



**MINUTES OF THE
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
VIRTUAL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting, held on September 28, 2021 at 6:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by S. Walsh.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer –

**2. God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers, staff and their parents
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their
minds
as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The opening prayer was led by Ashton Venzon

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Susy Walsh	√		
Chair	Lisa Venzon	√		
Teacher Representative	Michael Vukovic	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Vanessa Bisson	√		
Student Representative	Ashton Venzon	√		
Parish Representative	Father Stuart MacDonald			√
OAPCE Representative	TBD			
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Andrea Grimwood Zaleski		√		
Mandy Poulin		√		
Michelle Pharland		√		

Minutes of the Meeting taken by S. Walsh and L. Venzon
Guest(s) in Attendance – NA

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lisa Venzon

Seconded by Mandy Poulin

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of September 28, 2021.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. *Policies Being Vetted:*

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.

[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.

3. **By Law Review** : [St. Joseph CES By Laws](#) Reviewed and no changes made.

C. CHAIRS REPORT:

1. Share Role of the Chair and Profile of St. Joseph CES Catholic School Council - **Lisa Venzon**
CSC is a pleasure to be on. Being Chair is fun! St. Joseph is a gem with an amazing group of teachers and student family. The CSC has raised monies for school tech and also to give back to our school families. Some fundraisers we've done: Cookie Dough /Magazines/Recipes in a Jar/Mom's Pantry/Big Red/BINGO/Nevada Tickets

During Christmas, each classroom has been assigned either a theme to contribute to a basket for raffling off, or a family for which they can contribute items or a gift card. Last year our sub-committee used the gift cards to shop for the families and created a gift of essentials. It was a huge success. Previously, our group has volunteered for the Nutrition Program which is now run by our Snack Lady.

The CSC each year has put on a Thanksgiving Lunch for our children. In the past we used the hall where parents would spend the day cooking and preparing turkey sandwiches for the students and staff, have the priest bless our meal and celebrate together after mass. The tradition has moved into the school gym and during the pandemic transitioned to something of a smaller scale. This year, we hope to continue the tradition. Lisa will connect with Mae's to see if they can cook turkeys, hopefully we can receive about 5 turkeys along with bun donations and use veggies from the Nutrition Program for that day. Potential day is October 8th or 12th.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report** : Lisa Venzon
- **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report** : S. Walsh
- **School Organization : New to St. Joseph CES** : Mrs. Aubin (ECE), Ms. Perry (Grade One), Ms. Wilson (Library Tech) Mrs. MacDonald (CYW), Mrs. Amadio (Itinerant Arts)
- **Bingo/Nevada Update:** BINGO: \$516.92 / Nevada account \$625.71

Owner in Avondale is not interested in having Nevada tickets anymore. Mrs. Walsh will contact the head office to see if we can keep them there. Moving forward we will transfer the license name to: St. Joseph CES BINGO (Nevada Pending Decision) and move the funds to school bank creating two separate accounts for Bingo and Nevada. Fee for licence name change and signing authority; BINGO funds cannot be used to pay for fee.

Will check to see if another store can take it over. Michelle Pharand will call Stevensville General Store to see if we can transfer it to them. Mandy Poulin will contact Golden Nugget to get a Bingo update.

- **Parish Masses:** TBD
- **Terry Fox:** September 24th, 2021 : A safe and successful walk! We raised \$216!
- **Picture Day:** October 12th, 2021
- **School Messenger Use:** Off to a fantastic start!
- **Food Days:** Suggestions and Recommendations
- **Thanksgiving Blessings:** Turkey Luncheon for Our Students
- **Niagara Nutrition Program: Vanessa Bisson:** Starting the Day off Fueled for Success! Update from Mrs. Bisson (Snack Lady a la carte). A different routine this year, now cart and bin program offering three food groups: Protein, Fruit and Grain. Parked outside the classroom and children come to cart and receive individually wrapped food. We have 70-80 servings each morning. Receiving free apples every month. School hold the responsibility to raise some funds (ie. SchoolCash online. Discussion tabled to next week).
- **Health and Safety:** Screening Tool and Update : Daily screening - each morning the teachers get a report. A friendly reminder email is sent out as well.
- **Elections :** Council Members Introductions / Call for Nominations: Andrea Zaleski self nominated and became our CSC chair for 2021 - 2022

E. OAPCE REPORT Nil

F. STAFF REPORT : Michael Vukovic

Staff and children happy to be back in person. Inside of the school has been painted! Started with "Get to Know our new Principal" celebrated with Hello Kitty headbands. Student council elections: Ashton and Eva will be senators representing St. Joseph. 3 new students elected this year! Orange shirt day this week. Student council will present at the beginning of the day with classroom activities - school-wide mural. Yearbook Club - students will be taking pictures throughout the year. Confirmation - sacrament preparation has begun within the classroom. Confirmation is set for December 2nd.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Christmas Fundraiser

Raising Funds for Fueled For Success Breakfast Program

Bingo

H. NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 8, 2020 at 6:00pm VIRTUAL unless directed otherwise

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mandy Poulin

Seconded by Andrea Zaleski

THAT the September 28, 2021 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

J. CLOSING PRAYER: Led by S. Walsh

Father,

May everything we do

begin with Your inspiration

and continue with Your saving help.

Let our work always find its origin in You

and through You reach completion.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen