

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, February 7, 2012
6:30 pm in the OLMC Library

Participants: Mary Byers, Nicole Aubin, Anna Pascuzzi, Anna Racine, Angela Morocco, Mary D'Uva Elizabeth Davey, Mark Lefebvre, Sante Visca, Melissa Roma, Anna Maria Colangelo

1. Welcome @ 6:30 p.m.: Anna Racine chaired the meeting and welcomed the council to the meeting.
2. Opening Prayer: Melissa Roma
3. Minutes – November 2011 approved by: M. Byers, A. Morocco
4. Reports:

Catholicity:

- The family Advent Mass took place @ 11:00 AM Mass.
- Catholicity: Cross Project. Wooden crosses have been made where students will make mosaics of family representations that will be affixed to the crosses and will be covered with decoupage for a shiny finish. The cross can be used for prayer services and other activities. This project to commence during Lent.

Consolidation of St. Thomas More Catholic School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- Mrs. Davey recapped the information that was given to the community on January 23, 2012 at the meeting that took place at St. Thomas More School and at the Board meeting of January 32, 2012. Mr. Lefebvre answered any questions that were asked by the parents noting that they're input is always valued.

Food Days:

- The wrap day was enjoyed by those students who participated in this term's food day.
- Our next food day is Shrove Tuesday which is on Feb. 21st. Volunteers have been requested through the newsletter and will be announced.

Teacher Report:

Mrs. D'Uva and Miss Morocco presented informational items from each division. Following are some of the highlights:

- Silver Birch and Red Maple reading program is taking place. The book fair will take place the second week of February.
- Intermediate basketball taking place on Feb. 8 & 9.
- Junior students will soon prepare for the handball tournament. All divisions are going skating.
- On Feb. 23 our Bd. Is having a student symposium where 3 students will participate in sessions to foster an understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a Catholic student leader. It will be taking place all day at Holy Rosary Church Hall. Miss Gilliss will accompany the students

Church Rep: Reconciliation classes have begun. The Multicultural lunch will take place on Feb. 26th after 11:00 am Mass. Our students have volunteered to assist the church with the luncheon.

Pasta Dinner March 25: The roof campaign is also taking place. Monthly donations are being requested of the parishioners.

Special Needs Report: SEAC: is proceeding with a voluntary EA survey that will be completed online to determine communication with classroom teacher, professional development- best practices and resources. A follow up letter to the Ministry is being drafted by SEAC to recommend that teachers have Part 1 Special Education.

SNAC Committee: November 26th, Chef Paul, Executive Chef of the Niagara Parks Commission and his assistant Chef Bill led a workshop for students. They taught the food preparation hygiene, safety in the kitchen and how to prepare delicious and nutritious snacks and meals. The session was attended by 25 students ranging from Grades 5 – 8. It was a hit with the students and we are hoping to hold another session later in the spring.

Principal Report:

- School Improvement: Junior Mathematics Intervention
- Mrs. Davey presented the mid year review of the NCDSB vision 20/20 strategic plan.
- Dance a thon: Tied into Kids Helping Kids, Ryan's Bowl. February 17th. Will need volunteers to purchase prizes.
- Author Sigmund Brouwer: had his official launching of his book Falls' Honor in our school library. He then proceeded to the gym where he presented his "Rock and roll Literacy" presentation to the student body. The Gr. 2&3 students from St. Thomas More School were in also in attendance. Mr. Lefebvre and Mr. Crocco were also in attendance. There was an article in the review featuring our students with Sigmund Brouwer. We were also in the NCDSB Spotlight newsletter.
- Youth University: Has had 3 after school sessions with students who signed up from Gr. 6 & 7.
- An information sheet on the ILS Homework Help was distributed to the council
- Mrs. Davey talked about the some of the improvements to the physical plant of the school – All hallways, trim and doors are in the process of being painted. The staff washroom in the foyer of the school has had the sink and counter top replaced. It is also slated to be re-painted. The school parking lot is scheduled to be improved. The extent of the improvement is yet to be determined by the plant maintenance department.
- The council's response to the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year was positive. This input will be conveyed to the Jennifer Brailey.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2011

Prayer for next meeting:

Goodies for next meeting: