



**CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021
MINUTES**

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer - David Forte
2. Roll Call - Al Creelman, David Forte, Cheryl Laflamme, Lorraine Rudolph, Kate Hingston
Those who have expressed their regrets - Diana Conidi, Sara Peabody
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Disclosure of Interest

B. PRESENTATIONS

- **Lorraine Rudolph** - School Health Nurse

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1) **Catholic School Financial Report** - Current financial report (as of 01/04/2021).
- 2) **Access to Technology** - Any technology loaned to students must be immediately returned to the school as soon as in-person learning resumes.
- 3) **Term 2 Provincial Report Cards** - These will be available on the Maplewood Parent Portal during the week of June 28th.
- 4) **IEP Distribution** - IEPs will be made available to parents/guardians of students with IEPs on the Maplewood Parent Portal, along with the Term 2 Report Card.
- 5) **Classroom Placements** - Parents will be informed of their child(ren)'s class placement for next year via the Maplewood Parent Portal.
- 6) **Grade 8 Graduation** - Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, various options to safely celebrate our Grade 8 Graduating Class of 2021 are currently being planned for

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) **Pertinent information should in-person learning resume...**
 - **Ontario COVID-19 School Screening Assessment** - Parents are reminded to complete the COVID-19 School Screening Assessment for their child(ren) each day prior to coming to school.

- ***Keeping Children at Home*** - If a family member is ever showing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, parents are kindly asked to please keep all children within the household home from school and follow the direction of Niagara Region Public Health.
 - ***Picking Up Children Showing Symptoms*** - When picking up students who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms from the school, we kindly ask that families consider taking all siblings home with the child feeling ill.
 - ***Visitors to the School*** - As per the guidelines provided by Public Health and the Ministry of Education, we are limiting visitors to the school.
 - ***Dismissal Procedure*** - Our school Health & Safety Committee has made the decision to continue with our 'Backyard Tarmac' dismissal procedure for the foreseeable future.
 - ***Indoor / Outdoor Footwear*** - *Parents are reminded to send a pair of indoor shoes to school with their child.*
 - ***Student Lockers*** - As the warmer weather approaches, classroom teachers are prepared to have students transition away from locker use and back to in-class housing of student belongings.
- 2) **Mental Health and Catholic Education Week** - We will be celebrating Mental Health and Catholic Education Week from Sunday, May 2nd to Friday, May 7th. This year's theme is 'Nurturing Hope'.
 - 3) **Kindergarten Virtual Spring Orientation** - On Wednesday, May 26, 2021, Canadian Martyrs will be hosting a Kindergarten Virtual Spring Orientation for families with a student registered to start in Kindergarten. The virtual orientation is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.
 - 4) **Easter Food Drive** - Our Easter Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society was an enormous success. Canadian Martyrs students and staff brought in an overwhelming amount of non-perishable food items.
 - 5) **Numeracy Resources for Additional Practice: Knowledgehook.com & SplashLearn.com** - These websites are a great resource for additional practice in Numeracy. Many teachers have registered their classes to access assessments based on specific Ontario curriculum expectations for any grade. Accounts can be accessed at home for additional practice. www.knowledgehook.com / www.splashlearn.com
 - 6) **Literacy Resources for Additional Reading Practice: Readworks.org & Wuzzals.com** - Parents may find these sites useful in providing additional reading opportunities for their children. The sites contain a wide variety of texts that can be accessed online. Parents can create their own account to access reading material at various levels to practice with their children at home. www.readworks.org / www.wuzzals.com

- 7) **School Messenger** - Parent information updates, monthly newsletters and calendars will continue to be sent to families via this platform.
- 8) **School Cash Online** - We encourage the continued use of this platform to make payments for school related expenses.
- 9) **Parish News:**
 - ✓ **Postponement of Sacraments** - We have been advised by St. Alfred Parish that all sacraments have been postponed until further notice.
 - ✓ **Easter Mass** - Canadian Martyrs will be celebrating Easter Mass virtually through St. Alfred Church. The rescheduled date is yet to be determined.
- 10) **On-going initiatives:**
 - a. Continue with Phase Three of Outdoor Classroom.
 - b. Continue to plant trees to provide a shaded canopy.
 - c. Continue to develop technological resources in the school.

F. Chairperson Report

G. Review of Key Dates and Dates of Interest:

- ✓ *Dates of Interest:*
 - POSTPONED Confirmation Retreat at St. Alfred Catholic Church
 - POSTPONED Confirmation at St. Alfred Catholic Church
 - POSTPONED First Holy Communion at St. Alfred Catholic Church
 - Grade 8 Graduation

H. NEXT MEETING

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. CLOSING PRAYER

David Forte