

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, April 15, 2013  
6:30 pm in the OLOMC Library

Participants: A. Racine, T. Visca, A. Morocco, E. Davey, A.M. Colangelo, M. Roma

Welcome @ 6:30 p.m.: A. Racine chaired the meeting and welcomed the council to the meeting.

Opening Prayer: The council began the evening with prayer.

Minutes – February- approved by: M. Roma

**Reports**

**Catholicity:** Family prayers have been collected and they will be compiled into a booklet of prayers.

**Food Days:** BBQ Day in June

**Church Rep:** Successful potluck dinner for the graduation candidates. The next day was the pancake breakfast for the students receiving their first Holy Communion.

Father is eager to have the families of the church participate in Strong Catholic Family and Strong Catholic Youth sessions

Hosting Chris Bray, who is a Christian speaker and musician. The church will publicise this throughout the diocese.

In April, the third annual youth ministry Lenten retreat took place. There were 15 students who participated in activities such as, Easter trivia, scavenger hunt, Stations of the Cross, skits.

**Graduation Committee:** Graduation June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Racine will book the Parish Hall for the party. Requests for donations will be sent home in May and early June. Students will receive pizza, veggies and dip, watermelon, cake and water. Council sponsors a gift for a male and female award. Recipients are selected by the teacher. There are also gifts left over from last year grad.

**Teacher Report:**

- Junior and Intermediate student participated in the Chess tournament on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Intermediate Badminton team participated in their tournament on April 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>. They represented the school well.
- Junior students participated in a handball tournament at Loretto Catholic in March.
- Mr. Sacco is preparing the school choir for Education Week. Mrs. Desson is preparing the dance team for the Festival of the Arts at Brock University – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Gr. 6, 7 & 8s are going to Brock University for the Youth University Activities on May 13,14,15.
- School Track and Field on May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Math Intervention is continuing with the junior students and teachers. The focus is on building teacher capacity in teaching specific math concepts and having interventions for students who are not grasping concepts. Students and teachers work with the Numeracy Coach, Miss Tancredi and the Math interventionist Mrs. Rinaldi.
- Gr. 4s will be visiting the Niagara Falls Museum on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a Medieval Times presentation. This is very interactive for the students. The Niagara Falls Transit is providing free transportation.
- Grade 7 students will be going to Fort George in June.
- The ECO Team will have their audit on May 29<sup>th</sup> to determine their status this year. The ECO team are preparing their year end report of all of the initiatives at OLOMC. Some examples are: class composts and recycling, Earth Hour Challenge participation, April 18-21 is litter less lunches, THINK RECYCLE.

**Principal Report:**

- ❖ Mrs. Davey thanked the council for their support and participation in the School Excellence presentation that took place on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The school's presentation was well received by the trustees and senior administration. The choir, dance group, staff and council presentations were well done.
- ❖ Six Architectural firms were shortlisted to do a project proposal for the OLMC renovations. The presentation of the proposals will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Davey will be on the panel to help decide on the firm to undertake the project.
- ❖ Dress Code, Spirit Wear discussion took place. The council felt that having jeans as part of the dress code would make monitoring for appropriateness difficult.
- EQAO : May 27 – June 7
- Youth University is finished for the year. A parent presentation took place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mrs. Davey presented the activities for Catholic Education Week. These will be published in the May newsletter.
- Mrs. Davey requested input for the parental involvement funds of \$500.00. It was agreed that it goes towards off setting the cost of the student agendas.
- The council will be submitting another grant proposal to the Ministry this year.
- The following policies were outlined for the council by Mrs. Davey was shared with Council: Catholic School Council and Parent Involvement. PRO Grant for 2012-2013 (submission date May 13, 2011).

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.