

CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 7th, 2021

Attending: Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Martindale, Greg McCormick (regrets), Julie Deane, Lerida Drosi, Jordan Finucane.

1. **Opening Prayer** – Mrs. Deane
2. **Principals Report: Mr. Fletcher – Dec. 7th, 2021**
 - a. **Covid Protocols.** Continue to adhere to all safety guidelines in the school. Self-testing kits going home over the holidays for students (more news to follow) -Board to provide.
 - b. One positive Covid case and class had to isolate for 2 school days at the end of November.
 - c. **Report cards:** Progress reports went out to parents on Tuesday, Nov. 16 and interviews did occur over phone calls throughout the week of Nov. 22-26. Term 1 reports will go out on Feb. 16/22 to parents.
 - d. **CYO**—Cross country occurred in October and our school did very well. A few first places. 4 schools only participating at one time in keeping with Covid protocols.
 - e. **Flag Football:** Had mixed Junior and Senior teams. Our junior team saw success right to the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 20. Sadly, they lost to a nail biter of a game.
 - f. **CYO volleyball and basketball:** will commence in the new year. However, due to COVID protocols, our school will not be used as a home base for CYO volleyball. CYO volleyball and basketball will commence in the new year.
 - g. **Science Fair** - The school will be participating, and information will go out before the Christmas break. The focus will be for grade 4 to 8 classes to start in January with final projects due at the end of January. It will be a virtual science fair for the board level finals.
 - h. **First Reconciliation and Communion** - has been completed for last year's grade 2's. Our current grade 2 class is in the process of completing First Reconciliation.
 - i. **Christmas Fun Week** Dec 13 – 17 (last week of school): Monday Dec 13th – Door decorating, Tuesday Dec 14th: Joy Day, Wednesday Dec 15th: Christmas Hat Day, Thursday Dec 16th: Christmas Pajama Day, Friday Dec 17th: Christmas Sweater Day.
 - j. **Joy Day** – parent council sponsorship of \$25 per class x 9 approx. \$225
 - k. **Annual Christmas Concert** – Video to be released Thursday Dec 16th. Each class has been preparing a song to contribute to the video. Will be available on school website.
 - l. **Christmas student council raffle** is going well. Prizes are various gift cards. All ran by the student council to help raise funds for grade 8 graduation.
 - m. **Advent liturgies** in school on each Monday.
 - n. **Christmas support for families.** The school has included 30 families to support this year. We have leaned on other schools in our system which donated generously to help some of our families this Christmas season. Schools donating to Canadian Martyrs include Guardian Angels, Corpus Christi, Holy Name of Mary, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Mark, Bishop Tonnos, and St. Mary. Most of the donations are in the form of gift cards.

- o. **Civvies Food Drive - Nov 2021** we generated 520 pounds of food that was donated to Hamilton Food Share.
 - p. **CYO dress down** day generated \$360.00. Very close to full participation. All money raised will be given to the CYO. Each school pays a levy of \$450.00 to the CYO to assist with all sports, rentals, referees, costs, student awards, overheads, etc. It is a non-profit organization. We are short \$90.00 off our target.
 - q. **Tiger-Cat Day** on Fri. Dec. 10. This is last minute but to build awareness and support for our Hometown team. Wear black/gold/yellow, and white, or school uniform.
 - r. **Pizza sales** occurring each Wednesday. Students are enjoying and it's bringing some normalcy back to school routines.
 - s. **Math – EQAO:** Grade 3 & 6 classes are preparing for spring 2022. Teachers are aligning curriculum with provincial standardized questions and using levelled anchors to assist in student progress. With the implementation of the 2020 math curriculum, 3 of our teachers (Mrs. Leon grade 2/3, Mrs. Franck grade 4/5 and Ms. Bonini grade 5/6) are on a pilot project initiated by the school board along with several other schools throughout the Catholic School Board. The project granted us 30 new laptops which have been added to our school technology which has brought our grade 2 to 8 classes at one device per student. We did receive those devices at the end of August. The project is using math resources from three different publishers which key in on new parts of the math curriculum and will bring forth recommendations for future board purchases. The 30 computers help bring students to the digital side of these new math resources being piloted.
- 3. Treasurer Report:**
- a. **\$1,556.19 Balance report:** (money generated from previous years). The money has not changed since September in this account. Request for \$25 – \$30 to help support costs associated with Joy Day (Dec 14th) approved by council (see point 2i).
 - b. **Big Box Fundraiser.** The school's first time holding this type of funding raising event. Based on research by Mrs. Deane and how other schools had success with this type of event, we choose it as our first event. It was 33 cards in a decorative box for \$33.00. We sold a total of 89 boxes at a profit of \$11.00 each making a total of \$979.00. The funding raised will help purchase two more devices. We have two boxes left as our sample boxes. We can donate to the valentine raffle.
- 4. Future Events – Valentine's Raffle (Fundraiser):**
- a. Julie to prepare take home letter to give Principal for hand-out the week back from Christmas Break.
 - b. **January 2022** - collect donations from families (gift cards, toys to be stored in office), then students will purchase tickets for prizes, one class at a time view prizes and purchase tickets. Donate up to Jan 31st
 - c. **Room location:** Will need to locate room to hold the Valentine's Day Raffle.
 - d. **Parent Volunteers:** Julie will be taking ½ day to volunteer & we'll need more parent volunteers come in to help set up. Parents to follow COVID protocols for proof of vaccination and/or provide negative test results. Jordan to come in at some point for parent support.
 - e. **Dates for Raffle:** Set up: Feb 10th , Feb 11th (Friday) class preview day, Monday Feb 14th , each class goes in to purchase tickets
 - f. **Mrs. Martindale** to call out tickets as was done in previous years.
 - g. **Separate raffle** – for teachers and staff only – geared towards their likings – to include card gift boxes left over from first fundraiser.
- 5. Goals for remainder of the year:**

a. Recruiting new parent involvement – and continue to encourage greater involvement with current volunteers, and review new fund-raising ideas

6. Parish Report – Greg to provide at next meeting

See you at our next virtual meeting: Tuesday Feb 1st, 2022

