

St. Catherine of Siena Parent Council Meeting

January 29, 2017

Attendees:

Sandy Coscarella

Dawn Selda

Lyn Gilroy

Raymond Delaat

Judyanne Manuel

Kristine Shea

Allison Massiah

Corrie Rego

- Welcome and opening prayer.
- **Principal's Message**
 - Math Night - Planning in process. Any ideas are welcomed.
 - Shrove Tuesday – February 13th
 - Father will be at the school on February 14th at 10:00 am to do the ashes and liturgy.
 - Due to Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday falling on the same day - on Monday Feb 12th – the students are allowed to wear red and white and the social justice committee will be selling candy grams for ShareLife.
 - **Graduation Committee** – Graduation is on June 26, Graduation Mass June 21st followed by Graduation breakfast June 22nd – Father Joseph and Father Massimo to be invited. At the next parent council meeting we will also have a graduation meeting at the end (subcommittee). Parents of Grade 8 students are invited to attend for the planning.
 - **Graduation Trip** – April 16 -18 to Camp Muskoka.
 - No battle of the books this year - We will have an author(Roy Phillips) visit in February .Mrs. Mendes has organised with St. Andre for the Forest Reading - Red Maple Blue Spruce -The Blue Spruce Award™ program brings recently published Canadian books. This program promotes reading for enjoyment. Students are required to read 5 fiction and 5 non- fiction and then there is a celebration in May with the Public Board.
- **Winter Carnival/ Olympics** – February 9th if there is no snow it will be the following week. Parent volunteers are need for the rest stations.

- **Safe Schools** – Cyberbullying (Grades 4-6 and 7-8) – February 27. Students will wear pink for Cyberbullying. Also, Constable Erin – Our Community Officer will have a talk with Grades 4 -6 and 7-8 about Cyber safety.

- **PRO Grant** – Math Night – Thursday March 1st from 6:30 – 8:00
 - Mike Jacob /Dan Allen (math consultant) and team.
 - Looking for volunteers to help with the evening.
 - Math games to be purchased.

- **News Form The PEWS**
 - First Reconciliation - February 10th for First communion students – Grade 2 students.
 - During March, Confirmation students – will attend confession with their sponsors.
 - Father Massimo will be at the school on February 21st and March 7th for class visits.

- **DCPIC Upcoming Events:**
 - ***Connection Is Key – Promoting Positive Mental Health*** – February 27th at 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Doors open at 5:15 pm for registration at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jean Clinton. Advance registration is required. ***See brochure sent home.***

- **Morning Run** – Parents are reminded to be mindful that they cannot park or pull in the bus routes area and they need to stop at the end. The bus lane/route is only for the **School Bus**. Please help to keep our students safe by observing to rules and respecting or volunteers and teachers who help to make the morning/afternoon drop off and pick up safe.

Next Council Meeting April 30th at 6:30 pm. Closing Prayer.