Canadian Martyrs Parent Council -November 6 2017

In Attendance: Jennifer Yust, Marisa Pellegrini, Laura Ingles, Melinda Paletta, Shelia DeSousa, Julie Tippett, Michael Grobe, Lynda Minnes, Jenny Baxter, Sandy Estrela

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| Items | Issue/Discussion | Action |
| 1. Welcome and prayer |  |  |
| 2. Approval of October meeting’s minutes |  | Minutes approved. |
| 3. Council of Chairs Meeting | Michael Grobe discussed the Council of Chairs meeting. |  |
| 4. Dance-a-thon Update and School Generated Funds | Dance-a-thon was a success!  $9200 (approximately) was raised at the Dance-a-thon.  $5000 was carried over from fundraising from last year (primarily from Pita days).  School Generated Funds Report was distributed and discussed. | Funds raised from dance-a-thon and carry-over from last year will be used for:   * new team uniforms/t-shirts, new iPADS, music support materials for Arts teacher ($5000) * Tech for the classrooms – laptops for use with classroom smartboards ($5000) * New sound system for the gym ($4000) * Student agendas ($1000) and cultural presentations ($3000) |
| 5. Bishop’s Dinner 2018 | Council discussed purchasing a table for next year’s dinner. |  |
| 6. School Uniforms | School community will be voting on uniform in January (after kindergarten registration).  Canadian Martyrs is the only Burlington school in the HCDSB that does not have a uniform. | Date for voting will be announced before the January council meeting. |
| 7. School Improvement Plan (Critical Thinking) | Focus on critical thinking, active listening and notice and wonder (“what do you notice?” “what do you wonder?”), and developing better questions. |  |
| 8. Tell Them From Me Survey (school climate survey) | School is still in the process of completing the survey. |  |
| 9. Growing Success (observation, conversations, product) | Students are now assessed by teacher’s observations, conversations and product. |  |
| 10. Parent Evening – Wednesday November 22 2017 7-8pm | “Reluctance, Resilience and Rejoicing” with guest speaker David Wells – Basilica Church of Our Lady in Guelph |  |
| 11. St. Nicks Update | Meeting November 7 in the library.  Kids will be making crafts to take home. | Donations are needed for raffle items.  Mrs. Yust will send a letter through syner-voice asking for raffle donations and volunteers. |
| 12. Volunteers | Volunteers are needed for school events. | Melinda will re-organise volunteer binder/letter and work on recruiting new volunteers. |
| 13. School Photo- Parent Concerns | Some parents have concerns that the quality of the school photos was not good. | Re-take day is November 18. |

Next Meeting January 15 2018