Canadian Martyrs Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 3rd 2017

In Attendance: Marisa Pelligrini, Jennifer Yust, Joanne Marentette, Shelia DeSousa, Lynda Minnes, Lisa Glenham-Kachuik, Melinda Paletta, Julie Tippett, Jenny Baxter, Laura Ingles

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| Items | Issue/Discussion | Action |
| 1. Approval of Minutes  | -Minutes approved  |  |
| 2. Graduation Plaques  | -Mural/painting will be designed and painted in the front hallway  |  |
| 3. Parish News | -Lent/Easter schedule is available on the Church’s website -Confirmation – the Confirmation class wrote a thank you letter to the Parent Council which was read out loud  |  |
| 4. New School Website  | -is online -newsletters/council minutes/forms will now be available on the website  -families will get notices when it is updated  |  |
| 5. Catholic Education Week  | Wednesday May 3rd: -speaker will give a presentation about nutrition (food/mood) to grade 4-8 in the afternoon-she will give a talk to parents in the evening -new parent kindergarten orientation -Intermediate students will perform with their instruments -Schedule will be shared-School Mass Friday - May 5-Walk with Jesus – Thursday May 4 | -$100 was left in the budget we will have a draw to win healthy cooking cook books -need ideas to promote event and encourage parents to attend, for example door prizes, food samples, gift basket… |
| 6. French Singer - Michael Ford  | April 10th  | -times should be posted in for parents  |
| 7. First Communion  | April 23 1:30pm |  |
| 8. Recess Bins  |  |  |
| 9. Walk and Talk Recesses  | -students are not to go on the grass due to weather/wet field-no equipment goes outside |  |
| 10. Box Gardens – Melinda  | -Lettuce Grow – a program to teach kids about where their food comes from. -Will come to the school and plant with the students (either inside or outside) -Will have a monthly vegetable -Recipes will available for families to cook with that vegetable.  | -a box of vegetables may be too vulnerable outside on the weekend-Suggested that the vegetable boxes stay in the classrooms-Send emails to teachers to see who would like to participate-Would potentially start in May  |
| 11. Date for the 2017/2018 School Year  | -First 2 weeks in September are reserved for school use. -Thursday September 14 – possible date for welcome barbeque/Curriculum Night  | -let families know in June  |
| 12. Movie Night  | -Use Movie Night as a fundraiser to cover costs for St. Nick’s workshop | -5pm might be too early to start the event-parents may not be able to come on a weeknight-Research shorter movies for younger children so that it’s not a late night-Council will have to decide the night soon because the Board rents out the gym for other events/sports -Decided against proceeding with a movie night at this time. |
| 13. St. Nicks | Friday December 15  | -Thursday December 14, gym will be reserved for set up |
| 14. Dance-a-thon | Tuesday, October 31 |  |
| 15. One Brave Night – Friday April 7 | -Virtual program for Mental Health awareness-People/families stay up to raise money | -too short notice for this year, could we prepare for this event for next year? |

Next Meeting: May 15 2017