meeting.
- b) Natural Playground (discussion to be continued next month).
- c) Parish Report – Mr. McCormick
  - i. The CAMA website seems to be old information regarding the Parish. Suggest to update it.
- d) Topics for future meetings

#### **Thoughts, ideas, notes:**

- Next Council meeting is set for Tuesday November 5, 2019