



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022
VIRTUAL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council held on February 22, 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 Secretary/Treasurer	Lisa Incaviglia 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

There are no policies being vetted at this time.

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – Synod 2021-2023 Parents and School Listening Sessions - Pope Francis would like to hear from the parents of the children in our Catholic schools, *whether or not Catholic or are no longer regularly involved with our parish.* You will be invited to participate in small group listening sessions and provide your honest opinion about how we can grow together as a Church. The responses will be included in the Synod of Bishops taking place in 2023.

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

Catholic School Council Financial Statement - Mrs. Laflamme explained the financial statements. The Raffle Account has been used to purchase wall-mounted flat-screen TVs that have been made to support teaching and learning in 4 classrooms. The balance is currently \$4126.22. There is no change since the last meeting to the Catholic School Council account which is at \$1609.82. We have also ordered 20 more Chromebooks. The focus of this purchase is to provide Chromebooks to our Kindergarten classes.

Fundraising Plan

- **Below are two fundraising options that have a high return for the school. We can choose to do both or one.**
- **Big Box of Cards Fundraiser - 33 cards for \$35. The school will receive \$11 for every box sold. If we book before March 31st, delivery fees will be waived. There are prizes for the top-selling class. They offer a fully digital campaign. You can either purchase an All Occasion box or the Birthday box.**
- **Cobs Bread - We sell gift cards for Cobs Bread and the school receives \$10 for each gift card sold. We are awaiting further details from our local Cobs Bread located at Ridley Square.**
- **The group decided that we will do both fundraisers, one in March and the other in April.**

D. OAPCE REPORT - None

E. STAFF REPORT – Ms. Peabody

February Happenings

Black History Month February is Black History Month. The theme is February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day. Students participated in learning activities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. Various resources appropriate for the different grade levels were provided in the library about Black Canadians who have made a difference in their communities.

Eco Club

Canadian Martyrs staff and students participated in the National Sweater Day Campaign on February 3, 2022 as part of our Eco-Initiatives program at school. This event raised awareness for the conservation of energy. Students participated by wearing an extra sweater, as the temperature of the school will be slightly decreased in an effort to conserve energy.

Valentine's Day

Student Council - cards were made by students across the grades to be given to Seniors on Valentine's Day. 250 cards were made all together.

Students wore pink, red, white on Valentine's and shared cards with one another.

Kids Helping Kids

KIDS HELPING KIDS Niagara Catholic's 24th Annual Kids Helping Kids fundraiser will take place from February 14-25. This year's event will jointly support the Niagara Children's Centre, as well as the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Kids Helping Kids is a fun, informal fundraiser, which supports these causes through paid participation in events such as Disney Day, Whole Bingo Game, Jersey/Team Day, Dance party, popcorn for purchase.

Pink Shirt Day February 23

This year's theme: Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to *Lift Each Other Up* and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. Students will participate in learning activities that show them ways in which they can be kind and accepting of others.

Teachers were provided an opportunity to sign up for various webinars, such as Rick Hansen's Man in Motion which focuses on inclusivity and making the communities more accessible for all.

Kindergarten Virtual Open House February 24th 6pm

Ash Wednesday - March 2 - Students in Grade 5 will be traveling to St. Alfred Church for the Ash Wednesday service while the rest of the school participates virtually.

First Reconciliation for the current Grade 2s - March 8 6:30 pm

First Communion - St. Alfred Church Sunday, May 1, 2022 @ 2:00pm

- F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS - The success of our fundraising efforts will be discussed.**
- G. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 26, 2022, @ 6:00pm VIRTUAL unless directed otherwise**
- H. ADJOURNMENT**
This meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.
- I. CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary**