



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**AGENDA**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 23, 2019**

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer
  - a. The opening prayer was led by: **J. Dolan**
2. Roll Call

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	J. Lafontaine	X		
Chair	L. Rosano	X		
Teacher Representative	T. Della Ventura, S. Orsini	X X		
Non-Teaching Representative	K. Zahn	X		
Student Representative				
Parish Representative	J. Dolan	X		
Community Representative				
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS</b>				
Lita Artista			X	
Erica Walters		X		
Stephanie Fragnito		X		
Vicki Hantziagelis		X		
Amanda Holmes		X		
Roxanne Lyachovics		X		
Nicole Metz		X		
Lina Decembrini			X	
Celestina Bignucolo		X		

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. Moved by: **A. Holmes**
- b. Seconded by: **J. Dolan**

**THAT** St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the St Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council Meeting of Oct. 23, 2019.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- a. No disclosure of conflict of interest were declared with any items on the agenda

5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic School Council Meeting of **September 25, 2019.**

- a. Moved by: **V. Hantziagelis**
- b. Seconded by: **N. Metz**

**THAT** St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council approved the Minutes of the St Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council Meeting of Sept. 25, 2019

**CARRIED**

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**3. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK**

- [Catholic Leadership Principal and Vice-Principal Selection Policy \(202.2\)](#)
- [Religious Accommodation Policy \(100.10.1\)](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com](mailto:jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com) by November 11, 2019*

**4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. School Activities

- a. Jr. Basketball – Oct 28, 30  
-Junior Girls Basketball will be held on the 28th and Junior Boys on the 30th at St. Paul. Grade 4's are excited as this is their first opportunity to be a part of a school team.
- b. Muskoka Woods – Nov 6-8  
-There are a record number of students attending Muskoka Woods this year. All St. Paul family of school Grade 8 students will be attending. Chaperones for SVDP are J. Lafontaine, L. Mascia, L. Lennox and a retired male teacher.

- c. Remembrance Day Liturgy – Nov 11
  - Ceremony will begin in the gym at 10:45, in order that we can recognize the moment of silence at 11:00. This is one of our more popular liturgies and always well-attended.
- d. Interview – Nov 12
  - Teachers are currently working hard on report cards. They are due to me this Friday for initial review. Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, November 12th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
2. Catholic School Council Financial Report
  - Nothing yet to report
3. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report
4. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

## 5. STAFF REPORT

1. T. Dellaventura – Go Girls, PD Day
  - PD Day: J. Lafontaine led the staff in discussion about our Board and School Improvement Plans. We discussed goals for Literacy, Numeracy, Faith, Culture and Pathways. We reviewed the Safe School Incident Reporting process.
  - Go Girls: Go Girls is a program run by the Big Brother/Big Sister Organization. All Grade 8 girls will be participating in the program one day a week during their lunch, beginning Wednesday, October 30th for 7 weeks. 2 mentors will come in each week and help to organize activities in the gym and group discussion over lunch and snacks.
2. S. Orsini - Halloween
  - S. Orsini - Halloween activities will take place in the morning. Students are to come to school dressed in their costumes. Students will parade two times around the school at 9:15. Weather permitting it will be outdoors and if it is raining students will walk through the main floor of the school. K-6 students can wear costumes or orange/black if they prefer, and Grade 7s and 8s can wear orange/black. No weapons are allowed as part of the costumes. No snacks are allowed to come to the school. Anything that is sent to the school to be shared, will be sent home with the students to ensure safety for our students with allergies. Teachers will be planning curriculum-based activities in the classroom.
  - J. Lafontaine - Some Grade 7 and 8 students have expressed an interest in wearing costumes this year. I suggested that they bring this to the attention of our student council - as an opportunity for our council to take on some leadership. It will be reviewed and discussed, and a decision will be made.
3. K. Zahn – Big Box Fundraiser
  - K. Zahn - Our Big Box Fundraiser was extremely successful. We sold 347 boxes - at \$11.00 profit/box = \$3800.00 in profit for the school. There are 24 boxes still to be returned. We have to wait for all boxes to be returned before we can deliver the orders. Draws for winners will take place after all items have been cleared up.
  - J. Lafontaine - “Thank you” to all of our families for their support and to Mrs. Zahn and our E.A.s for all of their efforts.

## 6. CHAIR’S REPORT

## 1. Catholic School Council Corner

- L. Rosano - If anyone has any information that they would like to be included in the November newsletter please let me know.
- L. Rosano - The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) is a local organization designed to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement. They meet 4 times during the school year at the School Board office in Welland. Next meeting will be held on November 7th, 2019.
- L. Rosano - The Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is the voice of parents of children enrolled in the publicly funded Catholic system. It is an organization for all Catholic boards in Ontario.
- L. Rosano - The Parent Voice-Policy Feedback is found on Board website ([www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)). Click on Board, Policies, and Policy vetting and tracking for details on various school board policies.
- L. Rosano - Annual Commissioning is an opportunity to confirm our commitment to the Catholic School Council and to serve with the best intentions for our children. Members of CSC are to state "I will" after each statement read aloud by the Chair.

## 2. Committee Work –work on goals and update

### Spirituality Committee

- To provide opening prayers before meetings.
- To provide parish reports at each meeting.
- To buy/make gifts and present them at First Communion/Confirmation class celebrations.
- To assist with the Soup Kitchen.
- J. Nolan - Students are at mass most weeks. Just a gentle reminder to teachers to remind their students to show honour and respect to Jesus who is always in the Tabernacle .
- J. Nolan - We are continuing with our Rosary Group on Tuesdays. It is a small group, but we are hopeful that over time it will grow again.
- J. Nolan - The soup kitchen will be starting again soon. Mrs. Vacca is the teacher in charge of this program. This year we are going to include dates until May, and if funding is not provided to allow the soup kitchen to run that long, then we will cancel them at that time. We will create a list for volunteers to assist with picking up and delivering the soup. Please include your emails so that Mrs. Dolan can send out reminders.
  - L. Rosano - This year we are asking for more involvement from the kids again - have the teachers make the soup with the students. Mrs. Vacca will advise the staff.
- J. Nolan - We are getting ready for Confirmation. We will be helping to create their Stoles. Confirmation will be held on February 20th, 2020. For those that have not had the opportunity to attend a Confirmation, it is a very nice ceremony, Bishop Bergie is there and he is very engaging with the students.
- J. Nolan - We have started the Samaritan's Purse campaign. Mrs. Dolan delivered 2 boxes to each of the classrooms and they are asked to fill the boxes with school supplies such as pencils, pens, erasers, etc. The campaign will run for two weeks.
- J. Nolan - We will be starting an Ongoing Food Drive. We will be delivering a bin to the school which will be decorated by the students. Food Drive can be ongoing. Anytime there is an event at the school such as a Christmas Concert, a Public Speaker event, etc. parents can donate food. All donations will go to the 250 families currently being served by the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### Garden/ECO Committee

- To maintain our gardens and grounds with students.
- A. Holmes - Came in a few weeks ago and pulled some weeds (with the help of her husband). Hope to come back in the next week or so to pick up garbage and tidy things up before the snow falls. A. Holmes and family also decorated our front entrance. Thanks goes to the family.

### Social/Fundraising Committee

- To organize the Family Christmas Party.
- To organize the year end Family Fall fun Fair/BBQ and Dress Code 'Trade Day'.
- To assist with two fundraising activities.
- R. Lyachovics - Working on a number of ideas for fundraising. Basket raffle campaign. We could collect items for the various baskets with different themes such as Beach Day, Movie Night, etc. - however all baskets do not have to be raffled at the same time. We could spread them out over the year for different events.
- A. Holmes - December 4th is our Christmas Family Event. We are in the midst of discussions about the theme, food, entertainment, etc. We are going to meet and share the information with Linda.
- R. Lyachovics - Some other dates include; April 2nd for Pasta Night and June 9th for the End of the Year Fair.
- J. Lafontaine - We have five fundraisers in November; we have the food drive, the Samaritan's Purse campaign, the baskets, mittens and hats donations and dance-a-thon, and we are finishing up the Card fundraiser. We have to keep in mind how much we are asking for at the same time.

### Lunch/Food Committee

- To assist with a lunch program.
- To assist with the meal for Shrove Tuesday.
- To assist with food at Play Day.
- N. Metz - We received the survey back that was administered by the Grade 8's. Preferences were Subway, Swiss Chalet and Pita Pit. We are starting with Pita Pit for Friday, November 29th.
  - J. Lafontaine - From an office perspective it is best if we can do the same option several in a row before switching to a new option. It is easier in the office, as there is a lot more to using Cash Online than might appear, and also it allows the food provider an opportunity to get used to the program and deliveries become more efficient.
- N. Metz - Playday will be June 23rd, 2020.
- A. Rosano. and J. Dolan - We would like to consider an Advent Lunch where all students would eat together at the same time in the gym to celebrate the Advent Season. Father would join us.

### Graduation Committee

- To assist with grade 8 Graduation set up
  - E. Walters - We have met and have a lot of great ideas for fundraising events for graduation. We need to get information on expenses for graduation and how much we will need to raise to cover the costs. (ex. photographer, student gifts)
  - J. Lafontaine - In the past, we have had 1 or 2 dances plus the Rafiki Bracelets and that was enough to raise the funds needed for graduation.

- E. Walters – Some grade 8’s have expressed that they may not be interested in the Dance-a-thon as much. The younger students enjoy them more. Pasta night used to be for the Grade 8’s but then it was lost.
- L. Rosano - We can share the funds raised from the different events such as Pasta Night and Dance-a-thons.
- L. Rosano - We also thought of selling Poinsettias.
- J. Lafontaine - Country Basket contacted us today.
- E. Walters - Some other ideas suggested were:
  - Selling Christmas Ornaments.
  - Having a Paint Night in the gym.
  - Gift Wrapping at the Christmas Party event.
  - Video Game Events.
  - Movie Night in the Park.
  - Popcorn Fridays.
- E. Walters – Clarifying the mandate would be helpful.
- J. Lafontaine - There are a lot of great ideas, we just need to narrow things down.

7. **ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (OAPCE) REPORT**

8. **AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- a. Anything you want to add just let me know

9. **NEXT MEETING - November 20th, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.**

10. **CLOSING PRAYER**

- a. The closing prayer was led by: J. Dolan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by:

Seconded by: **xx**

**THAT** the **Oct. 23, 2019** meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council be adjourned

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at: **6:55 p.m.**