Canadian Martyrs Elementary School Council Agenda

Monday January 16 2017

In Attendance: Lisa Glenham-Kachuik, Connie DeBenedet, Melinda Paletta, Julie Tippett, Lynda Minnes, Joanne Marentette, Shelia DeSousa, Jennifer Yust, Marisa Pellegrini, Laura Ingles

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| Items | Issue/Discussion | Action |
| Prayer, Welcome and Intentions for 2017 |  |  |
| Approval of Minutes | Bishop’s Dinner –Council members had approved the purchase of a table at the November council meeting, but non-council parents expressed concerns that money for this event shouldn’t come from the parent council. Some parents were concerned that money is potentially being taken away from the students at Canadian Martyrs.  -Minutes approved. | -it was suggested that there should be a specific fundraiser to raise money to purchase a table for the Bishop’s Dinner (ex. pancake Tuesday or St. Nick’s workshop).  -suggested that money to purchase the table comes from St. Nick’s workshop because it is a fundraiser to support families in need. |
| Principal’s Report | -School Generated Funds report was distributed and discussed.  -Growth Mindset Assembly for K-8 is on January 31st  -PA Day is February 3rd  -Award Winning Arctic Photographer John Dunn presentation for K-8 is on February 17  -Report Cards – Feb 23rd  -Speech Contest February 27th |  |
| School Uniforms | -discussed the possibility of having another vote for school uniform this year | -it was suggested to wait another year because there is a new uniform provider and there would be more time for parents to consider the issue.  - start discussing the uniform issue in September 2017 at curriculum night. |
| Criteria for Principal Selection |  | -Council members will create the list of principal selection criteria - to be completed without the 3 staff members present directly after council meeting. |
| School Improvement Plan (SIP) | -3-year plan  -main themes of SIP are perseverance, anxiety, the 4 Cs (critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication) |  |
| St. Nick’s Workshop | -raised $4800  (70% from raffles), funds raised went to help needy families in the school community  -pictures from Santa was a success  -can money be put aside for next years? | -it was suggested that $500 - $1000 should be set aside for next year’s St. Nick’s Workshop for materials/supplies and that the Chair of the St. Nick’s fundraiser should be in charge of these funds. |
| Upcoming Pancake Tuesday | -Mrs. Hunter will run this events with parent volunteers | -looking for donations for pancake mix, syrup (but has to be allergy free) |
| Parish Rep report | -upcoming sacraments gifts – suggestion for first communion gifts could be witness wrist bands (bracelets). Cost is approximately $100 for 60 wrist bands. This could potentially replace the traditional prayer book given to students for First Communion.  -discussed if students should receive a gift for First Communion at all.  -Confirmation – students would research charities and donate money that would be spent on a gift to charity of their choice (approximately $4 per student)  -Bibles for Grade 4 students – instead of giving each student a bible, purchase a set of Action Bibles for the library/school  -discussed Rosary Apostolate in Schools – a program where volunteers would come to the school to say the rosary with students. | -council members decided to have the liturgy and give the students a certificate and no gift for First Communion.  -council approved purchasing a set of Action Bibles instead of individual bibles. |
| Questions | -when will school website be updated? | -Board is currently updating website |
| Pita Pit | -school had 104 pita orders  -there were complaints  about no-egg sauce options |  |

Next Meeting – February 27 1017