

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, November 18, 2013  
6:30 pm in the Staff Room – Christmas dinner meeting

Participants:

1. Welcome @ 6:30 p.m.: Anna Racine chaired the meeting and welcomed the council to the meeting. The meeting was a Christmas potluck dinner meeting.
2. Opening Prayer: Anna Racine
3. Minutes - of September 30<sup>th</sup> approved – Mrs. Byers
4. Reports:

Student Ambassadors: Were introduced to the Council. The students talked about the initiatives in which they are involved.

Catholicity: OLOMC Advent Mass December 1 & 2 for the first week of Advent was discussed and members confirmed the masses that they would attend. Flyers will be sent home reminding families.

Church Rep: Mrs. Racine informed the council of the pastoral council formed by Father Peter in order to receive input regarding the church. Youth ministry's goal is to encourage student input from a focus group of students from OLMC and LC in order to develop activities that would engage our Catholic youth and to encourage Sunday Mass attendance.

Food Days: Sub day was successful with the students. One item of feedback was that the students would prefer to have the sub sauce served separately next time. Our next food day is in January (pasta day) and Mrs. Davey will send several dates for the committee for January's food day.

Special Needs Report: Mrs. Racine reported on the Positive Behaviour Support presentation given by Cathy McMullin. This strategy is in pilot schools across the NCDSB. There is a member of the student senate on SEAC this year. Mrs. Racine gave a good news report that was sent in by various schools.

School Nutrition Action Committee: The goals for this year is around the theme "healthy food – healthy bodies". The students will have the opportunity to participate in activities that will give the tools to begin making some meals, snack for themselves through the following program: "You're the Chef".

Teacher Rep: Junior: Student teachers are in the 5/6 and 6 classes until December. Curriculum focus is on math and descriptive feedback across subject areas. The juniors are involved in a mathematics pilot JMI and the resource entitled Contexts for Learning Mathematics will be used by the teachers. Nurse Sacco did an alcohol and tobacco presentation to the students. She will assist with delivering the created sexually component of Fully Alive in the new year. The grade 4 & 6 teachers will be receiving in servicing for their smartboard technology this week. Field Trips: The gr. 4 & 5 attended the water festival in September and the the 4, 5, 6 classes attended the safety village in early October. The Gr. 5's are attending PALS in the spring. A Youth Action program is taking place each Wednesday afternoon. This is sponsored by the Regional Health Department. It is a program that focuses on healthy relationships and empathy towards others. The response has been excellent and there is a waiting list to attend the program in the new year.

Intermediate: The intermediates are involved in Volleyball. Girls placed second on Nov. 15. Boys play on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Passport through Niagara 1812 field trip. The video of this activity is on the school's website. Army Cadet Presentation for gr. 6,7,8 students last week. Students can attend summer camp for free. There are other activities within the cadets that students can participate in such as drum corps. Mathletes will take place on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the CEC. The Gr. 8's had their orientation day on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Report: School Improvement Report: The junior teachers and students will be involved with the Junior Math Intervention with Brock University. Numeracy coach assigned to the school is Laura Tancredi. A Math Intervention teacher will be a part of this project.

Bully Awareness Week: Miss Gilliss was the lead with these activities. Presentations for the junior students by Cindy Ko and presentation for the intermediates was Bonnie Prentice, messages said over the announcements by students reinforcing peaceful school relationships, Blue Tuesday and Pink Wednesday to signify stand up to bullies. Do not be a bystander.

Food Drive for Project Share will be led by the student ambassadors. They will attend a Project Share volunteer appreciation breakfast.

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2013    Prayer for next meeting: Sante Visca, Goodies for next meeting: Sante Visca