



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2022
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council held on April 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mrs. Incaviglia.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – Prayer for Catholic School Council

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Incaviglia

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal	Lisa Incaviglia	√		
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Lococo			
Chair	Luzena Dumercy	√		
Teacher Representative	Sara Peabody	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Cheryl Laflamme	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative	Melissa Turcotte		√	
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Nevien Damman			√	
Deanna Arlia		√		
Jacqueline Rizza		√		
Brittany D'Amario		√		

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.

B. PRESENTATIONS – NA

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Policy Vetting

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

- [100.1 - Board By-Laws Policy](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. May 31, 2022

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – NCPIC - Call for Nominations for 2022-2023 - print copies provided to CSC member and information placed in the May newsletter.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report - No report at this time.

Catholic School Council Financial Statement - Mrs. Laflamme explained the financial statements.

Fundraising Update

- Big Box of Cards Fundraiser - 217 boxes sold \$2387
- Cobs Bread - 854 gift cards sold. With the cost of prizes, we raised just over \$8200.
- Funds raised are going towards the purchase of classroom and student technology
- Future fundraiser to consider is a rosary fundraiser

Class Trips - Class trips are being planned by grade and/or division. Notes will be sent home and all payments will need to be made on School Cash Online. While we understand that parents/guardians are eager to attend trips with their child/children, supervision requirements and number of staff attending per trip will determine whether parent volunteers are required. All volunteers on class trips must have a negative Criminal Background Check from the Niagara Regional Police Services.

Dress Code Exchange - We will invite families to drop off gently used clothing items at the end of June. We will have clothes available for families to pick up during the last week of August. The tentative date for pick-up will be August 29th. Catholic School Council members are willing to assist.

Other discussion items - Catholic School Council members are willing to assist with the Rest Station on Play Day. We will prepare watermelon for students at the rest station for a healthy, hydrating snack. There have been some inconsistencies with class parties this school year. It is challenging when siblings compare. Mrs. Incaviglia to speak to the staff about creating more consistency.

D. OAPCE REPORT - None

E. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody

Religion

On March 23rd, grades 2-8 participated in **Lenten Confessions** at the school.

On April 20th grades K-8 celebrated **Easter Mass** at St. Alfred's Church.

On May 1st, the Grade 2s will be participating in their **First Communion** at St. Alfred's Church at 2pm.

On May 12th, the Grade 8s will be making their **Confirmation** at St. Alfred's Church at 7pm.

World Autism Awareness Day

On April 1st - Michael Jacques was our guest speaker (Virtually). He is a local author who has written two books; **Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book and I Belong, Can I play?** Michael lives with autism and was determined to write a book and share his story with others. His second book was co-written with Heather Gale and focuses on teaching younger students about inclusion, friendship and belonging. Heather Gale was part of the presentation as well. Michael's father helps Michael during his presentations and the students had the opportunity to ask Michael questions after the presentation. On April 5, students wore blue for World Autism Awareness Day.

Student Council

Easter Food Drive

April 14th - Peace Walk to honour the people of Ukraine. In the afternoon, the students walked for about 30 minutes. The students wore blue and yellow.

Easter - on the Thursday before the Easter weekend, the Student Council came to each class with a jar of chocolate eggs and gave the students a ticket to make a guess of how many eggs were in the jar. The student with the closest estimation won the Jar.

The Primary students (grades 1-3) participated in an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the gym on Wednesday, April 13th.

Eco Club/Earth Day

During the week of April 19th, students participated in a choice board of activities/challenges for Earth Day, for example, painting rocks, waste-free lunches, lights out for half the day, reading an Earth Day book, making a craft using recycled materials and bring reusable water bottles.

Primary Artists - April 25th. Three students from the Primary Grades were recognized for their talents in visual arts. Their artwork was submitted and put on display at the board office for the Celebrating Primary Artists evening.

Virtual Family Games Night is coming up tomorrow - April 27 from 6-7pm. Materials have been sent home with students of families who have signed up.

F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

G. NEXT MEETING – To be determined; as needed

H. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

I. CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary