



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Cardinal Newman Catholic School Council

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Grade 7 Room – 6:30 pm



1. Prayer

- Mr. Venzon started off with a prayer

Dear Lord, Thank you for fresh grace and a year full of promise. Lead us in Your ways and fill our hearts with Your love and joy. Help us to see others as You see them. Guide every decision, response, effort and conversation we have for Your glory.

Amen

2. Introductions

- All present were asked to print name on a sign in sheet.

Present: Kellie Blue, Mark Lukasik, Jason Steinburg, Brenda Steinburg, Maria Elia, Kevin Reid, Sonja Taddeo, Marie Kowalczyk, Jessica Petrella, Sara Argiropoulos, Jose Evangelista, Joe Kekic, Marilyn Fabiano, Melanie Smith, Helen Cappa.

- Mr. Venzon welcomed all present and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

3. Catholic School Council By-Laws

- Mr. Venzon went through the highlights of the NCDSB Catholic School Council By-Laws. Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities (including discussion of numbers for a quorum of 50% + 1.

4. Catholic School Council Members 2016 - 17

- Call for Cardinal Newman Catholic School Council Members for 2016-2017

The following individuals volunteered their names:

Kellie Blue, Maria Elia, Kevin Reid, Marie Kowalczyk, Jessica Petrella, Jose Evangelista, Joe Kekic, Marilyn Fabiano, Melanie Smith, Mark Lukasik

5. Election of Catholic School Council Chair 2016

- Mr. Venzon moderated the process:

There was a call for nominations for the Chair of the Cardinal Newman Catholic School Council . Several members nominated Chris Hollett. Nomination call again; no names put forward.

Mrs. Hollett accepted the nomination as Chair of the Cardinal Newman Catholic School Council. No vote was necessary.

Me and last years chair are the scrutineers if old chair isn't running. We count.. At this time, we are going name the Cardinal Newman Catholic School Council Chair as Mrs. Hollett.

6. Principal's Report

i) Start of School

-Mr. Venzon walked through a brief summary of how the start of the year has gone.

ii) Field Repair

-Mr. Venzon explained the work done on the field and talked about the field being ready in spring.

iii) Open House

-Discussion about how the school open house went on September 22. No concerns. Consensus was positive.

- Some questions about Job Action and work to rule for teachers. Brief discussion about sports and other extra curricular activities. Parents were directed to the NCDSB website for updates and information.

iv) EQAO, School Improvement Plan

-Discussion about EQAO and a school focus on Mathematics for the 2016-2017 school year. Talk about Math strings / Cathy Fosnot, and about a growth mindset for kids in mathematics and what this can also look like at home for parents and their kids.

v) Terry Fox Walk

-Discussion about the Terry Fox walk that took place on September 23rd

vi) School Pictures

-Picture Day is October 4th

vii) Halloween

Parents are interested in keeping things the same way they were last year, which included the dressing up for the day, dance-a-thon, and Holy Childhood Walkathon through the neighbourhood. Mrs. Hollett will send an email out to members and parents to seek assistance with the dance-a-thon.

viii) On-Line Registration

-Discussion about registering online for School Cash Online and for the Safe Arrival system. Parents have been very pleased with these systems. We are all online for payments this year.

ix) Technology Update

-Mr. Venzon talked about technology at CN. Smartboard in classes, I-Pads for use in primary, 25 Chromebooks dispersed in Tech Tubs for student needs, and 2 sets of 20 Chromebooks for regular sign out by teachers in classrooms.

7. Fundraising – Goals, Strategies, student fundraiser

-The general consensus was to keep the fundraisers as they have been. People wish to do the Halloween Dance-a-thon, Trivia Night, and Christmas Card Art.

8. Volunteers (Breakfast Club, Milk, Pizza, Hot Lunch)

-Mrs. Hollett explained the Breakfast Club program, Pizza days and Hot lunch days. Parents are happy with the process of alternating pizza days and hot lunch days.

9. Financial Report

*Mr. Evangelista wanted to make everyone aware that Students in Grade 3 and up who have received First Communion can become altar servers. Also that the Edge group is available for Grade 7 and 8 students. Other students may wish to be in the choir. Mondays is the Rosary Club in the Library at Cardinal Newman Catholic.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016