



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

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council, held on November 20, 2023 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	Wendy Wilson			
Chair	Deanna Arlia	√		
Teacher Representatives	Sara Peabody and Sandra Borg-Holjak	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Saundra Kocsis	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative	Brittany D’Amario	√		
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
	Deanna Bellante-Gentile			√
	Nicole Cameron	√		
	Yiching Chua	√		
	Maria Marques	√		

Minutes of the Meeting taken by L. Incaviglia

Guest(s) in Attendance – Betty Subic

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 September 2023

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

- [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6](#)
- [Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6](#)
- [Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. December 13, 2023

- [Employee Hospitality Policy 201.14](#)
- [Student Transportation Policy 500.2](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. January 23, 2024

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC – Chairs/Co-Chairs were invited to the November 2nd NCPIC meeting. A PowerPoint Presentation was shared with all Principals and Chairs that gives an overview of Catholic Schools Councils, their mandate and answers to some frequently asked questions.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report - None

Catholic School Council Financial Statement

1. Profit from the Big Box of Cards Fundraiser \$2615.00

Christmas Market & Mingle

We have 3 parents/guardians who have registered to be vendors. We need to open this up to a wider audience to get more vendors.

Lisa has secured Santa from 6pm to 7pm. Lisa also has secured a caricature artist to come to the event. He will charge each person individually. (\$10.00 black and white \$15.00 for colour)

Cookies – Walmart Cookies (Nut free) - \$7.00 (Brittany to confirm pricing)

Hot Chocolate – 90 cup and 70 cup jug - Brittany – funded by Alferi

Yiching will provide the marshmallows and candy canes for the hot chocolate station

Candy Canes for Santa – donated by Betty

Food Trucks – Smoke and Moonshine / Beaver Tales – located at the side driveway

Need: more garbage around, table cloths, signs to be made by Student Council, more student volunteer to help with the Christmas craft – Holy Cross students who require community service hours

Order bottles of glue, paper bags for Christmas craft

Take out containers left from last year

Christmas Photo Area

Parent Engagement Plan

The results of the survey are in. We had 72 responses. The topic with the most interest is Mental Health and Well-Being. The day of the week with the most votes is Wednesday with 33 votes followed closely by Monday with 32 votes.

There is a presenter available, Al Monachino, who is a Behaviour Resource Teacher with Niagara Catholic who does a presentation that focuses on mental wellness. It will introduce families to the neuroscience behind our brain – how our thoughts produce our feelings and our feelings impact our actions, reactions and behaviours. There will be no cost for this presenter. The \$500 available to access for parent engagement can be used to provide sensory resource kits to families. Consider inviting Andrea Bozza, Niagara Catholic's Mental Health Lead, and possibly do a joint parent engagement session if she is available.

D. OAPCE REPORT – A meeting Dec.7 @7pm for Ontario – all parents and all regions – all virtual and register online Joe Perry – Homeschool and Beyond
April – Meeting with be in Niagara Falls
Brittney will forward info to Lisa to email to council members

E. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody
November Happenings

Eco Club - The Eco club is encouraging students to bring waste free lunches on Wednesdays and recycle lunch items on the other days.

Remembrance Day - We would like to acknowledge Ms. Sciamonte's and Mrs. Riganelli's Grade 5 classes for presenting a thoughtful and meaningful Remembrance Day service.

The week of November 20-24 is **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**.

On November 23th, the students were encouraged to wear **plaid** in support of Pathstones and Mental Health initiatives. The students design plaid and words of inspiration on cutouts of hats, scarves, shirts, and mittens and these are displayed in the hallways.

Parent-Teacher conferences are on November 23 4-7pm

PA Day is on November 24

First confessions for the Grade 2s are on November 28th in the evening at the church.

November 27 – December 14 – Community Care Toy Drive

December Happenings

Advent Mass at the church is on December 4th.

Advent confessions on Dec 12 in the morning in the gym

Junior Girls and Junior Boys Basketball happen on December 5 and 6th.

K-3 are going to see the play It's Okay to be Different at the PAC on December 6th.

Friday, December 8th is **Joy Day** at Canadian Martyrs and the students may wear red and green on this day. Classrooms will be decorating their doors on this day with the theme of Christmas.

Choirfest is on December 11 @ the Pen Centre at 10:30am for students who are in the choir and have returned their permission slips.

December 15 - Bus Safety Presentations in the gym - K-3 at 9:10am and Gr. 4-8 at 10:30am

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

G. NEXT MEETINGS – Monday, February 26, 2024 and Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

I. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary