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