



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

**FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council, held on February 26, 2024 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**

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Lisa Incaviglia 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		√	
<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 November 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*

- [Advocacy Expenditures Policy 100.9](#)
- [Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy 302.6.10](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. March 27, 2024

Please be advised that the kilt in secondary is no longer being sold for the 2024-2025 school year and that kilts will no longer be a part of the secondary uniform beginning in September 2029. Starting in September 2024, students are permitted to wear a kilt that is available from family or friends or from the pre-owned uniform sale at their school until June 2029.

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC – Nothing to report.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report - None

### Catholic School Council Financial Statement

	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** – We will once again offer the Cobs Bread Fundraiser in April 2024.

### Parent Engagement Plan

Possible Dates – Monday or Wednesday based on the survey results

- Monday, May 6, 2024 \*\*during Mental Health Awareness Week and Catholic Education Week
- Monday, May 13, 2024
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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. Once we decide on a day, we will invite Andrea Bozza, Niagara Catholic's Mental Health Lead if she is available.

The group agreed on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> so that we host the event during Mental Health Awareness Week. We have confirmed that date with Al Monachino. A 'save the date' message will be sent to families in the body of the email with the March newsletter and calendar.

We discussed offering refreshments, prizes, swag bags and day care to encourage participation in this event.

**OAPCE REPORT** – The yearly conference will be taking place in Toronto this year in April. A form to RSVP has not yet been shared. Brittany will pass on the details once she receives them.

## **D. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody**

### February Events

February is Black History Month. Grade 8 students have been presenting information about famous black Canadians in all classes each week throughout the month. Students made announcements 3 times per week about famous black Canadians. Teachers used unlearn posters to teach students about equity and diversity. Lezlie Harper from Niagara Bound Tours spoke to students in grades 5 to 8 today, speaking about the Underground Railroad and how many black people came to Canada to live free from slavery.

The Kids Helping Kids Fundraiser took place from February 12th to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students participated in a variety of activities and out of dress code days. We had a chicken finger day on February 20<sup>th</sup> and all proceeds went to the Kids Helping Kids campaign.

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and we are having a door decorating contest as well as teaching and learning to focus on building an understanding of the difference between bullying behaviour and peer conflict.

In sports, Junior Handball Tournaments will be taking place the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **E. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – Parent Engagement Event**

### **F. NEXT MEETINGS – Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm**

### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

### **H. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary**