

## **CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 RM.256 6PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Dean DiFrancesco, Elizabeth Lukezic, Sherry Litzgus, Josie Stevens, Florence Pellizzari, Daniela Giannini, Carmen Condo, Luisa Conti, Nancy Centritto, Karen Galvin, Bill Van Den Enden, Tracey Ogilvie, Franca Bonomo, Ms.Palchuk, Carla Passaretti, Angela Goodwin, Lina Marchionda, Raffaella Giannini

**PRAYER:** Prayer for those persons mourning, led by Raffaella Giannini

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2018 MINUTES:** Bill Van Den Enden, Carmen Condo

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT:**

- It's been a tough week. A grade 10 student passed away suddenly over the weekend. School was notified Sunday morning. An email was sent to staff and an early morning staff meeting occurred, crisis response team initiated, includes SW from all schools, supporting both Cardinal Newman and St.Agnes, EAP Coordinator, chaplain. The morning consisted of a message from the Principal, a prayer service was led by the school chaplain. There is a protocol/process in place to be followed, all dictated by what the family says. Ongoing support is always available through school SW.

- School Board Improvement Plan: Defining strategies to support grade 9's in applied level courses. Noticed an increase in achievement levels, through all subjects except in Religion. Smaller in class assessments, IPAD use, online. We have made great strides, looking at what can we do to support next steps?

How do we engage kids? STARS: students as researchers. Kids asking kids, gathering data and reporting to the Principal. "tell them ,from me" survey will help assist this. Done in each school every 5 years, due this year.

Faith: teachers using Christian meditation

- Winter sports are finishing, officially starting spring sports, then there are other sanctioned sports: such as, co ed volleyball, beach volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, touch football. This year there will only be 1 day tournaments to avoid missing

school and cutting back on teachers' commitment. We are trying to keep kids in class.

- Grade 8 engagement: cheers, fears and unclears happening-asking questions. Feeder school tournaments, youth vocal/dance groups, Super grad will happen again in the fall. If there are any suggestions, please forward to school.

### **PARISH REPORT:**

#### **IMMACUALTE HEART OF MARY**

- Stations of the Cross every Friday night beginning at 7:00pm during lent
- Steubenville Adult Conference June 8-10, contact Parish for more information
- Bible study every Thursday night
- Thursday March 1 grade 7-12 movie night, showing "God's not Dead"

See bulletin/website for more details

#### **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

- SFX renovation delayed due tiles being stuck in Montreal. Hoping to reopen for Palm Sunday
- Capital Draw Raffle starts March 1: fundraiser for renovations \$10/ticket. First prize is \$2000.00
- Stations on the Cross every Friday night in lent starting at 6:00pm
- will be initiating a St. Francis Xavier Parish facebook page

See bulletin for more details

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Cheque received from e waste! It is deposited. Total in account is \$1041.45

## **TEACHER'S REPORT:**

- Superfast is now March 29, Holy Thursday. The plan is that the kids would begin their fasting on the Wednesday night from 10:00pm, all day at school, then from 2:30pm – 10:00pm there will be activities. Permission forms sent home. \$50.00 pledge minimum. Due March 9. Mrs. Georgiades in agreement to have parent council organize and cook food.
- Request for money, council in agreement to donate \$200.00 to D.J for grad, and \$100 for the yearbook

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

- PRO GRANT: need to fill out application and submit by June 2018. Luisa suggested a speaker by the name of Sam Fiorella who initiated a Friendship bench, in honour of his son that committed suicide, he is a mental health activist from Montreal. (Dean would need info and submit to the board for approval). Another consideration is Fr. Rob Galea, Franca will followup for the fall.
- Council in agreement for food for Superfast to be: pasta al forno, meatballs (left separately in sauce), rolls, salad, a gluten free pasta dish, fruit: cut up oranges. We will provide the utensils, plates, napkins, salad dressing, cheese. Daniela will book Wed March 28 to prepare food in IHM church kitchen.
- Smiles for Kids (Lina) Date for this year is Wednesday May 2, 2018. Goal is for an overall average of \$10,000.00 towards the 3F oncology/hematology clinic at MUMC. Donation will be a \$2.00 minimum.
- Lina spoke of Christian Service opportunities are now online, under the Board website, under Faith section. It displays appropriate/recognized volunteer positions to accumulate the hours. There are 23 pages. Must be a not for profit organization. Lucia working on developing an app for hours, as everyone is technology friendly.

Adjournment of meeting at 7:15pm

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 AT 6:00PM IN RM.256**