

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, February 15, 2011
6:30 pm in the OLMC Library

Participants: Mary Byers, Nicole Aubin, Anna Pascuzzi, Anna Racine, Sandra Vecchi, Angela Morocco, Mary D'Uva Elizabeth Davey,

1. Welcome @ 6:30 p.m.: Anna Racine chaired the meeting and welcomed the council to the meeting.
2. Opening Prayer: The council began the evening with a prayer service based on the February virtue of Love/Charity. Potluck dinner followed prayer. The meeting proceeded after dinner.
3. Minutes – November 2010 M. Byers, S. Vecchi
4. Reports:

Catholicity:

- The family Advent Mass took place @ 11:00 AM Mass. The CSC hosted a Sundaes Sunday following the OLMC family represented our school and lit the Advent candle and brought the offertory gifts.
- Mrs. Byers will continue to look for distributors for beads with letters on them for children to make cross key chains that have OLMC & COURAGE intersecting in the shape of a cross.

Food Days:

- The sub day was enjoyed by those students who participated in this term's food day.
- Our next food day is Shrove Tuesday which is on March 8th. Volunteers are being requested through the newsletter.

Church Rep:

- Fr. Stuart is making a photo directory of the church families. The CWL are selling home made pies after church on February 20, 2011. Pasta dinner will be held at the church on March 6th.

SNAC Committee: Will resume in March to assess the success of the goals and to develop the direction of the council.

Teacher Report:

- Intermediate basketball teams participated in the NF tournament on Feb.8 & 11.
- Junior students are now preparing for the handball tournament.
- On Feb. 25 our Bd. Is having a student symposium where 1 jr. student and 2 int. students will participate in sessions to foster an understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. It will be taking place all day at the Quality Inn in St. Catharines.
- Miss Gilliss, CYW, arranged for the Carousel players to perform for the students. The message for students was to appreciate what they had and who they are as a person. Follow up lesson will be conducted during social skills classes.

5. Principal Report:

- Food drive was successful again this year. We were able to add additional food items by asking for canned food donations as admission.
- The Lego Robotics tournament was held in December at Niagara College. The school team was led by Mr. E. Delle Monache. The students received an award for innovative design. They submitted a design that would enable patients with pacemakers to have their pacemaker tested while they slept in their own beds using a testing pad that would be placed in their mattress. This would alleviate surgery and hospitalization for the patient.
- Report cards were distributed. Mrs. Davey requested feedback from the council regarding the new reports. Council's response was positive regarding the new report cards.
- Dance a thon is on hold until Mrs. Davey can get information regarding paying royalties on the music that is used during the dance a thon to raise money. Presswood entertainment may be used again to put on the dance a thon.
- Girls Night Out – an evening to support, empower and celebrate the feminine genius of girls ages 10-15 and their caring female role models. Information will be in our newsletter. Information will be sent home to the girls enrolled at OLMC.
- Your Kids Your Voice parent consultation will be held in St. Catharines on March 26th 9:30-3:00 PM for parents of children and youth with mental health and addiction problems. There is no cost to participate. This consultation is an opportunity for parents to be heard and to influence positive change in child and youth mental health services in Ontario. Call 1-866-537-6199, Ext. 62

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2011