



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

**APRIL 22, 2024**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council, held on April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm 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**

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal	Lisa Incaviglia	√		
Secretary/Treasurer	Wendy Wilson - Excused			
Chair	Deanna Arlia	√		
Teacher Representatives	Sara Peabody and Sandra Borg-Holjak	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Saundra Kocsis		√	
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative	Brittany D’Amario			√
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS</b>				
	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 February 2024**

**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*

- [Employee Workplace Harassment Policy 201.7](#)
- [Employee Workplace Violence Policy 201.11](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Policy 201.6](#)
- [Purchasing Supply Chain Management Policy 600.1](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. May 1, 2024*

- [Attendance Area Policy 301.3](#)
- [Equity and Inclusive Education Policy 100.10](#)
- [Leadership Pathways Policy 203.4](#)
- [Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy 100.7](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. May 29, 2024*

**Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC** – Invited Chairs/Co-Chairs to the meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**Catholic School Council Financial Statement – No change since last meeting.**

	Balance Forward	Expense	Revenue	Balance
Catholic School Council	\$ 1,257.84	\$ 850.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,332.84
Kids helping kids	\$ -	\$1,467.35	\$2,516.00	\$ 1,048.65

**Fundraising** – The Cobs Bread Fundraiser is currently underway. Sales are down significantly from last year. Lisa will send a reminder to the community tomorrow and extend it to hopefully increase sales.

**Parent Engagement Plan - *Love Builds Brains* - Canadian Martyrs Parent Night on Mental Health & Well-Being - May 6th**

- Monday, May 6, 2024 \*\*during Mental Health Awareness Week and Catholic Education Week

Al Monachino, Behaviour Resource Teacher with Niagara Catholic will provide 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. The session will offer practical strategies to support families with dealing with mental health issues. There will be no cost for this presenter.

The \$500 available to access for parent engagement will be used to provide sensory resource kits to families.

A Google Form has been sent to all families.

Daycare will be provided by Holy Cross students and will be monitored by our staff.

Wendy secured reusable grocery bags from Sobeys for the swag bags. We have some articles to include in the bags and we will be ordering sensory items.

Betty has donated a prize.

Subcommittee for preparations for this event is needed. An email will be sent to CSC members for interest.

**OAPCE REPORT** – The yearly conference took place in Toronto this year and Brittany attended.

**D. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody**

Religion

First Communion is at St. Alfred's Church on April 28 at 2pm

Confirmation is at St. Alfred's Church on May 2 at 7pm

Catholic Education Week is May 5-10th. The theme is We Are Called to Love. We will be hosting a "Student Art Gallery Day" in the gym on the Friday of this week, where parents may visit the gallery during specific times on this day. More details to follow. Mental Health Week also occurs during this time.

Sports/Extra Curricular

Mr. Tilley coached the Chess Team and they participated in the tournament on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Triple Ball (Volleyball) - Junior Girls and Boys is happening this week. Coached by Mrs. Florov and Mr. Carile

Track and Field for CM junior to intermediate students will take place on May 29th at Niagara Olympic Club (Westpark) and the track meet for our family of schools is on June 6. The Board Meet is on June 13.

Robotics Club is being run by Ms. Pillitteri, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Warner. There will be a competition for the robotics team on May 9.

Student Leadership Symposium is on April 30 for our outgoing, incoming and returning Student Senators.

Class Trips are being planned and booked. Some trips may require parent volunteers. Parent volunteers must have a vulnerable sector check and it must be on file in the office with the accompanying letter.

EQAO will take place for the grade 3 and 6 students between the weeks of May 27-June 6th. In the event of an unforeseeable absence, students will complete the assessment upon return before the closing date on June 12, 2024.

**E. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

-Shrove Tuesday 2025 – consider ordering from a restaurant and have students bring their own plates and cutlery – Deanna will assist by reaching out to local restaurants to support with this.

**F. NEXT MEETINGS – Social - Monday, June 10, 2024 – Location and Time TBD**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

**H. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary**