



Canadian Martyrs' Catholic School Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

In attendance: Lerida DeLuca Drosi, Jennifer Rutkowski, Sarah Dennison, Deb Tallevi, Melissa McGrath, Erin Horrill, Lina Cannella, Dolly Palin, Val Iantomasi, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Messina, Mrs. Traina, Katherine Cardwell, Claire Beauvais

Regrets: Kate Prangley

Opening Prayer: Mr. Messina

Welcome and Introductions: All

Principal's 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.

Learning with Faith Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to enable students to integrate knowledge and Catholic doctrine across the curriculum in order to grow in faith and virtue, and to deepen their commitment to Christ in the Church.

Literacy Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to foster the acquisition, understanding, and independent application of literacy competencies in all areas across the curriculum.

Numeracy Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will provide a more intense focus on basic and multi-step operations in all five strands of numeracy, and work towards providing students with reinforced practice.

Pathways Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to improve student achievement by guiding and supporting students through the Catholic Graduate Expectations, as they transition from year to year as life long learners.

Catholic Community, Culture and Service Goal

The staff of Canadian Martyrs will work to establish and foster equitable, inclusive, healthy, safe, and engaging school and classroom environments.

Staffing & Student Enrolment:

- Student enrollment 197 to-date
- LTO Staff:
 - FDK – Mrs. Lisa Mason-Mascolo
 - Gr. 1 – Mrs. Teresa McDonald-Dagenais
 - Gr. 2/3 – Mrs. Leigh Ann Bonini
 - Gr. 6 – Mrs. Michelle O'Brien

- Permanent Part time Teacher Librarian – Mr. Joel Begin (Monday & Wednesday, alternate Friday)
- Arts Teacher – Mr. Michael Furlong
- ESL (temporary) - Lori Pietroniro
- EAs
 - Mrs. Leslie Hodges
 - Mrs. Debra Mac Millan

Celebrations:

1. Monday/Wednesday Community Masses, alternating classes
2. Confirmation Session at the Cathedral Basilica Auditorium - Sat., Nov. 8th at 10:00a.m. or 1:00p.m.
3. Remembrance Day Liturgy – Tuesday, November 11th at 1:00p.m.
4. First Communion - Tentative date May 3 (Catholic Education Week)

Special Days/Events:

1. Food Drive Oct 20 – Oct 31
2. Gr. 8 Community Building - St. Mary Pep Rally & Football Game – Oct. 24
3. Picture Day – Oct 29
4. Awards Assembly- Oct 30 (Theme: Goal Setting and Effort)
5. Move-A-Thon & Halloween Costume Day – Oct 31 - reward for food drive. No masks or weapons.
6. Fire Drill #3 - Nov. 3
7. St. Mary CSS Play for Primary Classes – Nov 4
8. United Way - System Red and White Day, loonies or toonies, sticker for each student and staff member to wear on that day – Nov. 4
9. "Take Our Grade 7 Students to High School Day" – Nov 5
10. Progress Reports sent home – Nov 12. Note no reports for JK/SK students. SK 1 hour observation November and JK observation January
11. P.A. Day – Nov. 14
12. Catholic Education Distinguished Service Awards at Cathedral Christ the King – Nov. 18
13. School Mass for All Deceased – Nov 20 at 9:00a.m. at the Church
14. Pilgrimage 2014 – Mr. Fletcher. Goal to increase awareness for social justice: "Walk with Christ, Justice for the Poor"

Extra-curricular

- Stamp Club Meeting – Oct. 28 at 11:35p.m.
- CYO Basketball
- Jr. & Sr. Football Playoffs - October 25

School Council News:

1. Orientation & Commissioning – Monday, October 20, 2014
2. Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary – Saturday, November 1st, 2014
3. Council Chairs & Principal Breakfast – Friday, February 6, 2015

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015

- See above (recently revised - refer to above 5 goals)

Programs

- EQAO Results: Province/Board/School review from website
- Reviewed weakness, developed goals for improvement

- only 26% scored 3 or 4 in math
- identified that students don't do multiple choice in grade 2 (most of test is multiple choice) ... will add this year to curriculum

Budget/Fundraising

- Balance
- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser - before Easter
- Parents Reaching Out Grant: *"Get Cooking Marauders" event to be planned for February "Heart" month*
- Toyota Evergreen Grant - *funding for outdoor classroom*
- FDK - colour printer purchased
- Last year fundraising: purchased projectors for some classrooms
- Due to fire regulations, unable to have chairs outside of office, plan to purchase bench and mount to wall
- Request funding from council for snow blower. Mr. Spadaforra supplied quote, many regulations e.g. no gas, needs to be electric. Val brought motion forward to fund up to \$300 for snow blower. Unanimous agreement all members.

Steps for Improvement

- Monthly divisional team meetings
- Monthly staff meetings
- Monthly Catholic School Council Meetings

News

- Congratulations to Mr. Fletcher who has been appointed Vice Principal
- Trial Progressive Justice, Restorative Justice - Includes: discussion re feelings, focus on how to make things right, education, recognition of what was done wrong, showing remorse

Lego Robotics Update: Mr. Fletcher

- Theme 2014-2015: "thinking outside the box"
- Scored on how team responds to challenges
- Costly team: \$250 yearly membership + \$89 field kit + \$100 tournament registration
- Requesting School council support.
- Council is looking for suggestions for private funding. Val to follow up with Mega Mind Toys and request funding. Melissa to apply for Laurier Grant for students (Laurier Alumni Student Horizon Fund).
- Council will table decision until November meeting.

Co-Chair Report: Lina Cannella & Erin Horrill

- MacMillan's Update; \$357 profit (\$391 last year). Pick up October 29. S Dennison and V Iantomasi have agreed to assist L. Cannella with delivery.
- Turkey Lunch: December 16. Planning at November meeting.
- Christmas Store set up & decorating: December 8
- Christmas Store: December 9 & 10. Volunteers welcome. Details to be discussed at November meeting.
- Samko Sales: reviewed process. Lina to register for this year.
- Popcorn sales progressing well. D Palin has purchased 2nd batch for this school year
- Group agreed for no meeting in December due to large number of December events.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Dennison

- Report submitted to council from Mrs. MacIsaac
- Balance for this month: \$1653.86

Description	Deposits	Expenses
State Farm Good Neighbour Grant	\$500	
Parents Reaching Out Grant	\$1000	
Outdoor Classroom Garden		\$ 1191.42 \$ 140.00
Toyota Evergreen Grant	\$2000	
Mrs. Cipolla (for outdoor classroom)	\$1000	
Mom to Mom Sale	\$ 88.75	
Popcorn Sales	\$ 147.40	\$ 126.00

Meetings:

Remaining meetings for the year: November 25, January 20, February 17, March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16

Closing Prayer: Erin Horrill