

CSAI - Christian School Administration Institute

CSAI is a single-day program for anyone interested in the Christian School, and especially for those who serve in an administrative role in our schools, including School Board members, Principals, and Church Leaders.

Date: March 20, 2026

Host School: Pathfinder Christian School

Host Location: Faith Mennonite Church - 1533 Chalmers Forrest Rd, Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0

Moderators: CSRC Committee

Song Leader: Ben Rohrer

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome Philip Horst – Wallenstein, ON

9:10 Opening Songs and Devotional Marvin Gerber – Millbank, ON

9:30 The Privilege of Christian Education Kenneth Hostetter – Aylmer, ON

What is the value of Christian Education? If we consider the value of truth, of good relationships, and of our heritage, along with the opportunity to teach these values to our children, we realize what a privilege we have in our hands. Plain people have not always been given these privileges. We must also consider that with this privilege comes the need for vision, responsibility and unity.

10:15 Workshop

a. School Board – Friend and Authority Delton Frey – Markdale, ON

In this workshop, we examine the role of the school board as both friend and authority, exploring its relationship with teachers and the balance between leadership and support. We look at how board decisions affect teachers, morale, and students, and how boards and teachers can work together respectfully and effectively.

b. Board Fundamentals – Meetings, Responsibilities & Structure Joel Sensenig – Lebanon, PA

So I've been elected to the school board. Now what? Do I just bring the doughnuts and coffee or is there a better use of my energy? Let's explore the roles and responsibilities of the different members. What structure needs to be in place so meetings can be efficient and effective and so our faculties know how to perform their responsibilities satisfactorily?

c. Candle Software..... Nathaniel Gingrich/Micah Stauffer - PA

Discover how the Candle School Management Suite brings clarity and simplicity to school administration. Designed to "give light" to boards, teachers, and parents, Candle streamlines gradebooks, attendance, health records, library management, communication, and reporting

in one intuitive platform. Join us for a practical overview of how Candle reduces complexity, protects your data, and adapts to fit your school's unique needs, followed by live Q&A.

d. Mothers Contributing to Special Events at SchoolKendra Klassen – Millbank, PA

Special events at school— a highlight for the students and the teachers! But sometimes someone other than the teachers needs to plan them. How can we help? Come prepared to share your ideas for teacher's birthday parties, hot lunches, school picnics or any other activities you help to plan for your school.

11:00 15 MINUTE BREAK

11:15 Evaluating the Current Threats to Our SchoolsBrian Warner - Broad Top, PA

Satan is on a mission to destroy the Church. As a critical aspect of the work of the Church, the Christian Day School will be a battleground. Ministry, parents, boards, and teachers must be aware of and evaluate threats to our schools. "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (II Tim. 2:3)

12:05 Lunch (is provided)

1:35 15 Minute Period of SingingBen Rohrer – Markdale, ON

1:50 Panel Discussion - The Dilemma of Higher Education

Panel Moderator

- Tim Zehr – Millbank, ON

Panelists:

- Matt Frey – Drayton, ON,
- Peter Klassen – Jonestown, PA,
- Brian Warner - Broad Top, PA

2:40 Nurturing Children with Difficult Backgrounds..... Kevin Sensenig – Salem, OH

The demons of drugs, abuse, and neglect leave scars on innocent children. How do we help children from hard places find security and healing? How do we best collaborate to turn their weaknesses into strengths, the ashes of trauma into the beauty of a life "hid in Christ"?

3:35 15 MINUTE BREAK

3:50 10 Minutes - CSRC Update..... Leon Bowman – Mount Forest, ON

4:00 20 Minute Topics

Theme: Promoting the Church School

Many private schools are closely connected to a church, frequently rooted in a local congregation. Is this partnership the result of intentional design, or has it developed organically over time? How does the school contribute to the life of the congregation, and how does the church, in turn, nurture and support the school?

- 1) Identity – Mission, Vision, Values..... Laverne Martin – Moorefield, ON
- 2) Funding the Career Teacher Murray Wideman – Harriston, ON
- 3) The Ministry's RoleKenneth Hostetter – Aylmer, ON

- 5:00 Supper (is provided)
- 7:00 Devotional..... Marcus Martin – Elmira, ON
- 7:15 Working with the Fallout of Gentle Parenting.....Brian Warner - Broad Top, PA
- Gentleness is a fruit of the spirit. Gentle parenting sounds good.... or does it? What are the flaws of this parenting philosophy which has obtained “meteoric popularity” in society. Why should this method not receive acceptance in our circles and how would it affect our homes, schools, and churches?*
- 8:00 Dismissal

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We welcome your input.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or suggestions. Thank you.

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20 Minute Topic - Funding the Career Teacher					
20 Minute Topic - The Ministry's Role					
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Please share suggestions for future topics and speakers.					
Please share your general feedback on the format and length of this event, the location, the facility, and the meals. How could this event be improved?					
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