

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021

Attending: Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Martindale (regrets), Greg McCormick, Julie Deane.

1. **Opening Prayer** – Mr. Fletcher
2. **Nominees & Election for 2021 Executive:**
 - a. **Chair:** Julie Deane
 - b. **Secretary:** -----
 - c. **Parish Rep:** Greg McCormick
 - d. **Community Member:** Lerida Deluca
 - e. **Committee:** Jordan Finucane
3. **Principal's message**
 - a. **Principal's Report—Oct. 14, 2021**
 - b. **Covid protocols.** Distance signs throughout the building. Sanitizer in all rooms. Sanitizer stations at all entrances. Hand washing signs throughout the building. Distance stickers on the floors. Sign in binder for all board personal. Limited outside visitors. Attestation calendars completed each morning. Mask wearing, 3 or 4 classes out at a time for an outside DPA time and/or recess time. Staggered entry. Staggered dismissal according to bus outside.
 - c. No cases of Covid at our school this year. 3 cases last year.
 - d. **Virtual/Face-to-Face:** Only 5 students are virtual currently. No announcement by board if there will be opportunity to change modality.
 - e. **Staff:** We have a new grade 5/6 teacher—Mrs. Bonini and she is fitting in well.
 - f. **FDK-** Mrs. DeMello is now back with us. Two new EA's: Mrs. Lodder and Mrs. Knechtel.
 - g. **Report cards.** Progress reports will go out to parents on Tuesday, Nov. 16
 - h. **CYO—**Cross country is happening on Fri. Oct. 15/21. 50 student maximum.
 - i. **Flag Football:** Mixed Junior and Senior teams.
 - j. **Technology:** Technology is now one device per student in Grade 8, grade 6/7, grade 4/5, grade 3/4.
 - k. The grade 2/3 class has a full set of I-pads that are shared with the Grade 1/2 class. The grade 5/6 class will be the focus for new technology purchases this year. This class is currently outfitted with 12 devices.
 - l. FDK have no devices.
 - m. Each of the 9 classrooms are outfitted with either a Smart board, or Interactive White Board, or an Apple TV with a 65 inch large monitor. Each class has electronic teaching capability.
 - n. School fundraising this year will be dedicated to technology purchases.
 - o. **Purple Day on Wed. Oct. 27—**to recognize child abuse prevention.
 - p. **Halloween on Friday, Oct. 29—**We will wear costumes.
 - q. **First Communion** is on Saturday Oct. 30 for those that missed it last year.

4. **Treasurer Report: \$1,556.19** With permission from Mrs. Deane, we were able to use just over \$200 of that money to buy Graduation Lawn signs for our graduates. Graduation bursaries were also provided to St. Mary school and for 2 of our own graduates. Technology was also purchased last year through Parent council approval of \$1000.00.
5. **Meeting Dates:** discussed that the council does not have to meet monthly.
6. **Potential fund raising. Halloween activities**—No fundraising for the Halloween dress down day. Valentine raffle was discussed potentially in February ran by the parent council. Big Box Fund Raiser to be ran by the school. All money raised will be directly used to purchase technology for grade 5/6 class. First time doing this sale and will see what money will be raised.
7. **New Business.** Question about Attestation calendar. The calendar is a board initiative to be filled out each morning by a parent or guardian. A phone call will be made home by the secretary if the calendar is missing a signature each morning.
Question about athletic equipment at recess. As we progress further into the school year and the lifting of certain Covid protocols, equipment will slowly be brought back on to the playground. Equipment currently will not assist with maintaining physical distance.
Question about math curriculum and instruction. Math would be discussed at the next staff meeting.
Discussion about 'passing the gauntlet'. Who will be the next chair in the coming school year and recruiting more parents.

Thoughts, ideas, notes:

- Next Council meeting is set for: Tues. Dec. 7, 2021 at 6:30 Pm Virtual.