Canadian Martyrs Elementary School Council Agenda

In Attendance : Jennifer Yust, Marisa Pellegrini, Laura Ingles, Lisa Kachuik, Melinda Paletta, Julie Tippett, Jenny Baxter, Jacqueline Bretzler, Lynda Minnes, Shelia DeSousa, Joanne Marentette

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| Items | Issue/Discussion | Action |
| 1.Prayer and Introduction |  |  |
| 2. Commissioning and Declaration |  | Council Members signed the declaration forms. |
| 3. School Council Chair Position |  | Melinda Paletta volunteered to be the Chair of the Canadian Martyrs Parent Council. |
| 4. Date for next meeting |  | Monday November 7 2016 was chosen for the next Council Meeting. |
| 5. Council Values and Membership |  | Council Members read through the Parent Council duotang to familiarize themselves with the mission statement, values, responsibilities and rules of the council. |
| 6. EQAO | Results from the 2015/16 EQAO testing were shared with council. |  |
| 7. Grade 8 Trip to Bark Lake and Grade 7 to the Martyrs Shrine | Grade 8 trip was very successful. The camp focuses on problem solving and co-operation.  Grade 7 was also very successful and engaging for the students. |  |
| 8. Food Mood Connection Speaker | Speaker that was scheduled to present in September was called for jury duty and was not able to give her presentation. | Council has decided to re-book the speaker for a later date.  Possible date – during Catholic Education Week in May |
| 9. Halloween Dance-a-thon on Friday October 28 2016 | Dance-a-thon will be on the Friday because volunteers cannot get into the gym on Sunday to set-up. |  |
| 10. Bus issues | Parents are concerned that Bus 123 has been consistently late for the first few weeks of school.  Buses have been anywhere between 5 minutes to an hour late.  The bus does not have a permanent bus driver; presently the bus driver is shared between 2 schools.  Parents are concerned because children are stressed/scared/confused about traveling on the bus.  It is an un-safe situation for the children. | Council is questioning if the Board can use another bus company.  Representatives at the Board are trying to resolve issues.  Council has decided to draft a letter on behalf of the bus parents/parent council including detailed concerns and issues to send to the Board.  It was suggested to document all issues and details regarding busing on a daily basis. Stress that it is a safety issue. |
| 11. Parking and Kiss and Ride Issues/ End of School Routine | Parking lots and Kiss and Ride are extremely congested because more bus parents are now trying to drive their children to school. | A new system of dismissal may have to be made to make the end of school day less chaotic.  A message will be put in the Chalk Talk to remind parents about Kiss and Ride procedure. |
| 12. Movie Night | It was suggested to arrange another movie night.  There is a worry that parents will not stay to supervise their children. | Parents could sign in/sign out.  It would have to be made clear that parents must stay with their children. |
| 13. Faith resources |  | Joanne Marentette, the parish rep, would like to meet with teachers to discuss faith resources in the school. |
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Next Meeting – Monday November 7