



St. Patrick Catholic School Council  
 Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
 Virtual (Google Meet) – 6:00 pm  
 Minutes



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1. Prayer

Prayer to Begin a School Year

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**New School Year Prayer**

**Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as a community of believers.**

**We thank you for the energy and spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.**

**We thank you for the time we shared with family and friends to reflect on what is important in our lives.**

**Let this year be filled with enthusiasm, mercy and love so that we may continue to grow in our faith.**

**Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and seeds of faith.**

**Let us be gentle with ourselves to bring laughter, joy and love to others.**

**Amen**

2. Introductions

3. Role Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused /Regrets	Not Present
Principal	Mr. Venzon	x		
Chair	Mrs. Loeffen		x	
Co-Chair(s)	Mrs. Gross	x		
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Gillespie		x	
Community Representative	Mr. Capercione			x

OAPCE Representative			
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS</b>			
Mrs. Alexander	x		
Mrs. Maltman	x		
Mrs. Maloney	x		
Mrs. Tyminski		x	
Mrs. Zlomislic	x		
Mrs. Sibbald			x
Mrs. Fowler	x		
Ms. Eckert		x	

4. Catholic School Council By-Laws - (Can be found on school website)
5. Catholic School Council Members 2021 - 22 (Email nomination for those wishing to be new members of the St. Patrick CSC)
6. Election of Catholic School Council Chair 2021-22
  - Mrs. Zlomislic asked about the role. Mr. Venzon explained the details of the role.
  - No one put their name forward. Mr. Venzon asked the members to contact him if anyone is thinking about it. He said he isn't sure about the process of not having a Chair, but that we would still have a Catholic School Council that is there for the same purpose.

#### 7. NCDSB - Policy Vetting

##### Governance Policy Vetting

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the [Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy \(100.5\)](#) review process.

To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.

*Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered*

- [Naming of a Board Facility Designated Area or Chapel Policy 100.15](#)

- [Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Policy 100.13](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Jennifer Pellegrini](#) by October 28, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.

## 8. Fundraising – Goals, Strategies, student fundraisers

-Discussion of the fundraiser last year with the lottery calendar in May.

Discussed doing another lottery calendar in Feb. of 2022. Also will be doing the Dance-a-thon fundraiser on Halloween (Oct 29th) of this year, which makes some money for the kids as well.

## 9. Principal's Report

### i) Start of School - Covid-19 Health and Safety Protocols

- Our protocols remain very similar to what they were last year. Please continue to contact Mr. Venzon if you have any questions.

### ii) Masses / Sacraments -

- Confirmation - Friday, December 3, 2021

- First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - TBD

- We will also have a Thanksgiving mass outside with all classes and Fr. Wesley on October 6th. Rain dates of Oct 7 and 8th.

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### iii) Niagara Nutrition Program - Grab and go... Same setup as last year

### iv) School Improvement - MathUp School, MathUp Classroom, Dreambox, Lexia Reading

- Question about IXL Math. Mr. Venzon explained this is not a Board purchased program, and although it is used for practice math at home with kids, we are behind the Dream box program in Primary for our students. It is an excellent program that is based on research that works to enhance gaps for kids by making math fun and engaging.

MathUP Classroom is a comprehensive, online, K–8 instructional solution that helps build teachers' knowledge and understanding of mathematics so that they can better help their students.

With a focus on building consistency from grade to grade and increasing each teacher's confidence in making instructional decisions, MathUP Classroom also addresses all expectations in the Ontario mathematics curriculum.

### v) Primary Division Reorganization - effective tomorrow, Sept 29, addition of another classroom. Our class sizes in Primary have dropped from 22 and 24, to 14, 16, 16. We are very fortunate to have received an extra teacher and are welcoming Mrs. Gillespie back to grade 1. We are also welcoming Ms. De Luca as our new Primary Team Member and Kindergarten Prep teacher.

- Question about whether or not Ms. De Luca works at another school. Mr. Venzon explained that she does. Question as to which school. Mr. Venzon did not provide the name of the other school. If relevant information needed to be provided regarding Covid-19 exposure from a teacher who works at another school, we would comply with all Public Health requests and guidelines.
- vi) Thanksgiving Food Drive - Email sent to families on Sept. 28- We will be supporting Port Cares with collecting food from Sept 29- Oct 7.
- vii) Halloween, Parade, Dance-a-thon Fundraiser - Information will be sent to families outlining everything parents need to know for their kids.
- viii) Pumpkin Patch at School - We will be doing this again this year on Friday, October 15th - pumpkins will be purchased from No-Frills again at a hopefully discounted price
- ix) Communication with families - Will continue to be via email and digital communication. Can also access our school website anytime on niagaracatholic.ca
- x) NCPIC - October Newsletter

## 10. Treasurer's Report

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Closing Prayer - St. Patrick School Prayer:

Dear God,  
You give us peace, love and happiness  
By providing us with a caring school community.

We are grateful for parents, teachers and friends.  
We thank you for St. Patrick, for he helps us know the way of the Holy Trinity.

Help us to make good decisions and to forgive others.

Thank you for helping us spread faith by sharing our gifts and talents.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
Amen



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

St. Patrick Catholic School  
Monday, September 28, 2021  
Financial Statement

General Fundraising

Fundraising Activities                      Expense                      Revenue                      Balance

General Fundraising			7,438.52
Lottery Account			4,478.59
Overall Totals			11,917.11