



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2025
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council, held on April 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by L. Incaviglia.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbkpA1a37zw>

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

The opening prayer was led by W. Wilson

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Lisa Incaviglia	√		
	Wendy Wilson	√		
Co-Chairs	Rose Allison	√		
	Nicole Cameron	√		
Teacher Representative	Sandra Borg-Holjak	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Alexandra Moore	√		
OAPCE Representative	Yiching Chua			√
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Melissa Sticca		√		
Jacqueline Rizza		√		
Shannon Walton		√		
Maria Marques		√		
Deanna Arlia		√		
Betty Subic		√		
Anthony Adeoye				√
Martha Sanusi				√

Minutes of the Meeting taken by L. Incaviglia
Guest(s) in Attendance – NA

3. Disclosure of Interest

Members of Catholic School Council shall declare a conflict of interest in matters that they, members of their families or their business affiliations could directly or indirectly benefit from the decisions of the committee.

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 March 2025

B. PRESENTATIONS – None

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

● **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC**

Parent Engagement Event on Monday, May 5 at 7pm. Dr. Jean Clinton will be the guest speaker at Denis Morris Catholic High School. Dr. Clinton is a Child Psychiatrist and will be speaking about Youth Addictive Behaviours. Registration information will be sent to families tomorrow.

- **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report** - There is no report at this time.
- **Catholic School Council Financial Statement** - Cobs Bread Fundraiser - We sold 430 cards. This gives \$5375.00 in profit to the school. This will support the purchase of Chromebooks for students.
- **Parent Engagement Plan** - Jon Hansen will be speaking on the topic of Internet Safety and Cyberbullying on May 5th - Catholic Education Week. We have used School Cash for parents to RSVP.
- We will use School Messenger to remind parents and include Jon's video link with information about his presentation.
- **Playground Update** - Facilities will be scheduling a time to come to the school to review the grounds and determine the best spot for the equipment and to discuss next steps.

D. CO-CHAIRS REPORT - Invitation for NCPIC - virtual option is available. (R. Allison)

E. POLICY REVIEW AND FEEDBACK

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

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

1. [Occupational Health and Safety Policy \(201.6\)](#)
2. [Employee Workplace Harassment Policy \(201.7\)](#)
3. [Employee Workplace Violence Policy \(201.11\)](#)

Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by May 21, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

These policies are being reviewed as part of the Annual review. There are no changes being recommended to these policies.

F. STAFF REPORT – Mrs. Borg-Holjak

Graduation costs have been covered through Toonie Tuesdays, and part of the cost of the coach buses will be covered.

Catholic Education Week - Book Buddies - Parents/Guardians will be invited to come in and be a part of our Book Buddies program. An email will follow with details/times.(May 5 and May 7).
Kindergarten Art Gallery (May 15) -May and June are shaping up to be busy months

-The kindergarten classes just participated in a planting workshop where they planted flowers and parents were invited to participate

-Sports news:

1. Jr. Girls' Handball tournament took place at Holy Cross today-the girls did very well and made it to the semi-finals
2. Jr. Boys' Handball tournament is taking place at Holy Cross on April 29th
3. Intermediate Flag Football is underway, with the girls' tournament taking place on May 20th and the boys' tournament taking place on May 22nd
4. Track and Field - school event at Niagara Olympic Club on May 28th -Family of School event is June 9, and NCDSB event is June 12

- Accessibility and Inclusivity:

1. Grades 3-5 participated in a Parasport Assembly on April 23rd -two parasport athletes spoke to the students about the Ontario Parasport games taking place at the end of May in Niagara -they also shared the message of always trying your best and having the courage to adapt to achieve your goals -the Parasport Games Mascot, Patchi also made an appearance
2. Ambassadors from the Rick Hansen Foundation are making two virtual presentations at CM to talk about accessibility and the importance of supporting one another

- May 6th is our Easter Mass at St. Alfred's Church

-Colour Wars at HC for the Grade 8s on May 16, 2025

-EQAO takes place between May 20 and June 11

-Rankin Run will take place at school on May 23rd. Info is being sent home through School Cash Online this week

-Year-end trips are being organized-stay tuned for information that will be sent home from your child's classroom teachers

-Grade 8 Graduation is June 24

-Education Week/Mental Health Awareness week is the week of May 5th, with many events planned including: daily prayers during morning announcements, Mass at St. Alfred, Math and Reading Buddies with parents invited to attend, Math Olympics at HC for feeder schools, Stretching/Walking with God, Parent Engagement Event on May 5th at 6 pm with Jon Hansen speaking about internet safety, Circle of Friends Club going to HC to prepare and share an Indigenous meal with culinary class, Grade 8 confirmation (May 8) Grade 2 First Holy communion (May 4)

G. OAPCE - Y. Chua - No report at this time.

H. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – Considerations and Fundraising for Playground Equipment

I. NEXT MEETINGS – Social TBD

J. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

K. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary