Canadian Martyrs Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 27 2017

In Attendance: Jennifer Yust, Joanne Marentette, Melinda Paletta, Sheila DeSousa, Julie Tippett, Lynda Minnes, Jacqueline Bretzler, Jenny Baxter, Laura Ingles

Regrets: Lisa Glenham-Kachuik

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| Items | Issue/Discussion | Action |
| Prayer and Welcome |  |  |
| Approval of January 2017 Minutes  | -Minutes approved  |  |
| Principal Report | -Healthy Schools Initiative - apples in the classroom program has started again, new baskets have been purchased-Financial report was distributed and discussed-Arctic presentation was successful and engaging -School Improvement Plan – Christian mediation has been implemented every Friday-Critical Thinking - focus right now is on intellectual perseverance-HCCEF (Halton Catholic Children Education Foundation) testimonials -described how funds raised are used to help families in need-Graduation Plaques – discussed a potential new way of displaying the plaques in the front hall; potentially a mural.Happiness Project – intermediate students handmade a valentine for every student in the school.Mission Club – raised almost $300 on jersey day for Me to We. Website – new website is almost ready to go live. |  |
| Parish Rep Report | Lent – starts on Wednesday March 1 2017 Fr. Phil is awaiting a heart surgery. Confirmation – last Saturday, students chose the Canadian Cancer Society to donate money that would have been spent on confirmation gifts –approximately $125The church received a request from nursing homes for students to make Easter cards for residents. | -Order 12 Action Bibles for the library  |
| Pancake Tuesday  | - there are 12 volunteers, pancake Tuesday will take place on Tuesday February 28th |  |
| Pita Pit | -Parents would like the option of having egg-based sauces (eg. Mayonnaise) but there are egg allergies in the school.  | -it was discussed that other lunches have eggs, (eg. Lunches from home or Lunch Lady), so school can’t discriminate against Pita Pit and will continue to offer those sauces.  |
| Movie Night  | -Possibility of a Movie Night was discussed. -Discussed the fact that it would be a “family” movie night, where parents would have to attend with their children.-Could include dinner/snacks(pizza and/or food truck) or popcorn sales. -School/council should be encouraging parents to come to the nutritionist visit that has already been paid for.  | -Discussion of Movie Night will be on hold until September 2017, as it requires more planning/licensing. |
| Council of Chairs Meeting/Report | Issues discussed at Council of Chairs Meeting:-School council report must be posted on the school website -Publish council names in October -Council needs to reach out to school community about issues, for example school uniforms-Speaker David Bouchard gave a presentation -Presentation about Board budget -there will be a Parents Engaged in Education event in Markham  |  |
| New Items | Autism Awareness on April 2nd – discussed the possibility of having an event/ conversation to help educate students about autism.   |  |

Next Meeting – April 3rd 2017 7:00pm