Canadian Martyrs Elementary School Council – November 7 2016

In Attendance: Jennifer Yust, Melinda Paletta, Connie DeBenedet, Lynda Minnes, Julie Tippett, Joanne Marentette, Jenny Baxter, Julie Cecconi, Courtney Smith, Debbie Szczygielski, Marisa Pellegrini, Shelia DeSousa, Laura Ingles

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| Items | Issue/Discussion | Action |
| 1. Welcome and Prayer |  |  |
| 1. Pita Pit Presentation | -owners of the Pita Pit presented options for a potential pita/smoothie day at Canadian Martyrs. | -Council decided to approve Pita days on Thursdays, every other week (opposite to pizza days)  -Pitas would cost $5.25 with $1 of the cost going to the school  -would ask to have no egg options for sauces, because of an egg allergy in the school  -agreed to have a trial for a month  -Council decided to not have Smoothie days |
| 1. Review of October 3rd 2016 Council Meeting Minutes | -Council approved the minutes. |  |
| 1. Council of Chairs Meeting | -meeting at Sacred Heart of Jesus  -Strategic Plan 2016-2021 was distributed to Council | -binder is to be kept in the library |
| 1. Evening with Bishop Crosby (fundraising dinner) | -Catholic Children Foundation provides funds/support to families in need  -discussed if Council would like to purchase a table for the November 2017 event | -Council agreed to purchase tickets for a table for the 2017 event (approximately $750) |
| 1. Dance-a-Thon | -final tallies are still be counted, but now it is over $9000  -$4000 has been allocated for tech  -$2500 has been allocated for presentations (Anti-Bullying (November), Growth Mindset (January), First Nations, French presentation, Food Mood (May)  -approximately $2000 for classroom recess bins  -continuation of $100 per classroom for supplies/consumables |  |
| 1. Financial Statement | -Financial Statement was presented and discussed |  |
| 1. Faith Development | -Presentation of Bibles for Grade 4s  -Possibility of having a Teaching Mass for Grade 2 students and their families, where the priest reads out his instructions through the mass.  -Possibility of Retreats  -Advent Calendar Activity | -Certificate presentation to Grade 2 students for First Communion was too difficult to do at the Church, so would like to do the presentation after the event at the school.  -Marisa will discuss the option of Retreat with Grade 2 teachers |
| 1. Cobb’s Bread | -any purchase at Cobb’s Bread in Burlington will generate funds for Canadian Martyrs |  |
| 1. Evacuation Response Plan | -Evacuation Practice – staff and students must evacuate through the back doors and meet at behind the baseball diamond. If it is not possible to re-enter the school, staff and students would move to Macmillan school |  |
| 1. Growing Success | -There is a new way to access student’s progress - Observation, Conversation and Product |  |
| 1. Bus Issues | -there are still problems with the busses  -Busses are still arriving late  -It is a safety concern for students who don’t have parents/adults waiting with them at the bus stop when busses are late  -Students have sometimes been asked to sit 4 to a seat, which is a safety concern  -parents are receiving notifications about bus problems too late | -it was discussed if 2 of the bus routes can be combined  -Council would like to print a letter to share with parents to voice concerns and issues |
| 1. Kindergarten Gate/Parking Lot | -Children have been having trouble getting past the parents on the sidewalk onto the parking lot/kiss and ride at the kindergarten pen.  -Discussed if the fence/gate can be moved or changed |  |
| 1. St. Nick’s Update | -Looking for someone to dress as Santa or donate a Santa suit |  |
| 1. Next Meeting | January 16th 2017 |  |
| 1. Christmas Concert | -all students are participating  -December 20th  -dress rehearsal on December 19 |  |

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