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MARANATHA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

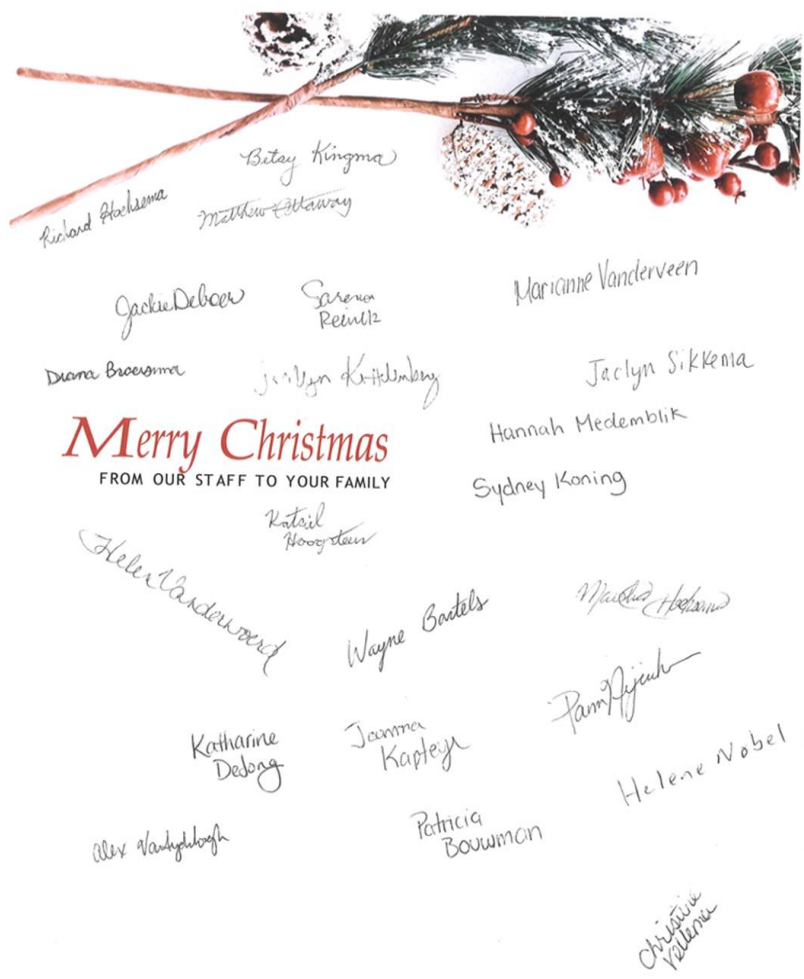
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TRAINING COVENANT CHILDREN FOR A LIFE OF THANKFUL AND OBEDIENT SERVICE TO GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOUR



CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

COLIN MEERSTRA

We praise God for His daily care and provision for our school, and above all for “sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin” (Rom 8:3). It was beautiful to hear the students sing of this ‘Good News’ at the MCS Christmas program, and we extend our thanks to all those who were involved in the planning and preparations for that event.

The staff and students are likely thankful to have reached the Christmas break. We thank them for their work and wish them a restful break. We pray they may come back in January rejuvenated and refreshed.

The work of the Board continues. An initial budget was tabled and will be dealt with more fully in the next few meetings. Classroom visits have been completed, and planning for

classroom space for the next school year has also begun.

The fundraising campaign is also in full swing. All readers should have received pledge forms and the related case for support. If you have not yet completed your pledge forms, please do so over the next few weeks. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$2.0 million in order to begin the expansion. This could be in the form of a donation right now or in future pledges. We are blessed to be a part of a growing school and church community and recognize that any support, no matter how large or small, is a gift from our heavenly Father. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

It is interesting to note that this planned addition to the school is the

first construction since the late 1980’s. Therefore, most parents of children attending in the last 20 - 25 years did not contribute anything financially towards the cost of the physical building. Certainly they paid annual operating costs, but the structure was completed and paid for by the previous generation. We point this out because it can be natural to conclude we don’t need to contribute towards something which our own children will not even use. However, if previous generations had said the same then we (parents of children currently in school) would not have a building to use! Thus now is the time for us to step up and contribute so that the next generation can then also benefit in the same way. We need to see the benefit not simply for our own children, but for the children of the

covenant church community as a whole. We pray for God's blessing over the fundraising and initial planning work that is being

completed. In due time we hope to be able to have the amount needed to proceed.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas season. May we be filled with peace as we consider the birth of the Prince of Peace!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

RICHARD HOEKSEMA

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Psalm 117

As you read this edition of the LINK the children and staff are enjoying a reprieve via the Christmas Break. That is amazing, when you take a moment to stop and think about it. That means forty percent of the school year has passed. Do not just think about that as a quick passage of time either, for many things were able to happen during that time. And not one hair was coincidence, fate or chance. Another four months that has been intimately orchestrated by our God and Father through Jesus Christ, the very reason for the season. Safe travel to and from school, no serious incidents, freedom to operate, and so many other gifts. We take so much of life for granted, don't we? Every day follows the one before, and we often are caught in the same trap of our culture, working toward the weekend, working toward the holiday break, working toward some trip. And then, think of Psalm 117. Praise God because of His steadfast love toward us. And that faithfulness lasts for all eternity. Soon the manmade calendar will flip from one year to the next, but God is eternal...no shadow of change. His faithfulness goes with us through the season and into the New Year and forever! So, praise Him!

Since our last Link we have had a couple of activities to report on:

- Teachers' Convention: This was a wonderful opportunity to re-

ground ourselves on the purpose for our schools and the education we offer. It is Covenantal, it is Antithetical, it is Confessional, and it is all done with a unity of Home, Church and School. As staff, we are working on developing our PE/Health curriculum. As you know, the secular education system has a very different focus. This day assists us in centering that work on that of Jesus Christ. If you would like to be a part of that, we still have one opening on the curriculum committee of the Ed Com. Just send an email to the Chair: Trish Smith (erictrishsmith@hotmail.com)

- We were able to complete the first Interim as well, and that resulted in meeting with parents in interviews...a wonderful opportunity for the sharing of support.
- Volleyball: Our grade 7 & 8 classes could compete in the Volleyball Tournament hosted at ECHS. Due to our growing population we fielded 3 teams this year, and all three made it to the finals to finish in 2nd place. Well done!
- Choir: Our Maranatha Singers were able to perform with the Adult Choir. It was a wonderful

evening of Praise! Thank you to Ms. Bouwman and Mrs. Bouwman for their work on this

- Finally, our annual program took place. This year it was a celebration of the Father sending His Son into the world to redeem those whom He has chosen. If you were there, I'm sure you will agree that this was a wonderful event with special thanks to the director and several accompanists (flute, piano, trumpet, violin). If you didn't have the opportunity to attend, a video recording is available on the school's website, and will be available there for the next couple of weeks.
- At the time of writing there are two more events we anticipate: Skating and our Christmas Assembly, both scheduled for the Friday between now and when you will be reading this.

And with that the year 2022 at MCS closes by the grace of God. As we celebrate let us recall that grace that sent Jesus Christ to the earth as a baby, but also as the Eternal Sacrifice for our sins, and in that knowledge may we go forward in to the year of our LORD 2023.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AMY LINDE

The season of celebrating Christ's birth is upon us. We've been blessed to witness the staff and students

present their Christmas Concert and set us with the correct focus for the season with their final song, "Declare

Your Praise." And the Kindergarten students reminded us of the blessing we have in our Christian school when

they confessed in jubilant song, “Yes, we know the story well; Listen now, and hear us tell.” Indeed, knowing God and proclaiming Him is what it is all about. As Ed Com we’ve had the privilege to see this work being done first hand as we visited the classrooms throughout the fall. We are again reminded that the task of a teacher is a very special one, and we thank all the staff for the work they do. The Board and Ed Com worked together and appointed a small Ad-Hoc

committee for the tri-annual Principal Review. The process involves interviews with the Board and Ed Com, as well as seeking feedback from the staff. After taking a deeper look into all the work that our Principal does, it became very evident that we are blessed by the leadership that Mr. Hoeksema brings to our school. Thank you, Mr. Hoeksema for everything that you do for MCS. While we are thanking people, I would also like to thank Amy Linde,

our previous Chairman, for all the work she did on the Ed Com in the last couple of years. Looking ahead, our plans for the 2023/2024 school year are under way as we look at classroom needs and how we can support the students and staff. We pray that God will bless our plans as we acknowledge that “unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.” Ps. 127:1.

TREASURER’S REPORT

MARNIX SIKKEMA

It’s hard to believe that we are once again nearing the completion of another calendar year! Another year in which we, as school society, have once again been so richly blessed!

As finance committee, we have started working on the budget for the next school year. As always, we value your input on how we can do things more cost-effectively and efficiently. Please feel free to contact me or one of the other committee members if you have any ideas in this regard.

We currently are near the bottom of the spectrum in the League of Canadian Reformed schools with our school fees, partially as a result of having many members without children in school. Many other societies have fees in excess of \$1000/month. It is quite a blessing to be part of the communion of saints! Let us all continue to promote lifetime membership.

We would like to welcome the new board liaison, Joseph VanGrootheest, to the committee. He has jumped right in and is already actively engaged in committee work and has volunteered to be our secretary.

There is a program being offered by the provincial government that allows parents to claim up to \$250 for students from kindergarten to age 18 for the 2022-23 school year. The money is being made available for students to use towards tutoring, supplies, etc. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023. www.ontario.ca/page/catch-up-payments.

Outside of the finance committee, the fundraising for the expansion is also well on the way. Pledge forms should be emailed to marnix@eloquip.com so we can keep the thermometers updated in a timely manner. All pledges and donations are strictly

confidential, only the treasurer and bookkeeper have access to them. Thank you to all those who have pledged or donated at this point already! The campaign is moving along nicely. You may have noticed the thermometers in your local churches indicating how we are making out.

For any donations to be receipted for 2022 (for both the operating budget and the capital project), our last count will be on the afternoon of Friday, December 30.

Thank you all for your support and we wish you a blessed Christmas and happy New Year! It’s always good at this time of year especially to commemorate the birth of our Lord and Saviour and to reflect on the work that He has done for us!

PR REPORT

JOSEPH VANGROOTHEEST

Merry Christmas! A greeting not heard near often enough in our nation anymore, we are blessed to live under the gift of Christmas. A wonderful time to reflect back on our Saviour's birth, and the reason why MCS carries the name Christian. Through God's faithfulness we can also reflect back on the last few months and see how well school has progressed. Full in person learning, a full staff, and

dedicated membership. Growth, planning the future of our school, and seeing plans begin to come together. Once again our cup overflows!

We as PR committee continue to promote the school, and we encourage lifelong commitment to membership. We especially thank those among our membership who don't use the school and yet support,

without your faithful support our fees would be substantial! Due to requests by members, we have published the membership list in this edition of the Link.

We have been finalizing a welcome package for new members, or any with questions, that will soon be available in the front office. We also would like to thank Jesse for his

service in the past years, as he retires from our team in January.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas with family and friends, a most welcome rest for students and staff. If

you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ROD DYKSTRA

Hello all and Merry Christmas. I'm back again to join a great, hard-working committee.

Looking back at the previous months they have done a great job of keeping the school building and property running. Thanks to Morris Thalen, Kenton Bouwman, Mitch Dewitt, John Nobel, Lambert Reinink, and Craig Vanveen for putting in the effort to maintain the school. With the blessings of their talents there are significant amounts of issues we can deal with without having to hire a contractor to repair. This makes a

huge impact on keeping our maintenance budget as low as possible. With our busy schedules, it's great to see these volunteers constantly coming out to help.

Along with the normal wear and tear, plumbing and electrical repairs, we have had a couple higher bills to replace HVAC parts on the older (east) system. We don't have any major projects planned as a committee in anticipation of future renovations.

We still keep a monthly calendar of maintenance tasks to help avoid

costly breakdowns or repairs. The calendar includes things like preventative maintenance on HVAC, water testing, fire safety testing and maintenance contract due dates.

We also keep an ongoing list of repair items online through google drive. This is accessible and updated by Pauline our janitor, Richard and the committee. Any issues seen in the day to day operation get added to the list and the property committee diligently tries to complete them.

Let us know if you have any questions.

TRIP GIFT CARDS

HENRIETTA JONKER

It has been a while since we last had an update from the MCS Gift Card Committee. We've made some changes with the insta-trip locations, so we thought this would be a good opportunity to pass on the new information. Thank you to Diane Niezen, Carol Hutten and Rachel VanGrootheest for the time they spent as insta-trip locations - all your hard work was greatly appreciated! Our current locations are as follows:

-MCS School office: (519)843-3029

-Sydney VanGrootheest: 147 St. George St. E. in Fergus (519)938-7465

-Henrietta Jonker: 73 York St. E. in Elora (519)362-9371

-Sarah Kingma: 140 Eliza St. in Arthur (519)760-6764

We would like to highlight a few of our local businesses that support the gift card program:

-New to the order form are Rona Elora gift cards, available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. These cards earn a 10% profit for MCS! Thank you Charles & Linda for your generosity!

-Thinking of getting family photos done? Lydia Trudelle Photography gives a 5% profit to MCS when you order a \$50 or \$100 gift card! Thank you Lydia Swaving for your kindness!

-Need a new suit for church, or a nice dress shirt? Brodericks in downtown Fergus gives 10% back to MCS, and gift cards are available in \$50 and \$100 denominations. Thank you Brodericks!

-Need any Dutch soups, cheese or candies? Made in Holland \$10 gift cards earn MCS 5%! Thank you Henrietta Gansekoele for supporting MCS in this way!

And of course we have Walmart, Freshco, Zehrs gift cards for all your grocery needs! Esso, Shell, Canadian Tire, Pioneer are available when you need to fill up! This is just the beginning of all the gift cards that are available to purchase!

We would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ! God's blessings to you in 2023!

Your MCS gift card committee: Kathryn Hutten, Henrietta Jonker, Annette Nobel

This year, the grade three class decided to write about their many and varied experiences creating towers in our Social Studies Structures unit utilising popsicle sticks and masking tape. The objectives were to create the tallest tower possible that would still be reasonably stable in strong wind currents and a moving base.

Karly and Aaron and I made a tower out of popsicle sticks and we put it together with tape. It had a lot of triangles in it. It didn't survive the earthquake or the wind test. It failed.
Addison

My structure was made out of popsicle sticks. My tower was mad with tape. It was 40 cm long. It LOOKED bad and it fell!
From: Lily ☺☺

We used tape and popsicle sticks. We made the structure then it fell. We had to test it. We made it stronger. I had fun.
cannot stegmann

We made a wide base so it would not fall down in the wind test and the ground wobbling test. I liked making the tower.
Carter

SGL was so much fun to build. I probably would've won if Mr. Ottawa way did not take it out because he helped us. But he gave us a treat. It was the tallest tower because we put a flag on the top.
Gideon

When I was building my tower it was very unstable. I wanted triangles because they were the strongest shape. The rest of the group wanted squares but it was very fun building our tower and it was very, very unstable.
Anna VanWouderberg

I taped the popsicle sticks together. Micah cut the tape. Hannah designed it. My towers name is The Super Towers!
Silas Ganschock

I had fun building it because I wasn't alone. I was with my cousin Mike and my friend Connor. I was the writer. We had a fun time together building the tower.
THE END
by Deziree

When I was building my tower I experienced that having a wide base, putting weight at the bottom and making it short would really help, but we needed to make it tall. We ended up getting 2nd last place, but we had fun.
Roman Vanverca

This is the building of the Rocket C.V. Tower the second. We started with the blue print. We worked together to design what to do. We started building the Rocket C.V. Tower the second. When we were done we got lost place.
Miles Ganschock

I had teammates and they were Nigel, Caters and Seth. I enjoyed building the tower with my friends. The supplies we had to make the tower was tape and popsicle sticks.
Jake Swiving

I was the writer. We got had some problems deciding how to build the tower, but we got it done. Our towers name was No Name Jack.
Tina Y.B

We used tape to attach the popsicle sticks. Our tower is named H. J. K. Finner. I liked cutting the tops. We had a problem we needed to make it 3-D from our 2-D shapes.
Jackson Hutter

We had lots of trouble with our blue print but then we changed it and it worked out. We put some triangles on it. We didn't win the contest. I was the boss of the group.

C.P.I.A.

It was really fun designing the structure. My group had a big problem. The structure did not have really good stability. It was really exciting to see how it worked.

Hannah

We never finished our tower called The leaning tower of Elora. We had lots of trouble when we followed the blue print, so we just erased it and made another blue print and it was better.

Alexis S.

We designed our tower like a rocket ship. I was the tape person (Aaron). The problem was that it leaned, so it didn't work out well. The plan didn't look like the tower. We used the 3 factors of stability: wide base, keep short, weight down at base.

Aaron Jantzen

I enjoyed building a structure. I used tape to hold the popsicle sticks together. We added a flag at the top. It was built out of squares. My teacher tested it after. It did not pass the earthquake test.

Sadie

Hi! I was doing the tape for most of the time. When Aaron was gone, Addison and I had a very hard time making the tower, just the two of us. We were relieved.

Katie

We tried to make a 3-d tower but that didn't work, so we had to start a new one which turned out really good. The tower name is H.I.K Tower.

Hayden

We had some problems but it was also fun. I helped hold the popsicle sticks in place.

I teamed up with Jackson and Hayden. Our tower got second place for stability.

Kaelin

We used 50 popsicle sticks and we put struts in and we made a wide base. Seth

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We built the tallest tower. I came up with the idea to make a square with a line through the center. We made a tall flag. We got first for tallest 3rd for stability. We called it the S.G.L. tower. I was the person who did the holding popsicle sticks and Sadie taped.

Logan

I had lots of fun building my tower. and I helped build almost half the tower. I was having a hard time building it and my team played sad.

Alex

We were building the tower. I cut the tape and handed it out. We did the wind test and then the earthquake test. then it fell down.

1. Opening by Chairman
 - 1.1. Scripture Reading (Ps 24); Singing (Ps24:1,2), and Prayer
 - 1.2. Roll Call: Rod Dykstra, Richard Hoeksema, Henk Huijgen, Dustin Hutten, Amy Linde, Colin Meerstra, Marnix Sikkema, Trish Smith, Morris Thalen, Kevin Vanleeuwen, Ryan VanVeen, Joseph Vangrootheest
2. Established Agenda - One adjustment
3. Minutes - reviewed, 2 corrections made - approved.
4. Short Report - reviewed, 3 corrections made - approved.
5. Email Conversations to be recorded: nothing
6. Matters arising from Minutes
 - 6.1. Arrangement made with the league coordinator to come to our December meeting.
 - 6.2. Capital Campaign Committee Update - they have divided all the tasks up and they hope by the end of October that most of the paperwork will be ready to go (forms, letterheads), including the marketing material for social media.
7. Board Member Positions Change Over
 - 7.1. Election to Executive
 - 7.1.1. Chairman: Colin Meerstra
 - 7.1.2. Vice Chair: Trish Smith
 - 7.1.3. Treasurer: Marnix Sikkema
 - 7.1.4. Secretary: Dustin Hutten
 - 7.2. Board Member Positions
 - 7.2.1. Edcom Liaison: Henk Huijgen
 - 7.2.2. Finance Liaison, PR Chair: Joseph Vangrootheest
 - 7.2.3. Property committee: Rod Dykstra, Liaison: Morris Thalen
 - 7.2.4. Transportation: Kevin Vanleeuwen, Liaison: Rod Dykstra
 - 7.2.5. PR Liaison: Morris Thalen
 - 7.2.6. League: Henk Huijgen
 - 7.2.7. Harvest: Dustin Hutten
 - 7.2.8. PTA: Trish Smith
8. Reports
 - 8.1. Education
 - 8.1.1. The Education Committee proposes that we accept the CARE request to allow for staff members to write curriculum during the school year, rather than on summer break, due to the difficulty in finding staff able and willing to do this over the summer. The CARE committee would cover the cost of substitute teachers, so there is no cost to MCS. Proposal was approved.
 - 8.1.2. 5-year plan was reviewed. There is the hope to be able to go with one less TA for the next school year, but this needs to be reviewed. Need to confirm the numbers for 2024/2025 K class.
 - 8.2. Principal's Report
 - 8.2.1. Discussion held on liability insurance coverage necessary for parent drivers.
 - 8.2.2. Health and safety committee discussion, this used to be reported to property when it was one person. Now we have a committee of 4 due to our staff being over 20. There is a draft policy on the works, and this will be presented to the board when it is ready.
 - 8.3. League/Harvest - Documents passed on to the Education Committee
 - 8.4. Public Relations - No report
 - 8.5. Executive
 - 8.5.1. Fall Membership Meeting Minutes - approved
 - 8.5.2. Capital Campaign Committee - update on the approach plan with each of the teams on the committee.
 - 8.5.3. Building Committee - update on the committee progress.
 - 8.6. Property
 - 8.6.1. Meeting last week, minutes will be at the next meeting
 - 8.7. Transportation
 - 8.7.1. One route adjustment was made. Minutes will be uploaded for the next meeting
 - 8.8. PTA - minutes reviewed.

- 8.9. Annual Calendar
 - 8.9.1. Principal review is due this year, will look into this and find out what the process entails.
- 8.10. Cost Consideration - nothing noted.
 - Principal left the meeting - 9:28pm
- 8.11. Finance
 - 8.11.1. Finance Report - Finance will be discussing the use of Traxxis (bookkeeping program) as it seems to have recurring issues that need to be corrected.
 - 8.11.2. Finance Minutes - finance will be asking for the budget numbers to be at the next meeting as they begin budgeting in December.
- 9. Correspondence
 - 9.1. Incoming
 - 9.1.1. Letter received from a staff member, discussed and agreed on a response.
 - 9.2. Outgoing
 - 9.2.1. 2 letters from the last meeting have to go out yet, and they will be done soon.
- 10. Question Period
 - 10.1. Documents are due on the drive folder by the Thursday prior to the meeting.
- 11. Next Meeting: **Nov 21st, Dec 19th, Jan 23rd**
- 12. Closing (**Ps24: 3,4**)
 - 12.1. Closing Prayer – Kevin Vanleeuwen
 - 12.2. Adjournment 9:57 PM

SHORT REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

- 1. Opening by Chairman
 - 1.1. Scripture Reading (Isaiah 40:1-11); Singing (Hymn 40:1,2), and Prayer
 - 1.2. Roll Call: Rod Dykstra, Richard Hoeksema, Dustin Hutten, Colin Meerstra, Marnix Sikkema, Trish Smith, Morris Thalen, Kevin Vanleeuwen, Joseph Vangrootheest, Absent with notice: Henk Huijgen
- 2. Established Agenda
- 3. Minutes - a few changes were made and approved.
- 4. Short Report - a few changes were made and approved.
- 5. Email Conversations to be recorded: nothing to record for this month
- 6. Matters arising from Minutes
 - 6.1. Finance will confirm the liability insurance coverage
- 7. Decision Book Item
 - 7.1. Everyone to review the decision book.
- 8. Reports
 - 8.1. Education
 - 8.1.1. Slight increase in the cost per student. Need to confirm the information on the library fund.
 - 8.2. Principal's Report
 - 8.2.1. 2 draft policies reviewed and discussed. Determined not to proceed with the 'Disconnect from work' policy. The 'Volunteer driver' policy is waiting on liability insurance information prior to being finalized.
 - 8.2.2. Health and safety document is still in progress, but is being worked on.
 - 8.2.3. League learning day was a good day, and informative. There were some policy suggestions. Principal to review our existing policies to ensure the suggestions are covered in the MCS policies.
 - 8.3. League/Harvest
 - 8.3.1. League meeting is coming up on Dec 1st
 - 8.3.2. Nothing from Harvest
 - 8.4. Public Relations
 - 8.4.1. Reviewing the minutes, there is one committee member that is being replaced. Expecting names soon for that, and will send it out via email for approval.
 - 8.4.2. Have we considered enrolment from the Listowel URC? Do we want to look at having a rep there? We would appreciate more members at our school. Look into a contact person from their church.
 - 8.5. Executive
 - 8.5.1. Capital Campaign Committee - work is progressing well, the pledge forms are sent out.

- 8.5.2. Building Committee - progressing well, all is in line with the gantt chart and moving along well.
 - 8.5.3. Teachers benefits plan, they are sending these out for tender and will be hearing back on that. Finance will be looking into the contracts for the secretary, bookkeeper and accountant.
 - 8.6. Property
 - 8.6.1. The heater core was a larger expense recently. There weren't many options available, and so they had to go this route. There are still some HVAC issues that are being ironed out. Most times, these costs can be absorbed in the annual budget costs.
 - 8.7. Transportation - no meeting
 - 8.8. PTA - no meeting
 - 8.9. Annual Calendar- reviewed.
- Principal left the meeting - 9:20pm
- 8.10. Finance - nothing for this month
 - 9. Consideration of New Business
 - 9.1. Principal Evaluation Survey - worked through the document and answered the questions, recorded the results.
 - 10. Correspondence
 - 10.1. Incoming - 1 letter received
 - 10.2. Outgoing - 1 response was sent out
 - 11. Next Meeting: **Dec 19th, Jan 23rd, Feb 27th**
 - 12. Closing (Hymn 15: 3)
 - 12.1. Closing Prayer – Joseph VanGrootheest
 - 12.2. Adjournment 10:25 PM



November 16, 2022

To the Board and Members of Maranatha Christian School,

Harvest Foundation has been able to continue its work through 2022. God has blessed our humble labors. As mentioned in our Fall membership meeting updates, our earnings rate in the CSS pool was down, but our volumes increased, resulting in total school support for the year increasing to **\$596,000**.

Over the last few years, God's abundant provision to us and our supporters was made evident in:

- > \$2.1 Million addition to our capital, mostly from some sizeable living donations
- > Growth of \$15 Million to our future bequest pipeline
- > \$4 Million increase to our Harvest Kingdom Builder deposits
- > Many couples/individuals gained peace of mind via our complimentary will planning process.

For the MCS school society, total 2022 support in the amount of **\$27,607** has been generated from the following tools & services:

o Endowment fund interest (annual interest earnings)	\$ 1,059
o Deployment fund support (20% of the capital plus annual interest)	\$ 1,512
o Harvest Kingdom Builder Deposits (donated/earned interest)	\$ 2,664
o Harvest General payment	\$ 5,000
o Harvest Per Student payment (\$40.44)	\$10,232
o Targeted Tuition Assistance	\$ 7,140

The targeted tuition assistance is paid to your treasurer each August and January. For the other amounts we provide our cheque in the amount of **\$20,467**.

We invite any of your members to reach out on our website www.harvestfoundation.ca to make use of the will planning we facilitate. Or to discuss planned giving, interested **donors** or **depositors** may connect at berniekottelenberg@harvestfoundation.ca or at the number below to explore opportunities.

Please join us in thanking God for His blessing on our humble kingdom service. We look forward to serving your school society, the Lord willing for many years to come. May the work in our churches, homes and schools result in a new generation being raised to know Him, to praise and glorify Him!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernie Kottelenberg".

Bernie Kottelenberg,
Harvest Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Ravensbergen".

William Ravensbergen
Board Chair

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ENROLMENT FORM

General Information				
surname	given name	usual name	middle name	
date of birth	birth certificate number		gender (m/f)	grade of entry
street name		apartment	PO Box	RR #
city/town	postal code	phone number (with area code)		
Siblings attending this school		Grade	Siblings attending this school	
Mother's Name		Father's Name		
Mother's Work #		Father's Work #		
Mother's Cell #		Father's Cell #		
Mother's email		Father's email		
Emergency EMAIL: (checked for emergency closing)				
Emergency Contact		name	relation	phone number
Previous school attended				
Address of School				
School Phone #				
Health Information (please use the back of this form if necessary)				
Family Doctor				
Phone Number				
Health Card #		exp.		
Health Concerns (allergies, etc.)				

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE MCS OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1st

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**General Comments/
Information that the
school should be
aware.**

Parent Signature

Date

BE SURE TO INCLUDE: Copy of Birth Certificate Copy of Vaccination Record

I would like a meeting with staff representatives to discuss matters pertaining to my child PRIOR to the start of school.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSR - The record of a student's educational progress through school in Ontario is maintained in his/her Ontario Student Record (OSR) folder. The contents in the OSR folder are privileged for the information and use of supervisory officers, the principal and the teachers of the school. Material contained in the OSR is to be used for the improvement of the instruction of the students. Each student and the parent(s), barring any court orders denying any access, or guardian(s) of a student who is not an adult, may have access to the student's OSR.

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Please return this form by February 1st.