

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL and ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
6:30 pm Staff Room

Participants: Mary Byers, Anna Racine, Angela Morocco, Mary D'Uva, Elizabeth Davey, Sante Visca, Terri Visca, Melissa Roma, Susan Zizian, Laura Thomas, Toni Artista-Marsh, Debra McDonald, Sandra Stranges,

1. Welcome @ 6:30 p.m.: Anna Racine chaired the meeting and welcomed the council to the meeting. Members from both schools introduced themselves
2. Opening Prayer: Mr. Legace read a prayer of "Bringing Together in Harmony and Peace."

Catholicity:

- The Council discussed ideas for an activity that combined both schools and to display the product on the bulletin board to show "We are Community."
- Memory Plaque Blessing: April 1st for deceased student Elena Fabiano. Blessing by Father Peter Rowe. Members of the council will host refreshments for the family with a small token for them to take as remembrance.

Policy Vetting:

- The council was reminded of the policies that were recently posted; Criminal background check and Use of corporate logo. Input to be sent to Jennifer Brailey.

Food Days:

- Shrove Tuesday on March 4th was a great success. We had numerous volunteers to help out. Some parent volunteers from St. Thomas More School also helped. Pancakes were also distributed to the students who were receiving Cyberquest instruction and all students enjoyed the event.
- Next Food day in April to be a Sub Day.

Church Rep. and Youth Ministry Report: Anna Racine

- Youth Ministry is holding a Lenten Retreat for students on Saturday, April 12.

Special Needs Report: SEAC :

- Anna Racine reported information from SEAC. One of the goals of SEAC is to suggest that Special Needs Representative is on Catholic School Council who would report information from SEAC to each Council.

Pro-Grant Proposal:

- Interest was expressed in submitting a proposal for the upcoming school year. A topic is TBD.
- **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 programs, Kids' Lit Quiz, and the book fair is currently taking place.
- Intermediate basketball & badminton
- Junior handball tournament.
- Class trips

Principal Report Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:

- Renovation Update: Phase 1 ELKP classrooms and change rooms in junior
- Dance a thon: Was a success. Mrs. Davey distributed the financial report. From the proceeds, each student will receive \$10.00 in field trip funding and there will be enough to support Graduation activities.
- OLMC has received a license for Nevada Tickets. Profits will be realized throughout the course of the year.
- Miss Gilliss will be running a You're The Chef after school program for 6 weeks commencing April 15 from Gr. 5-Gr.8. This is a Regional Health Department Program that the Board has received funds to operate in a number of schools.
- Volunteer Appreciation takes place on April 7th 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn on Ontario St. Attendees: Kristen Golia, Joseph Legace, Sante Visca, Anna Racine
- Bishop's Gala: April 12th. Attendees: Father Peter, Anna Racine, Mr. & Mrs. Cirillo, Melissa Roma, Mary Byers.
- Graduation to take place on June 25th 6:00 pm @ St. Thomas More Church. Prizes will be needed to distribute to the graduates. The Graduation Committee would like to commence with preliminary planning of the event.
- Mrs. Davey informed the council that all principals and CYW's are currently being trained in the ASIST program for suicide prevention.

Principal Report: St. Thomas More School

- Mrs. Brant discussed purchases that have been made from school fundraising that would be installed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mrs. Brant ordered a Hydration Station through the NCDSB Plant Services Department. It will be installed once renovations are completed. Two Smartboards are currently on order with the Technology Department. If the final price of each of the Smartboards is in the vicinity of \$3000.00 there is a potential for a third smartboard to be ordered.
- Mrs. Brant indicated that upon clarification with Mr. Crocco that all funds left unspent in the STM School Accounts would not be taken by the Board. This will be transferred to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.
- Mrs. Brant informed that all items from St. Thomas More School would go to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.
- A Fundraiser has taken place to purchase a baptismal font for the church. Another fundraiser will take place in order to raise additional funds for the baptismal font.
- A fundraiser –"Name that Tune" is taking place on April 5th. This fundraiser is to raise funds to purchase items for the closing school celebration. Tickets for the event are \$20.00 per person. Attendees can also donate prizes.

NEXT JOINT COUNCIL MEETING: Tentatively scheduled for May 27th. This will be a meeting and dinner social. Detail will follow.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: May April 1, 2014