



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA
St. Vincent de Paul
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2019

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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

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

3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved by: **A. Holmes**
 - b. Seconded by: **N. Metz**

THAT St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the St Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council Meeting of Nov. 20 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 October 23rd, 2019
 - a. Moved by: **R. Lyachovics**
 - b. Seconded by: **V. Hantziagelis**

THAT St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council approved the Minutes of the St Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council Meeting of October 23rd, 2019

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5)

Volunteering in Catholic Schools Policy (800.9)

Trustee Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8)

Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1)

Code of Conduct - Safe Schools Policy (302.6.2)

Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by January 15, 2020

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. School Activities

- a. Basket Donations – until Nov 29
 - **Letters went home for basket donations – items divided up by class.**
- b. Mayor Diodati – grades 4-8 - Nov 26
 - **It will be a very informative session – he is a high energy presenter – the students are always engaged in his discussions.**
- c. Reconciliation – grade 3-8 – Nov 28
 - **1:00 p.m. in the gym.**
- d. Advent Liturgies/Mass – Dec 3, 10, 17
 - **December 3rd and 10th will be in-school liturgies.**
 - **December 17th is Mass at the Church.**
 - **All are welcome to attend.**
- e. Primary Christmas Sing-a-long and Family Christmas - Dec 4
 - **Students are busy getting ready for this event – Miss Orsini will speak further to this during the Staff Report.**
- f. Food/Mitten/Hat/ Scarf Drive – until Dec 9
 - **The Christmas tree is up and ready to receive donations of hats, mittens and scarves.**
 - **Food donations have already started to come in.**
 - **Mrs. Farnum donated a tree – so this is a 3rd tree now in the school.**
 - **If Council wishes to decorate a tree for the library this year we have an extra tree. All ornaments are in the staff room.**
- g. Matilda – Dec 16
 - **Grades 1-6 will be attending Matilda at the Greg Frewin Theatre.**
- h. Christmas Movie / PJ/Red/Green Day – Dec 20
 - **Students are very excited about Movie / PJ Day. They have been asking since Halloween.**
 - **Teachers will show a movie in the classroom – possibly combine with other classes.**

2. Catholic School Council Financial Report

- **Our Financial Report will be available after our first Hot Lunch on November 29th.**

- We raised approx. \$1500.00 from the Dance-a-thon. Everything that was sold had been donated – it was a huge success. We are still selling left over items this week.
3. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report
 - There was a meeting – but the minutes are not yet available.
 - Next meeting will be January 9th – Presenter will be Kevin Cameron at White Oakes.
 - Following meeting will be March 5th.
 4. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

E. STAFF REPORT

1. T. DellaVentura – PD day
 - P.D. Day was focused on Math Strategies and Math Development.
 - We shared best practices – what we have found to be successful in the past.
 - Relating Math to the Real World – such as when the Grade 8's took a survey around the school for hot lunches.
 - Spiraling Math – when we make connections from one math strand to the next to demonstrate how they are all connected.
 - Prime Diagnostic Math Kit – a diagnostic tool for teachers to break down concepts and skills from each strand of math.
 - Financial Literacy lessons for Grade 7-8.
 - Math Talk – verbal conversation where students explain their thinking of how they solved a problem in math.
2. S. Orsini – Primary Christmas
 - 109 students singing on the stage together.
 - We have been practicing in our own classes and will come together as a group starting on Monday.
 - Hope to start singing at 6:00pm and would like students to arrive for 5:45pm.
 - Performance will be approximately 20 minutes in length followed by the Family Christmas Party.
 - Students are to wear regular dress code (white shirt, navy pants) – any additional items will be provided by the school.
 - Note will be going home on Thursday.
 - Children get very excited about this event. We anticipate large crowds. Therefore, we will be opening the afternoon dress rehearsal to family members at 1:00pm to help reduce evening crowds.
3. K. Zahn – Fundraising
 - We raised \$4049.00 from the Big Box fundraiser.
 - Funds will be used to purchase technology.
 - Funds will also be used to repair Smart Boards as necessary. Currently, we have some in need of repair.
 - We held the draw for the winners. A. Lyachovics won the iPod.
 - The 2 Kindergarten classes won for the most boxes sold – and will receive a pizza lunch.
 - Mrs. Walters will look into option of receiving used Smart Boards through Brock. Mr. Lafontaine will pass the information on to the school board for consideration.
 - J. Lafontaine: We are very grateful for everyone's support.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Catholic School Council Corner – information that you wish to include for the newsletter?
 - A blast went out for volunteers for soup delivery and we did get some responses.
2. Committee Work –work on goals and update
 - Various committees worked together for 20 minutes and then regrouped to 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.
 - Each class received 2 shoeboxes. We picked up and delivered 24 boxes for further distribution.
 - Hat and mitten tree will be starting – food drive has begun.
 - We have had 2 soup deliveries. Still have a few open spots – please sign up if you are available. No bones in the soup.
 - We are planning our Advent Lunch.

Garden/ECO Committee

- To maintain our gardens and grounds with students.
 - Mums are still alive – they look great.
 - Hope to do some Christmas Urns for the front of the school.

Social/Fundraising Committee

- To organize the Family Christmas Party.
- To organize the year end Family Fun Fair/BBQ and Dress Code ‘Trade Day’.
- To assist with two fundraising activities.
 - Letters for the baskets went out on Monday.
 - Santa and Mrs. Claus are booked from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - We will decorate a tree in the gym and have decorations on the stage.
 - Refreshments – pizza, water, juice boxes, fruit, cheese, etc.
 - Crafts / Cookie Decorating, 50/50 Draw for fundraiser.
 - We could use donations for any of the food / craft items if anyone has any connections.
 - Shortage of Poinsettias in Ontario – will not be possible this year.
 - Considering Easter Lilies for Easter.

Lunch/Food Committee

- To assist with a lunch program.
- To assist with the meal for Shrove Tuesday.
- To assist with food at Play Day.
 - Subway lunch will be November 29th and again on December 19th (not 20th).
 - Swiss Chalet for January and February.
 - Pasta (Location TBD) for March and April.
 - Pita Pit for May and June.

Graduation Committee

- To assist with grade 8 Graduation set up
 - We are going to contact all Grade 8 parents to see who would like to be involved in the Graduation.
 - We will plan for a pasta night.
 - Need to get costs involved with Graduation.
 - Alumni are coming back for graduation.
 - We would like to create / obtain items that can be re-used in future years.
 - Grade 8 group shot from photographer is being requested.

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

H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

I. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

J. CLOSING PRAYER

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: **xx**

Seconded by: **xx**

THAT the **Nov. 20 2019** meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council be adjourned
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at: **7:20 p.m.**