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
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| 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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