



**MINUTES OF THE  
CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council, held on September 26, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by L. Incaviglia.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer – Prayer for Catholic School Council**

The opening prayer was led by L. Incaviglia

**2. Roll Call**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal	Lisa Incaviglia	√		
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Pruyn			
Co-Chairs	Brittany D’Amario and Deanna Arlia	√		
Teacher Representative	Sara Peabody	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Cheryl Laflamme	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative	Jacqueline Rizza	√		
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
	Maria Marques	√		
	Luzena Dumercy	√		
	Nicole Cameron	√		
	Katie Young		√	

**Minutes of the Meeting taken by L. Incaviglia**

**Guest(s) in Attendance – NA**

L. Incaviglia explained quorum – It is important to note that Catholic School Council meetings shall not proceed unless there is a quorum in attendance (50% + 1). At all meetings there must be a majority of Parent Representatives as well as the Principal. Quorum for our CSC is 5 Parent Representatives.

**3. Election of Chair and/or Co-Chair**

Brittany D’Amario and Deanna Arlia would like to stand for the position of Chair. There were no other nominations for Chair. Brittany D’Amario and Deanna Arlia agreed to the position of Co-Chairs for The Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. **Election of the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Representative**

Jacqueline Rizza nominated him/herself for the position of OAPCE Representative. There were no other nominations for this position.

6. **Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

7. **Approval of Minutes of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council Meeting of April 2022**

**B. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the [Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy \(100.5\)](#) review process.

To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.

*Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered*

- [Privacy Policy \(600.6\)](#)
- [Records and Information Management Policy \(600.2\)](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by October 27, 2022 - 12:00 p.m.*

**Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC - None**

**Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report - None**

**Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council By-laws – reviewed and approved**

1. The Catholic School Councils Policy states that the purpose is to build strong Catholic identity and community, to advance student achievement and well-being for all students in the Canadian Martyrs School Community and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents/guardians.

**Catholic School Council Financial Statement**

Lisa reported on 2021-2022 school year financials

1. Raffle Account was used to purchase technology for classrooms for teacher and student use.
2. CSC Account \$1609.82

**Fundraising Plan**

**Continually purchasing technology for classrooms and students. Many devices are aging and need to be replaced. The goal is to have one device for every student. Chromebooks are important tools for students to use.**

The following list of fundraisers were discussed at this meeting:

- Ornaments – Letters by Leslie – Canadian Martyrs logo ornament, a cross
- Cookie dough fundraiser – MacMillan's
- Cobs Fundraiser again in the spring
- Gnocchi Night at Club Roma – school event as a fundraiser
- Randy/Lisa to look into the Indigo Love of Reading Grant Program
- Pumpkin Fundraiser, Poinsettia Fundraiser
- QSP Magazine Fundraiser

## **Parent Engagement Plan**

We discussed a parent event to engage parents on a topic such as cyber-bullying or mental health.

Christmas Mass with a Bake Sale and Raffle was done in the past. Create a sub-committee to develop a Christmas Event.

Food Days are starting in October. Every Thursday will be a Food Day. We are trying Gino's Pizza this year. We are trying Submission Subs.

Deanna recommended Firehouse Subs for a Food Day.

We discussed the School Nutrition Program. It is funded by Niagara Nutrition Partners. A snack bag is placed in each classroom daily that all students have access to.

Email CSC to see who would like to assist with the Book Fair.

Meet the Teacher Night – in the future, consider making it an engagement event with food and activities

## **D. OAPCE REPORT - NA**

### **E. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody**

#### September 2022 Staff Report Religion

The Grade 8s participated in a Journey Retreat at St. Alfred Church on September 20th. They gathered with other Grade 8 students from the Holy Cross Family of schools.

On September 27th, there will be a parent meeting for First Communion at 10:30 am or 6:00 pm at St. Alfred church.

#### Chaplaincy Visits

All classes from K-8 will participate in 4 chaplaincy visits throughout 2022-2023. These sessions have been developed to support the religion curriculum. The first visit will begin on October 11th.

Opening Mass at St. Alfred church is on Wednesday, October 12th at 10:15am.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Student Council is leading the organization of the Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society which runs from September 27th to October 5th.

#### Special Events

Meet the Teacher Night - was on Thursday, September 15th and we had a wonderful turnout of families visiting the classrooms!

We had an assembly to learn about Terry Fox's legacy and how students can help others in their everyday lives. Students also participated in grade appropriate lessons about Terry Fox's perseverance and courage. The walk was scheduled for today, but due the rain it will be rescheduled.

Rowan's Law Day - concussion awareness/safety day. "A Bump on the head or body can hurt - so tell an adult right away." On Wednesday, September 28th, Students are encouraged to wear purple clothing and accessories to recognize this concussion awareness day.

Orange Shirt Day - Wear orange clothing and accessories on Friday, September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is the story of Phyllis Webstad an Indigenous woman who shared her experience at a Residential School

through the children's book, The Orange Shirt Story. Resources have been provided to teachers to present age appropriate lessons about this day of Truth and Reconciliation.

On September 22nd - many classes participated in a virtual meet with Grandmother Renee Thomas-Hill who is a Grandmother, Elder, and Indigenous Knowledge Keeper from the Six Nations reserve. She is a water protector who has addressed the UN General Assembly about the importance of water on Turtle Island. She is a speaker on spirituality and mental health. This meet was organized by the Indigenous team at Niagara Catholic. The students at Canadian Martyrs School had an opportunity to listen and learn about her teachings.

Scholastic Book Fair - Mrs. Penner the librarian will be running a book fair during the week of October 3-7th. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase books and part of the proceeds will go back into buying books for the library.

Picture Day is on Thursday, September 29th. These are individual photos of the students.

Student Clubs and Sports

Clubs and Sports are back!

Eco club - students will be starting initiatives within the school such as waste free lunch days.

Junior Soccer practices have begun and the tournament is on Monday October 3rd and Tuesday October 4th. Boys and girls

Cross Country Running practices for Grades 4-8 have also begun and the race is on Wednesday, October 19th.

**F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – Christmas Event, Parent Engagement Event**

**G. NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:00pm**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**I. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary**