

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**
MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, April 17, 2012
6:30 pm in the OLOMC Library

Participants: M. Byers, N. Aubin, A. Pascuzzi, A. Racine, A. Morocco, E. Davey, S. Vecchi, 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 a prayer service based on the April virtue of Hope.

Minutes – February- approved by: Mary Byers, Angela Morocco

Reports:

Catholicity:

- Mrs. Byers has priced out beads for the students to make cross key chains. The beads are clear and blue. They will be purchased in preparation for the 2011-2012 school Catholicity project.

Food Days:

- Mrs. Racine is going to look into Swiss Chalet and KFC for options for our next food day that are within the nutritional guidelines for schools.
- Many parent volunteers assisted to make Shrove Tuesday a success on March 8th. Volunteers cooked pancakes for the students and staff. The event was well organized and students and staff really enjoyed the delicious pancakes. Many thanks are extended to our parent volunteers for supporting the pre-Lenten activity for the students.

Church Rep: Bishop Bergie said Mass on March 18th at St. Thomas More Church.

- Reconciliation, Communion classes are completed. Confirmation classes will take place in May in preparation for Confirmation on June 8th and 9th. Parents received information regarding the preparation sessions. The first to take place on May 8th.
- Youth Ministry Event and Lenten Retreat was a success. Thirty students attended. Students participated in many activities related to Lent, such as, re-enacting the Stations of the Cross in the church. A Youth Ministry activity for Gr. 7 students of St. Thomas More Church is being planned.

Graduation Committee: Graduation is June 27th. A request for a graduation prize donations will be put in the May and June Calendar. Grade 8 families will receive a letter outlining graduation information which includes a request for prizes for graduation.

SNAC Committee: The committee worked with council to put on the "You're the Chef" program with Chef Paul that is scheduled to take place on Saturday April 16, 2011. The school health nurse will be in attendance. The event will be part of a promotional film arranged by NCDSB Community Outreach department led by Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of the NCDSB.

Teacher Report:

- Junior and Intermediate student participated in the Chess tournament on April 6th.
- Intermediate Badminton team participated in their tournament on March 29th. They represented the school well with one first place and two third places.
- Junior students participated in a handball tournament at Loretto Catholic in March.
- Junior Intramurals are taking place daily until the end of April.
- Mrs. Wilson is preparing all classes are for the NCDSB Music Festival taking place on April 28th and 29th.
- School Track and Field on May 25th
- Intermediate mathematics is continuing their focus on the Collaborative Inquiry Model
- Junior students and teachers are continuing their involvement with TLCP at the classroom level.

Principal Report:

- Lenten food drive is taking place until April 15th. We are collecting canned protein items such as, tuna, beans, peanut butter.
- Dance – a – thon will take place on May 3rd. Picture of students from Nyondo, Uganda was presented to the CSC. These are the students that our school supported by donating \$300.00 from last year's dance –a thon to "Ryan's Bowl".
- ECO School Activities: 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 litterless lunches, THINK RECYCLE.
- Diversity: Three students attended the student Diversity symposium on April 11th at Lakeshore Catholic High School. Students participated in activities that helped them to understand the diverse populations in society and to develop an appreciation of the differences that exist amongst communities and the world. These representatives will work with our CYW to bring this to our student population. Students attending the symposium created a poster that represents the diversity that exists in their own schools.
- Celebrate Diversity: Day of Pink: April 13, 2011. The school community is being encouraged to wear pink to show their support of diversity in our school.
- Community Involvement Graduation Requirement. Mrs. Davey presented the memorandum to the Council.
- EQAO : May 30 – June 10
- The following was shared with Council: Ministry Guidelines for Fees for Learning Materials and Activities, Nutrition Policy. PRO Grant for 2011-2012 (submission date May 13, 2011).

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.