



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL MEETING Via Google Meet**

Tuesday September 29, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Griffiths

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer led by Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch

**2. Roll Call**

Quick Informal Introductions and a sign-in list passed around and forms collected from members

| Members                       | Affiliations   | Present |  | Regrets |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|--|---------|
| Mr. A. Cardamone              | Treasurer- Principal   | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. M. Ruggi Dietsch         | Vice Principal/Recording Secretary   | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. C. Pozzobon              | Teaching Representative  | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. F. Wood                  | Teacher Representative   |         |  | X       |
| Mrs. C. Leo                   | Non-Teaching Representative  | X       |  |         |
| <b>Parent Representatives</b> |  |         |  |         |
| Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths      | <a href="mailto:gabbybianco@hotmail.com">gabbybianco@hotmail.com</a> (Chair)       | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Mary. Karagiannis        | <a href="mailto:homelightingorders@hotmail.com">homelightingorders@hotmail.com</a> | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Angela Caceres           | <a href="mailto:amcjaramillo@yahoo.com">amcjaramillo@yahoo.com</a>                 | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Erika Allen              | <a href="mailto:erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca">erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca</a>                 | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Joanna Perri             | <a href="mailto:joanna_perri@yahoo.ca">joanna_perri@yahoo.ca</a>                   | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Suzanne Anderson         | suzanneb_10@hotmail.com  | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Lidia Romeo              | <a href="mailto:lidia.romeo@hotmail.com">lidia.romeo@hotmail.com</a>               | X       |  |         |
| Mrs. Diane DeProphetis        | <a href="mailto:diane@stormhairgroup.com">diane@stormhairgroup.com</a>             | X       |  |         |
| Ms. Teresa Stransky           | teresastransky@gmail.com   | X       |  |         |

**3. Approval of the Agenda** Motion to approve the existing agenda by Mrs. Karagiannis and seconded by Mrs. Allen

**4. Disclosure of Interest** Mrs. Allen indicated she is employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as a teacher.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 7, 2020 meeting-** Approved by Mrs. Karagiannis and seconded by Mrs. Caceres

## **B. Chair's Report/Presentations**

### **1. Health & Safety Protocols / School Re-Opening Plan**

- Mrs. Pozzobon and Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch reviewed our Re-Opening Plan
- Mr. Cardamone stated that Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch was part of the NCDSB Re-Opening Task Force and Mrs. Pozzobon along with other staff are part of the Loretto Catholic Health and Safety Team. Together our team met at various points throughout the summer to determine all safety measures were put in place.
- Mr. Cardamone explained that morning drop off and pick up has been better but we continue to see families not distancing
- Mrs. Griffiths stated that she sees a lot less traffic in the morning, better general flow of traffic at the front of the school.
- Mrs. Karagiannis stated that she drops off at Parkside and that has been going well too. KSD is on their side of the field until 8:30 am.
- Mrs. Griffiths asked about the washrooms and if there were more line ups than usual. Mr. Cardamone stated that because of the
- Mr. Cardamone stated that the Health and Safety of everyone in our building is paramount.

### **2. Loretto Catholic By-Laws & CSC Policy Review**

- By-Laws from last year were emailed to all present. We have 12 current CSC members present and which means we need 7 for Quorum. Quorum is 50% plus 1. Those present were queried to see if they knew of anyone who wanted to be on council but was unable to attend this meeting and no names were given. The current 12 members will be making up the council. Other parents are allowed to attend other meeting but unable to vote on any item

### **3. Niagara Nutrition Partner Grant**

- \$4400.00 left at the end of the year
- We have to have a small fundraiser each year- we can talk about this in the months to come
- This year we are offering a touchless snack for those who need a snack

### **4. CSC Dress Code Donations Support**

- We have had a lot of donations, if you would like to donate, please do so. Items will be washed before they are handed out

### **5. Fundraising Goals-**

- The only item that we require is more Chromebooks, our goal is to have one per person. We are concerned with how they will hold up as we must spray them between uses

- Mr. Cardamone stated that at this time his recommendation is that we hold off as there are families that are struggling at this time.
- We will speak about fundraising again at the winter meeting

### **C. Elections**

- Mrs. Karagiannis and Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Stansky nominated Mrs. Griffiths to continue on as the Chair as last year was cut short. There were no new nominations. Mrs. Griffiths agreed to remain CSC chair.
- All agreed.

### **D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

1. Welcome: To Sarah Pillitteri (Kinder), Ashley McFarland (CYW), Alexis Malone (EA), Elizabeth Murphy-Semple (Grade 5 & 6); Marina Korce (Grade 6).

2. Vetting of Policies: The following Policies and Administrative Guidelines are currently being reviewed as part of the cyclical Policy and Administrative Guidelines Review process. Dress Code - Secondary Uniform Policy (302.6.6); Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy (302.6.10); Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7); Accessibility Customer Service Policy (800.8.1); Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3). Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by 4:00 p.m. October 9, 2020

3. Faith Theme: We will continue with our three year theological theme entitled, Seeds of Faith: Mass, Mercy, Mission with a focus on Mission. Our theological theme will once again direct such elements as the daily prayer and faith formation sessions.

4. Meet The Teacher/Classroom Communication: Following our September staff meeting, classroom teachers shared ways they would connect with families. As you can see on the Google Chart, a variety of creative opportunities to connect with families were presented. As always, feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher and plan future opportunities to discuss your child's progress, whether on the phone or virtually.

5. Fire Drills/Hold & Secure/Lockdown: Emergency procedures are in place and practiced in all Niagara Catholic schools throughout this school year. We continue to be required to conduct 6 fire drills and 2 hold & secure / lockdown drills each year. This year during our Fire Drills and Hold & Secure, students will remain physical distanced within their environment and classrooms and we will continue to follow both school and provincial health guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

6. Terry Fox Walk: Loretto Catholic once again supported cancer research through 'walking' for Terry Fox. Our teachers shared information and videos of Terry Fox's journey. Students and staff walked through the neighborhood on September 25, 2020. Loretto Catholic raised \$1015.00 for the cause. Thank you to our community for donating and thank you to Mrs. Lucisano and Mr. Lennox for their leadership.

7. Chromebook Purchases: We have purchased an additional 45 Chromebooks for student use. The cost of the Chromebook purchase was \$13, 221.00. Catholic School Council fundraising funds were used to pay \$6240.00. We are awaiting the return of 11 Chromebooks from the 67 borrowed during our Distance Learning Program.

8. Graduation: We held off on Graduation ceremonies and exercises this past June for our Grade 8 graduates with the plan to have something this fall. Please note that we have received recent direction

from the ministry directing School Boards from refraining from these type of group gatherings in the fall. We've been asked that to put plans on hold for the time being. We are awaiting guidelines for elementary schools to use in creating virtual graduations.

9. Communion/Confirmation: St. Thomas More Parish has been communicating directly with families of children who were scheduled to participate in First Communion and Confirmation. First Communion is scheduled on September 27th, October 4th and October 18th. Confirmation is scheduled for October 24th.

10. Halloween: On Friday, October 30, 2020 the students of Loretto Catholic School will be celebrating Halloween. This day will be designated an alternate dress day and students may wear black and orange or dress in costume. Students are to come to school in costume or black and orange. Parents will not be permitted within the school. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, there will not be a parade this year. As per our re-opening plan, parents are asked not to send any Halloween treats for the class as they cannot be shared with other students. We realize this is not the usual way we celebrate Halloween at Loretto Catholic but again this is an unprecedented year and we will make the best of the situation. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30; Rowan's Law Day Sept. 30; First Communion Oct. 4th; Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5th thru 9th; Thanksgiving Oct. 12th; YMCA Daycare Begins Oct. 13th; Holy Childhood Walk Oct. 16th; First Communion Oct. 18th; Confirmation Oct. 24th; Pilgrimage Oct. 25th; Halloween Oct. 31st.

### **E. OAPCE REPORT (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)-**

- Mrs. Karagiannis will represent Loretto Catholic

**F. STAFF REPORT** – done with Mr. Cardamone's report above

### **G. PARISH REPORT-**

- Mrs. Caceres stated that St. Thomas More Parish continues to stream Saturday evening mass. St. Thomas More Parish will begin Virtual Bible School soon. The Church continues to look for volunteers to clean the church after mass, if anyone is interested they can contact the church.
- Mr. Cardamone stated that we have asked Father Peter to come in to say mass in our gym which will be live streamed into our classrooms on the Smart Boards.

### **H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- Fundraising
- Mrs. Caceres asked if we can ask the city to put in some speed bumps and even a cross walk to slow drivers down on Parkside. In the morning there is a lot of traffic and many students are trying to cross there. Mr. Cardamone will contact someone from the City to enquire about this.

**I. NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday November 24, 2020 @ 6:00p.m. - Loretto Catholic Library

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:35 pm

**K. CLOSING PRAYER- Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch**