



**MINUTES OF THE
CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL
February 27, 2023**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council, held on February 27, 2023 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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

3. Disclosure of Interest

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

4. Approval of Minutes of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council Meeting of November 2022

B. PRESENTATIONS – None

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone for your willingness to move to a virtual format due to this evening's weather.

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

- [Electronic Communications Systems \(Employees\) Policy \(201.12\)](#)
- [Trustee Code of Conduct Policy \(100.12\)](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by March 23, 2023 - 12:00 p.m.

The policies will be sent to CSC members via email for their further review. Feedback can be sent to Lisa who will collate and send on behalf of our CSC.

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC – Brittany attended a virtual workshop. It was about supporting the mental health of children after the pandemic; everyone is at different points in their learning and we need to be patient.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – Lisa will email the SEAC pamphlet to all CSC members.

Catholic School Council Financial Statement

1. Expenses for the Christmas Market & Mingle
 - \$600 on cookie decorating kits (100 @ \$6 each) – we sold 95 of 100 kits
 - we purchased containers for cookies, coffee and hot chocolate - \$321.98
2. CSC Account balance is now \$1257.84

Christmas Market & Mingle Follow-Up and Debrief

- recommend a fee for vendors to show commitment - \$20-\$25 was suggested
- cost of some craft materials was donated by Maria – consider charging for the craft and look into a more complex craft
- hot chocolate only and consider providing marshmallows
- all feedback about the event was positive
- consider moving it a week earlier if possible depending on the availability on the calendar
- the people on the stage decorating cookies were isolated – consider moving this station to another location if possible

Shrove Tuesday

- it was great to have the students eat in the gym
- parents asked if they could cook together – unfortunately this is not possible due to issues with outlets and shorting breakers – we can consider the music room (former computer lab), only if it is not in use that day; we will need to test the load on the outlets in that room to see if it is possible
- parents said more help is needed – we asked the community for volunteers via email and did not receive any additional volunteers

Fundraising Update

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.

We have confirmed that we will run the Cobs Bread Fundraiser in April.

Parent Engagement Event

We will host a parent night in the spring based on a specific topic of interest to the group.

Suggestions made by CSC members:

- mental health and social media – too much screen time due to the pandemic that we need to now reduce
- financial planning, accessing grants
- Indigenous education – more awareness for parents
- Child Psychologist to focus on mental health as it relates to online safety
- bullying awareness and building resiliency
- Lisa to email Mental Health Lead to see if she can recommend any guest speakers

D. OAPCE REPORT – Jacqueline Rizza - Absent – Brittany shared the OAPCE Conference (April 22) information with Lisa via email. It will be emailed to all members.

E. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody

Black History Month

During the morning announcements: Intermediate students reported information about Black Canadians who have made a difference in their communities. Students participated in learning activities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

Tomorrow the students will participate in viewing Black History Month: Inventors & Innovators Exhibit in the Gym

KIDS HELPING KIDS Niagara Catholic's 24th Annual Kids Helping Kids fundraiser will take place from February 13-24 to support the Niagara Children's Centre. Kids Helping Kids was a fundraiser, which supported this Centre through donations and the participation in events such as Disney Day, Bingo Game, Jersey/Team Day, popcorn/yogurt for purchases.

Pink Shirt Day - Students participated in learning activities that showed them ways in which they can be kind and accepting of others.

Religion

The Chaplaincy Team came into the classrooms on February 15 to work with the students and will return on April 27.

Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent and the children received ashes during a prayer service.

Lenten Confessions will take place on March 21 in the morning in the gym.

Sports

Canadian Martyrs intermediate boys and girls teams participated in the Basketball tournaments on February 8 and 9.

F. Other Items presented by CSC members

- questioned whether there is anything we can do to offer support for asylum seekers in Niagara
- need to use appropriate fundraising initiatives and the school is not aware of any at this time
- questioned if there is a way to see how children are feeling in the classroom – open communication between classrooms and home – parents/guardians need to speak to classroom teachers directly to discuss their child's progress academically, socially and emotionally
- Co-curricular – need more opportunities for students who are not interested in sports
- Co-curricular activities need to be led by a staff member and this is completely voluntary
- inquired about the next choir performance – unknown at this time
- Dance Team to start after March Break
- robotics and chess clubs are not currently happening because we don't have a staff member willing to run these clubs

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – Parent Engagement Event

H. NEXT MEETING – Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 6:00pm in the library

I. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

J. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary