



The Link

Maranatha Christian School

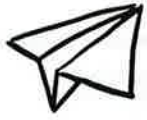


MISSION: TO ASSIST PARENTS IN:

- 1| *Covenantal*: Bringing up covenant children in the fear of the Lord
- 2| *Antithetical*: enabling and encouraging covenant children to fulfil their cultural tasks in this world.
- 3| *Confessional*: Revealing and declaring the triune God so that the covenant children rightly confess and serve Him as Prophets, Priests, and Kings through a Scripturally sound curriculum.
- 4| *Unity*: Demonstrating the unity between home, church and school.

VISION:

Training covenantal children for a life of thankful and obedient service to God and our neighbour



THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE



"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY ONE WHO WILL SAVE; HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS; HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE; HE WILL EXULT OVER YOU WITH SINGING." ZEPHANIAH 3:17

UPCOMING EVNTS

August 23	Link Due
August 28	Board Meeting
August 31	Open House
September 6	First Day of School

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MEMBER FEES

- Category 1: \$182 per month (retired/ single)
- Category 2: \$455 per month (married/ post school)
- Category 3: \$911 per month (grades K-8)



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"We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Hebrews 6:19a)

The 2022/2023 school year has officially come to a close with the Grade 8 graduation on June 23rd. We are very thankful to the Lord for His blessing, in caring for us and providing all that was needed for each day of the school year. We wish the Principal, staff and students a well deserved break over the summer months. We also congratulate our Grade 8 students for successful completion of their elementary school years and pray for the Lord's blessing as they move on to ECHS in the fall.

The Board had its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 19th. At that meeting we could hear updates from all the committees. These reports are necessary for the Board to ensure the various committees are fulfilling their mandates. The short reports of our meetings are always included in the LINK – hopefully you read them and can follow the work the Board does. Some highlights from our meeting this week include:

- The Education Committee asked for approval of names for new members to serve on that committee due to Rob Hutten being ordained as Deacon. We thank Rob for his work; the replacement names were approved.
- We approved the purchase of a new math curriculum for the school. Our current one has been used for roughly 20 years and is not supported anymore. The new curriculum is approximately \$35,000, which will be spread over the budget for 5 years to reduce the annual impact.
- We approved the *ad hoc* policy committee suggestions to update our various handbooks, policies and procedures.
- We reviewed a comparison of staffing numbers at MCS in proportion to the number of students, in relation to the other LCRSS schools in Ontario. It was noted on this review that MCS currently has the highest ratio of students to teachers in the League. Balancing the various aspects of this ratio is challenging – the lower the ratio, the higher the fees – but then also smaller class sizes.
- A report was received about the last meeting of the LCRSS. They have provided a presentation for MCS to review and provide feedback on in regards to the future direction of the League.
- The PR committee reported on the BBQ held after Field Day. It was well attended and appreciated.
- The PR committee also asked for approval of names for new members on its committee.
- The Building Committee provided an update on the status of the expansion. We are currently waiting for the Township to provide various approvals and permits. As such we are in a holding pattern at this time in terms of construction.
- The Board came up with a slate of names to contact for nomination to be voted on at the Fall Membership meeting of MCS. Two Board members will need to be replaced (Dustin Hutten and Marnix Sikkema). 12 names were voted on – these will be contacted in order to determine who is willing to stand for election to the Board. Please give prayerful consideration to this if you are contacted. We need dedicated and enthusiastic people at the Board level to ensure the operations are well directed. Overall I can say that it is a real blessing to be able to serve on the Board and be involved in the operational aspects of MCS.
- The Property Committee gave a report on their continuing work. They diligently meet monthly and have regular work nights to ensure the

school remains in good physical condition. Their work is much appreciated.

- The Transportation Committee reported that they are working on the routes for 2023/2024. This is proving difficult as one bus in particular would have 88 seats filled, yet the maximum is 72. Other routes would then have to be adjusted to take some off that overfull bus, but this in turn makes all the routes longer. The committee is also having to enforce the walking rules for those that live in closer proximity to MCS due to the space constraints on the

buses. This also comes with pushback from members as no-one likes to lose bus service. The Committee works hard to try and get service for all, but it is not always possible. We thank them for their work.

- The finances to the end of May were reviewed. We are very grateful for the general donations that have continued to come in to support our budget.
- The Board's next meeting was booked for late August, right before the 2023/2024 school year begins. There is typically no meeting in July

to allow the Board members a summer break also.

The above shows there is certainly much going on behind the scenes to ensure the good daily functioning of MCS – we are very thankful for all the volunteers on these committees and the time they put in to support the school.

We pray for God's continued blessing over the Board, staff, students, parents and all supporters of MCS, that we might continue daily in His service, doing all things to His praise and glory!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

RICHARD HOEKSEMA

I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41

You may recall that our theme text for the recently completed school year is from Zephaniah 3:17. This text teaches that God is in the midst of His people working for their salvation; and He gladly does this because of His love for His people, bringing peace and singing. You may not know that there are a lot of other places in the Bible where these same sentiments are also written. The passage above is one of those. Notice the order of the words in the first clause. It says that God rejoices in doing them good (not in 'them doing good.')

Our covenant God finds joy in doing good for his people. The reference is the Gospel. Consider

the genesis of man's existence. God created and all was good and man chose evil. God responded with the Good News of Jesus Christ. According to what Jeremiah records, He did that with rejoicing. He swore to Abraham that He would be God to him and his descendants. There was also the aspect of a possession. Abraham was promised that he would inherit the land in which he sojournd, thus, the Promised Land. Throughout the Old Testament this often had the initial meaning of a physical space, a physical land. The New Testament added the aspect of a spiritual kingdom. Notice the language: God will plant His people

in this land. God maintains His promise, but that doesn't surprise us because the phrase concludes with 'in faithfulness.' Scripture teaches that with God there is no shadow due to change (James 1:17) so what He has done and said is what He does and says, is what He will say and will do. Don't forget the final words above...with all my heart and all my soul. God doesn't do half work. Since He puts all of Himself into this work, we find great confidence in Him. We have reason for that confidence as we reflect on the school year that was recently completed. And we move forward in that same confidence.

We have seen this blessing in the 2 months since the last LINK publication. Daily instruction has continued, teachers taught, children learned, volunteers supported, etc. We often speak of miracles in the special things, but it is truly in the mundane that there is great wonder. God is faithful in the day-to-day activities we complete. Since the last month we were able to celebrate the Ascension of our Saviour as well as the distribution of the Spirit on Pentecost via an assembly. It was wonderful to see so many parents/members attending once again! The students in grades 7&8 were able to enjoy a Baseball Tournament as well. We were able to send three teams, and the girls even brought the trophy home! We were also able to welcome our next year Kindergarten students at the end of May. It is a continued testimony of our Father's grace that these children He has given us may be trained in a school that upholds His name in the world. June saw our Grade 8 classes head to Arowhon for another noteworthy camping trip. Field Day and Track and Field were enjoyed that same week. I'm sure some of our grade 8 students were well ready for a weekend home after that. Students participated in another Roadside Clean-up raising \$500 toward outdoor balls, etc. And, I would remiss to

not mention the year end trips. These were enjoyed by all involved, sunburn included! In case anyone is wondering, our intention is to have these all on the same day again in the future. And, finally, we were able to celebrate the progression of 29 of God's covenant children from grade 8 to grade 9 on Friday June 23.

While it may seem like a list of activities, these all are testimonies to the blessing of our Covenant God. May He be praised in all that we do at home, at church and at school! To Him be all glory!

We also have some 'goodbyes' among staff. Ms. Koning is leaving MCS to teach in Attercliffe in the fall. We thank you for your work at Maranatha, and pray that our Father will continue to bless you in your new position there. We also say 'farewell' to Ms. DeJong as she is moving north to Owen Sound. We wish you the Lord's blessings as well as you take on your role there. We also wish you an enjoyable wedding day! Ms. Reinink is leaving us as grade 3 TA to begin her training at the Teachers' College. We wish you strength in your studies, and, perhaps we will see you back in 3 years? And, our final 'goodbye' is for Ms. Nobel who has worked with us for a number

of years as RN for one high needs student. We wish you a relaxing retirement, and that we may see you again as a sub sometimes. Feel free to stop by and visit! One last comment before I sign off this time. We wish Ms. Medemblik a special summer break as well as her wedding is imminent. May our Father bless you and your husband in your life together.

There are also two families (insofar as I am aware) leaving our area and attending schools in their new communities in the fall. We say "Farewell" to John and Rachel Broekema as you are heading is little south. May our Father continue to guide and keep you in your 'new' community in His service. We pray that Seth and Joel will find their place in their new school quickly and seamlessly. Secondly, Joel and Katie Groen have already made their move a little east, at least my little birdie told me so. May God bless you there as family, and we pray that Peyton and Jamie will find their way into a new school quickly and seamlessly as well.

May we all have a restful and enjoyable break under His care and guidance, and, for those returning to MCS, we hope to see you back after Labour Day!

What a blessing it is to have finished a school year under the Lord's guiding hand. We can see the Lord's hand in everything around us, the work of the students, staff and volunteers has been blessed and produced fruit! So much to be thankful for.

The students are enjoying their last few days of school, I write this on the bus amongst a group of very excited kids as we travel to the school trip. In this too, we see the Lord's hand as he works joy and friendship into the hearts of our youth. As the staff have been busy wrapping up the current school year, Ed Com has been actively planning for the next one. Handbooks have been reviewed, class splits approved, calendar has been made, etc., etc. We thank our administration staff for the work that they do, our school runs so smoothly under their capable leadership. Thank you, Wayne

and Richard for your work, we appreciate your work and advice at the Ed Com level! We would like to thank Joyce Tenhage for all the work that she put in during the last six years. We welcome Christa VanWoudenberg in her

us. Henk Huijgen also continues to serve on the Ed Com as Board liaison.

At the heart of the school is the staff, we thank them all for the work they do. The joy and passion that the Lord puts into their hearts, spills out creating an environment of learning and joy for our youth. A special thank you to Miss Koning and Miss deJong as they leave MCS and take up roles in new schools. Thank you to Sarena Reinink for her work in Grade 3 and may the Lord continue to guide you in Teachers College. Helene Nobel has been a

blessing serving as a nurse and we thank her for all she has brought to MCS.

We stand in the peace and confidence that the Lord's hand will continue to guide staff and students throughout the summer!

Teach With Us Scholarship

Are you enrolled in a teacher education program and planning to teach in a Reformed school?

Teach With Us Canada is proud to announce the "Teach With Us Scholarship" to provide financial support to students who are training to teach in Reformed Schools.

Scan the QR code for more information or to apply!



place. And we are thankful that Carolyn Feenstra has been found willing to serve for a second term. Rob Hutten has been helpful on the committee for the past year but he leaves us to serve on Council in Elora. We also thank Tim Swaving for the work he does and we are in the process of looking for another male to join

We are thankful to have another year safely behind us, another year of students graduating with a solid Christian foundation to

continue building their life on. We are thankful for the countless hours that are invested each year by our staff, our volunteers, and

our committee members. It truly is a blessing to see how each person's talents and energy can be combined into such a wonderful

outcome! We also congratulate each graduate, and wish them all the best as they move to High School.

We were thankful as well to see so many of you at the BBQ, it is nice to see a full crowd! It is especially nice to see the members who aren't often at the school, those without children reporting back on the day to day events of the school. We thank you for supporting us, for joining us, and we

hope you were encouraged to watch the MCS children running around you for hours.

We would like to wish everyone a good rest over the summer, and a safe time away. We ask that even when the school is 'inactive' you continue to hold it in your prayers and continue to spread the word about what good is accomplished in these walls. We as PR are working toward a 'infor-

mational' pamphlet to help us understand our costs, our fees, and our membership potential. We hope this will also assist you in your personal conversations about MCS. If all goes well this will be sent out to the membership in the fall. And as always, reach out at any time to your local Rep should you have questions about the school, enrollment, or membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARNIX SIKKEMA

What a blessing from the Lord that we are able to complete another school year to His glory at Maranatha! At this point, we do not have all the final numbers yet as there is still about 1 week to go to complete this fiscal year. We are a little behind in general donations and are asking that if you are able to help out a little here that would be much appreciated!

Thankfully the proposed budget passed at our last membership meeting! If it had not passed, we would not have known what to change as we run quite an efficient school with no extravagances. One thing that we all *could* do is to continue promoting Maranatha to try to get more members and continue encouraging **lifetime membership** as well! If we all speak about MCS in a positive light at our dinner tables that would go a long way in encouraging the next generation also to support Christian education! We believe Maranatha to be

a covenantal school, where we all together as communion of Saints support one another in promoting Christian education. As finance committee and board we have looked hard for areas that we save money in. It soon became evident that there is not much that we could do to save any further than we already are. We, as finance committee, are always open to your ideas on how we can save, so if you have any ideas, please speak with someone on the committee. The new fees are

effective July 1. They are as follows:

1. Category 1 (retired(+65), single) \$182/month,
2. Category 2 (married and post school) \$455/month,
3. Category 3 (grades K-8) - \$911/month.

If you are not sure what category you are in, please contact a member of the PR committee.

I would also like to encourage the use of PAP (pre-authorized payment). This is quite easy to set up



Harvest Foundation supports families in their conviction for providing Reformed Christian schooling to covenant youth. Some families struggle with the monthly cost...

We and our donors want to help!

Qualified families can receive 20, 35 or 50% of their annual tuition cost. Our goal is to provide assistance to families who need it most.



Interested in applying for Tuition Assistance? Visit the Tuition Assistance page at harvestfoundation.ca, and click on the **Apply for Support** link. You will be asked to provide basic financial information; it is held confidentially by 3rd party staff at ISM and a small sub-committee of Harvest Foundation.

and it helps to prevent you from forgetting to make a payment and going into arrears. Please contact myself or Charmaine Vis to have this set up if you wish to proceed with this.

Also, one final reminder, that Harvest is now accepting applications for tuition assistance until the end of July. It is very easy to apply for this assistance and everything is kept very confidential.

Please go to their website, harvestfoundation.ca and click on the tuition assistance tab for more information. It provides qualified families with financial assistance of either 20, 35 or 50% of their annual tuition cost. Several families in our area already make use of this assistance but we feel many more people could.

As I am also part of the capital campaign committee, I would remind everyone that we are now

accepting donations as we already have some expenses related to the expansion. Soon the construction will begin and we will be receiving some larger bills as well.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and financial support.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

KEVIN VANLEEUWEN

With thankfulness to our heavenly Father, we have had a year of safe travel to and from the school, a blessing that we cannot take for granted. The Transportation Committee has been busy these last few months with plans for next year. Our buses continue to be full, and this coming year we are pushing our maximum numbers. With that, we have had to make a few significant changes to our routes, and some families will be on a different bus than they were this year. We would like to thank those

families who have allowed their child(ren) to be taken off the route so we can use those seats where needed. Unfortunately, we have had to be firm on the bounds for those who would be considered walkers, those who live within the walking bounds as well as all ECHS students in Fergus. The families who this affects have been contacted and we thank them for their support. We hope to have everything finalized and ready for publication by the end of July.

Alex Thalen, Vanessa Taekema, and Rebecca Thalen have retired from the Transportation Committee. We are thankful for all the hard work, time and dedication that they have done. With that, we welcome Jenny Kamphuis, Kevin Timmerman, and Rachel VanGrootheest to the committee. We thank the bus drivers for their dedication and pray that they also have an enjoyable summer.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

JOYCE FEENSTRA

We as a committee have had another successful year. This year we were able to have 3 soup days, 2 hotdog days, Winterfest, ice cream day, baking for the Christmas program, a luncheon for Grandparents' Day, baking and coffee for the Parent Open House and hotdogs and Freezies on Field Day. We would like to

thank you parents for your willingness to give your time and food to help make these days a great day for students and staff. Not only does your work support our organization, it supports our entire school community.

At this time, I would like to thank the members on the PTA. Thank you for all you have done

behind the scenes. Organizing who is bringing soup, hotdogs or baking for the events. Purchasing the groceries needed, and also taking time out of their schedule to be at the school on our special events.

This year we have 2 members that have retired from their position on the PTA. Joyce Feenstra

and Andrea Vanderzwaag have served their three-year term. Thank you for your help and support. I would also like to welcome our new members to the

PTA. Representative for Arthur/Grand Valley is: Garrie Gansekoele and representative for Fergus North is: Jennifer VanBeek.

Again, thank you so much for your willingness to donate food or your time towards any of the special events that took place throughout the year. Enjoy your summer holidays.

SHORT REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

1. Opening by Chairman
 - 1.1. Scripture Reading (**Ps. 72**); Singing (**Hy 46:1&2**), and Prayer
 - 1.2. Roll Call: Richard Hoeksema, Henk Huijgen, Dustin Hutten, Colin Meerstra, Marnix Sikkema, Trish Smith, Morris Thalen, Kevin Vanleeuwen, Joseph Vangrootheest. Absent with notice: Rod Dykstra
2. Establish Agenda
 - 2.1. Presentation from Jackie Deboer - CCRTC
 - 2.1.1. Jackie is our representative for MCS for the board and her term is up next year, so something to keep in mind to consider finding a replacement, or someone from the board to take over that role. It is to our benefit that we have very clear school enrollment guidelines and expectations of staff and students and parents. It must be clearly defined to the public, which is important in today's society. The college is still working on accreditation, as without that it is a very serious commitment that the teachers make who receive their education there as it is not recognized outside of our league of school societies. The goal is to submit with the government for accreditation this fall and it is about a six month review process. Depending on what happens with the accreditation for the 2 year program could have implications on the 3 year program. It is our hope that we can keep the 3 year program. Lot's of new enrollment again for this year, some new from the Free Reformed and some from Netherland's there has been more questions coming from outside our community. The college struggles to find committee members to volunteer as it is located in Hamilton and it can be tough to find people locally to serve, especially in the executive positions. They do struggle to meet the budget every year, and it comes down to the governors to fundraise and they usually do meet the budget, but it comes from large donors and bequests to meet the budget. It would be nice to have more regular monthly contributors.
 - 2.1.2. Note that there is one more year on Jackie's term as governor.
3. Minutes - No changes, approved.
4. Short Report - No changes, approved.
5. Email Conversations to be recorded:
 - 5.1. Approved to hire Keith Sikkema at 40% in grade 6 B, and Danielle Vanleeuwen to 20% in grade 2A and Christine Vellema approved to move up to 100% EA.
6. Matters arising from Minutes
 - 6.1. A visit is scheduled with a member.
7. Decision Book Item - no changes
8. Reports
 - 8.1. Education
 - 8.1.1. A group of volunteers asking if they could start a Musical group, approved by Edcom on a strictly volunteer basis. Plan is to be a one time event, it's a group to run a fundraiser musical.
 - 8.1.2. Staff gifts for years served will be purchased.
 - 8.1.3. Looking for replacement of 2 ed com terms, no issues with names provided.
 - 8.1.4. Still looking to fill 1 position for grade 2, they have one person willing to do 40% so trying to find the other 60% now.

8.2.Principal's Report

- 8.2.1. Staff appreciate the work done by directors and committees. Looking forward to the expansion as space is getting very tight.
- 8.2.2. No policies due for review at this time.
- 8.2.3. Next year is the 55 year anniversary, looking into some options to commemorate this milestone.

8.3.League/Harvest

- 8.3.1. The League meeting was postponed until June
- 8.3.2. Harvest meeting is later this week

8.4.Public Relations

- 8.4.1. 2 new members, and one new donor.
- 8.4.2. Names proposed for committee replacement member were approved.

8.5.Executive

8.5.1. Capital Campaign Committee Update

- 8.5.1.1. Newsletter is ready to go out, and will be published this week.

8.5.2. Building Committee Update

- 8.5.2.1. Still waiting on (site plan approval) SPA approval, working on plans for a private fire hydrant which has halted the SPA process. A private fire hydrant is required, and we need to meet this condition. Once the SPA is approved the town will continue with the permit review.

8.5.3. Executive activity report to the Board

- 8.5.3.1. Approved one staff to have a day off to move.

8.5.4. Plan for Spring Membership Meeting

- 8.5.4.1. Confirm with 2 people in regards to presenting at the meeting.

8.5.5. Adhoc Committee Policy Review

- 8.5.5.1. Planning to meet next week to discuss their review.

8.6.Property

- 8.6.1. Work night a couple weeks ago, and they have a meeting next week.

8.7.Transportation

- 8.7.1. No meeting, currently working on the routes.

8.8.PTA - nothing to report

8.9.Annual Calendar

- 8.9.1. Budget already approved last meeting.

- 8.9.2. Contract list will be finalized asap, one teacher moves to a permanent contract.

Principal left the meeting - 8:52pm

8.10.Finance

- 8.10.1. Finance Reports - we are a little low on the parent and non-parent fees, this should balance out before the end of the year. Heat and hydro is up quite a bit from previous months. The money that was moved to the GIC, we are getting 4.5% on \$750,000.
- 8.10.2. Finance Minutes - Proposal: Finance proposes to the board that the wages for bookkeeper, accountant, and secretary are increased yearly by the rate provided for inflationary increase by LCRSS. - No objections, so this is approved.

Finance to follow-up with the adhoc on the fee categories so that PR can finalize their membership drive as well

9. Correspondence

- 9.1.Incoming - none

- 9.2.Outgoing - none

10. Question Period: no questions

11. Next Meeting: **May 29th, June 19th, Aug 21st**

12. Closing (**Hymn 46:3&4**)
 - 12.1. Closing Prayer – Trish Smith
 - 12.2. Adjournment 9:00 PM

SHORT REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

1. Opening by Chairman
 - 1.1. Scripture Reading (**Acts 2:1-4,14-21**); Singing (**Hymn 50: 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 minor corrections, approved
4. Short Report - one minor correction, approved
5. Email Conversations to be recorded: Approved to hire Shaelyn Boonstra at 40%, and Shelley Smith at 60% for grade 2 B on a one year contract.
6. Matters arising from Minutes - one fundraising proposal in the works with the capital campaign committee.
7. Decision Book Item - add the decision for the administrative compensation increase as per the league salary report salary grid increase % to the decision book.
8. Reports
 - 8.1. Education
 - 8.1.1. One member is resigning as he was ordained as deacon, proposed replacement names - approved.
 - 8.1.2. Math Curriculum Proposal: it is a newer program that was published with the new government math curriculum that came out a few years ago. Only available in softcover books. Discussion on if there are any other curriculum updates that will need to come in the near future. Language arts is the only one, but nothing suitable has been found yet. We all approve in principle, subject to having finance will look into how we can cover the expense of it.
 - 8.2. Principal's Report
 - 8.2.1. Teacher schedule attached. Handbook review at the next meeting.
 - 8.3. League/Harvest
 - 8.3.1. TWUC - Scholarship - Include in the next Link.
 - 8.3.2. The Harvest meeting was attended in April, similar updates as to what was presented at our last membership meeting. The other presentation was on running capital campaign drives, and it was using the structure that we used already for our drive.
 - 8.4. Public Relations
 - 8.4.1. Struggling to get a replacement in Arthur, will continue trying people
 - 8.4.2. There have been a lot of membership changes recently but when they get it all sorted it should work out to be about the same numbers for finance.
 - 8.4.3. Planning for the PR BBQ coming up in June.
 - 8.5. Executive
 - 8.5.1. Building Committee Update - verbal update given on the progress, the SPA package has been resubmitted.
 - 8.5.2. Executive activity report to the Board
 - 8.5.3. - executive had a meeting with a member. Edcom had executive involvement with a staff member, a letter was presented to the staff member and a report documented.
 - 8.5.4. Spring Membership Meeting - everything is in place for the meeting.
 - 8.5.5. Adhoc Committee Policy Review

8.5.5.1. Some proposed policy changes to strengthen and guard against possible outside questioning. Agreed to adopt these changes, and Richard can work these into his next policy review.

8.6.Property

8.6.1. Couple work nights, and meeting minutes attached. Increased the rental rates, try to get some more income that way.

8.7.Transportation

8.7.1. Routes are almost done. One new committee member was added to the committee.

8.8.PTA

8.8.1. Busy with planning for the events that happen to end the year, grad, field day etc.

8.9.Annual Calendar - consider names for board replacements for next meeting

Principal left the meeting - 9:12pm

8.10.Finance

8.10.1. Finance Reports - right on budget so far

8.10.2. Finance Minutes - adhoc committee for fee structures, got a verbal update, they are close to being completed.

9. Next Meeting: **June 19th, Aug 21st, Sept 18th**

10. Closing (**Hymn 50: 3,4**)

10.1. Closing Prayer – Morris Thalen

10.2. Adjournment 9:25pm



Tuition Assistance - Applicant Invite Letter

Dear supporter of Reformed Christian schooling,

Harvest Foundation invites you to apply for Tuition Support Assistance for your children enrolled in member elementary and/or secondary schools. Together with some generous donors we have developed a program that is designed to award tuition support to approved applicants at a level of either 20%, 35% or 50% of your annual tuition cost. We have contracted with a 3rd party known as Independent School Management and their FAST Platform to assist us in gathering some basic financial information, having them verify it and then apply our Harvest assessment criteria. Your financial information will not be shared with the school board and will be protected according to ISM's privacy policy on their web site. A small committee from Harvest Foundation will have viewing access on a sample basis to ensure our assessment criteria is being followed.

Our goal is to support to several families at each school.

Explore the program at <https://www.harvestfoundation.ca/Tuition-Assistance/> **The application link will be open starting June 1st.** ISM has staff available to assist in answering questions about the required information. This next round of applications is meant to provide support for the full 23/24 school year and will be based on 2022 tax return information provided. **Applications will be received until July 31, 2023.** The application cost is \$45usd per family per year, but a voucher is available upon request.

Upon approval of your application, tuition support of either 20, 35 or 50% will be provided to your school board Treasurer as a credit to your account. Half will be paid by August 31st and the other half by Jan 31st 2024, DV. Approved applicants and approved amounts will be conveyed to both yourself and to the school board treasurer. The amounts are not meant to cover any arrears and you will be responsible for the remainder of the monthly tuition costs. Declined applications will not be conveyed to the board. With current resources provided, and with the Lord's blessing, we hope to be able to offer this program for many years. We hope it can be of benefit to you and your covenant children!

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1	Agema	Aaron	M
2	Bouwman	Seth	M
3	Gansekoete	Roscoe	M
4	Hutten	Grace	F
5	Hutten	Thea	F
6	Hutten	Brianna	F
7	Kamphuis	Lillian	F
8	Kruizenga	Carter	M
9	Lodder	Rowen	F
10	Lodder	Landon	M
11	Mans	Talia	F
12	Thalen	Rachel	F
13	VanGrootheest	Easton	M
14	VanGrootheest	Liam	M
15	VanVeen	Alyssa	F

KB - Mrs. Kingma			
1	Agema	Roelof	M
2	Bijlsma	Auke	M
3	DeWitt	Ashtynne	F
4	Gansekoete	Tucker	M
5	Hofsink	Emberly	F
6	Kamphuis	Grace	F
7	Nobel	Avery	F
8	Nobel	Leah	F
9	Reinink	Dustin	M
10	Swaving	Aurora	F
11	VandenBerg	Felicity	F
12	Vanleeuwen	Asher	M
13	VanVeen	Palmer	F

1A - Mrs. Deboer			
1	DEHAAN	Katy	F
2	FEENSTRA	Jacob	M
3	FOSTER	Michael	M
4	HUIJGEN	Asher	M
5	HUTTEN	Connor	M
6	VANDRFFEN	Tess	F
7	KINGMA	Jayden	M
8	KINGMA	Kylie	F
9	KOTTELENBERG	Emma	F
10	KROEZEN	Reid	M
11	LODDER	Hudson	M
12	MEDEMBLIK	Ryker	M
13	POST	Claire	F
14	SMITH	Georgia	F
15	VANDERVEEN	Adele	F
16	VANDERWOERD	Aleah	F

1B - Mrs. Sikkema; Mrs. Vanderveen			
1	AGEMA	Liam	M
2	DEWITT	Blake	M
3	HART	Jacob	M
4	HOEKSEMA	Jenna	F
5	HUTCHINSON	Lauren	F
6	HUTTEN	Bennett	M
7	LINDE	Taya	F
8	SWAVING	Lacey	F
9	THALEN	Abby	F
10	THALEN	Joshua	M
11	VANBEEK	Mallory	F
12	HUTTEN	Wren	F
13	VANGROOTHEEST	Zekiah	M
14	VANLEEUVEN	Dominic	M
15	VANWOUDENBERG	Rebecca	F

2A - Mrs. Vanderwoerd; Mrs. Vanleeuwen			
1	AGEMA	Harriet	F
2	BOUWMAN	Derek	M
3	DEBOER	Micah	M
4	HART	Jeremy	M
5	HOEKSEMA	Tyler	M
6	HUTTEN	Landon	M
7	HUTTEN	Noah	M
8	HUTTEN	Scarlett	F
9	LODDER	Deacon	M
10	SMITH	Burke	M
11	SMITH	Grace	F
12	SWAVING	Lily	F
13	VANDERWOERD	Dominic	M
14	VANDERWOERD	Natalie	F
15	VANGROOTHEEST	Tyson	M
16	VANVEEN	Anna	F
17	VANVEEN	Layla	F

2B - Mrs. Boonstra; Mrs. Smith			
1	BULSMA	Declan	M
2	EKEMA	Eli	M
3	FLACH	Levi	M
4	GANSEKOELE	Felix	M
5	HUTCHINSON	Danielle	F
6	HUTTEN	Cullen	M
7	HUTTEN	Joshua	M
8	KAMPHUIS	Felix	M
9	LENTING	Gabriella	F
10	LODDER	Tyler	M
11	MANS	Brooke	F
12	NOBEL	Jade	F
13	SWAVING	Carter	M
14	SWAVING	Gage	M
15	TIMMERMAN	Abigail	F
16	VANDENBERG	Arianna	F
17	VANDENBERG	Karson	M

3 - Mr. Ottaway			
1	AGEMA	Douwe	M
2	BOUWMAN	Arend	M
3	DEHAAN	Allyson	F
4	FEENSTRA	Esther	F
5	HUIJGEN	Claire	F
6	HUTTEN	Kylie	F
7	HUTTEN	Tj	M
8	KOTTELENBERG	Kate	F
9	LINDE	Joel	M
10	LODDER	Craig	M
11	LODDER	Jax	M
12	POST	Ezra	M
13	REININK	Dominic	M
14	SIKKEMA	Lilah	F
15	TAEKEMA	Dirk	M
16	THALEN	Blake	M
17	THALEN	David	M
18	THALEN	Raelynn	F
19	VANDERVEEN	Brenna	F
20	VANDERVEEN	Wyatt	M
21	VANLEEUVEN	Zion	F

4 - Mrs. VanSydenborgh			
1	AGEMA	Logan	M
2	DEHAAN	Kody	M
3	FEENSTRA	Desiree	F
4	FEENSTRA	Hannah	F
5	GANSEKOELE	Myles	M
6	GANSEKOELE	Silas	M
7	HUTTEN	Alex	M
8	HUTTEN	Jackson	M
9	JONKER	Aaron	M
10	KOTTELENBERG	Hayden	M
11	LENTING	Karlie	F
12	LODDER	Sadie	F
13	REININK	Gideon	M
14	SMITH	Celia	F
15	STEGMANN	Cornor	M
16	SWAVING	Addison	F
17	SWAVING	Alexis	M
18	SWAVING	Jake	F
19	VANBEEK	Nigel	M
20	VANDERWOERD	Carter	M
21	VANGROOTHEEST	Lily	F
22	VANLEEUVEN	Micah	M
23	VANVEEN	Kaelyn	F
24	VANVEEN	Ronan	M
25	VANWOUDENBERG	Anna	F

5 - Ms. Kapteyn			
1	BULSMA	Waylon	M
2	BOUWMAN	Makayla	F
3	BULTENA	Mason	M
4	DEBOER	Chase	M
5	FLACH	Aaron	M
6	HOEKSEMA	Kendra	F
7	HUIJGEN	Leah	F
8	HUTTEN	Austin	M
9	HUTTEN	Ella	F
10	KAMPHUIS	Henry	M
11	KINGMA	Owen	M
12	LINDE	Kate	F
13	LODDER	Morgan	F
14	NIJENHUIS	Troy	M
15	POST	Jacob	M
16	REININK	Preston	M
17	SWAVING	Liam	M
18	THALEN	Max	M
19	THALEN	Ryan	M
20	TIMMERMAN	Joel	M
21	VANDERVEEN	Noah	M
22	VANDERWOERD	Kaitlyn	F
23	VANDERZWAAG	Leah	F
24	VANLEEUVEN	Zachary	M

6 - Ms. Bouwman			
1	BULSMA	Aldrik	M
2	DEHAAN	Jakob	M
3	EKEMA	Victor	M
4	FEENSTRA	Benjamin	M
5	HUTTEN	Mariah	F
6	HUTTEN	Michael	M
7	KOTTELENBERG	Hannah	F
8	LENTING	Clarissa	F
9	LODDER	Arianna	F
10	LODDER	Chad	M
11	LOVE	Layla	F
12	OTTAWAY	Thomas	M
13	REININK	Blake	M
14	SMITH	Mark	M
15	VANBEEK	Desmond	M
16	VANDERVEEN	Gage	M
17	VANLEEUVEN	Kailey	F
18	VANLEEUVEN	Payton	F

6B - Mrs. Hoeksema; Mr. Sikkema			
1	DEBOER	Madison	F
2	HART	Alexis	F
3	KOTTELENBERG	Kerry	F
4	KOTTELENBERG	Brenden	M
5	LODDER	Gavin	M
6	SMITH	Levi	M
7	STEGMANN	Alec	M
8	SWAVING	Carly	F
9	SWAVING	Lukas	M
10	SWAVING	Mea	F
11	SWAVING	Ryker	M
12	VANGROOTHEEST	Blake	M
13	VANLEEUVEN	Avery	F
14	VANLEEUVEN	Kiera	F
15	VANRAALTE	Nikara	F
16	VANVEEN	Jude	M
17	VANWOUDENBERG	Sarah	F
18	VELLEMA	Malachi	M

7 - Ms. VanSydenborgh			
1	BROERSMA	Christian	M
2	BULTENA	Maya	F
3	DEBOER	Jordynn	F
4	DEBOER	Sawyer	M
5	DYKSTRA	Kenzie	F
6	FEENSTRA	Dustin	M
7	FLACH	Melani	F
8	JONKER	Cameron	M
9	KAMPHUIS	Derrick	M
10	KINGMA	Keira	F
11	KOTTELENBERG	Heidi	F
12	LODDER	Addison	F
13	LODDER	Weston	M
14	LOVE	Savana	F
15	NIJENHUIS	Zachary	M
16	SIKKEMA	Isaac	M
17	SIKKEMA	Lucas	M
18	SMITH	Lucy	F
19	SWAVING	Aidan	M
20	SWAVING	Ryder	M
21	TAEKEMA	Isabella	F
22	THALEN	Allison	F
23	THALEN	Mark	M
24	TIMMERMAN	Olivia	F
25	VANDERVEEN	Korren	F
26	VANGROOTHEEST	Michael	M
27	VANLEEUVEN	Ava	F

8 - Mr. Bartels			
1	BULSMA	Hailey	F
2	DEBOER	Hansen	M
3	DEHAAN	Logan	M
4	FEENSTRA	Liam	M
5	HUTTEN	Ethan	M
6	KOTTELENBERG	Jonah	M
7	LINDE	Chloe	F
8	LODDER	Kylee	F
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13	REININK	Natalia	F
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18	VANEERDE	Cohen	M
19	VANLEEUVEN	Adam	M
20	VANLEEUVEN	Daneeka	F
21	VANLEEUVEN	Daniel	M
22	VANLEEUVEN	Madisyn	F
23	VANRAALTE	Lexi	F
24	VIS	Chase	M

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