



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Tuesday November 30th, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by A. Attree _____

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer

The Land Acknowledgement and opening prayer led by Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Present		Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	X		
Mrs. M. Ruggi Dietsch	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary	X		
Mrs. R Mancuso	Teaching Representative	X		
Mrs. C. Leo	Non-Teaching Representative	X		
Parent Representatives				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	gabbybianco@hotmail.com	X		
Mrs. Erika Allen	erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca	X		
Mrs. Lidia Romeo	lidia.romeo@hotmail.com	X		
Mrs. Diane DeProphetis	diane@stormhairgroup.com		X	
Mrs. Amy Tiller	amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com	X		
Mr. Joseph Sorrenti	joe_sorrenti@hotmail.com		X	
Mrs. Nicole Cairnie	nikki_faulker4@yahoo.ca			X
Mrs Daniella Anders	daniellemanders@gmail.com		X	
Mrs. Shaeleen Digirolamo	digirolamo@cogeco.ca		X	
Mrs Alexandria Attire	mrandmrs.attree@gmail.com	X		
Mrs Suzanne Anderson	sanderson@niagarafalls.ca	X		
Mrs Teresa Stransky	teresastransky@gmail.com	X		

Mrs. Angela Caceres	amcjaramillo@yahoo.com	x		
Mrs Mary Karagiannis	homelightingorders@hotmail.com	x		

S.Fabbro and F Magaro asked to be in the meeting

3. Approval of the Agenda Motion to approve the existing agenda by: Mrs. Allen
Seconded: by Mrs. Karagiannis

4. Disclosure of Interest Mrs. Allen, Mr. Sorrenti, Mrs. Tiller indicated they are employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as teachers.

5. Approval of the Minutes - Mrs. Tiller, Mrs. Seconded- Mrs Griffith

B. Presentations

Student Senate/Council - Bianca G -

- spoke about a few things that the council has done so far. The council is comprised of two members from each intermediate class. Bianca and Tanya are co-chairs. For Bullying Awareness and Prevention week - pink sheet- one kind word kept in their lockers or desks
Food Drive, Story read aloud, Door decorating, School-Wide Bingo

Ms. Spadafora explained that the student voice throughout Niagara Catholic is important and powerful. She thanked Bianca for all her time and work over the past two months.

Commissioning of members- led by Principal and Vice Principal

Sub committee - Food Days - Pizza - a success - spoke to students - raised approx.- 1610.00

- Swiss Chalet - like the chicken fingers and fries option - spoke to students - raised approx- \$917.00
- December - Cookie Day, Popcorn will continue, eventually, we will look at having frozen yogurt (depending on space in the freezer). Pita Pit has been added to the December calendar as well.
- This year for food days we are ordering only once monthly
- Mrs. Atree stated that she likes that the orders are together. Mrs. Magaro, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Stransky agreed that monthly orders are easier.

Chair's Report -

Question in regards to Halloween

- pls refer to the Sept 28th discussion about costumes, masks, etc - no parade due to safety guidelines which were addressed and discussed

- Mrs. Tiller mentioned that many of our schools do not have students to dress up.

Costumes get lost or ruined. Difficult to work with the students when they are in their costumes.

Mrs. Magaro also commented that there are other fun activities that can take place aside from wearing their costumes. i.e. Dance-a-thon.

Ms. Spadafora stated that moving forward we will have Black and Orange day with a Dance-a-thon as per the motion passed in our Catholic School Council meeting in September.

NPIC- Presentations - NTIP and NCDSB Mental Health Goals - Mrs. Attree spoke about, if anyone would like a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation, they can reach out and we will send a copy to them. The presentation is on Mental Health and Wellbeing. If there are any questions, reach out to Mrs. Attree or Ms. Spadafora.

Principal Report

1. **Health & Safety Protocols Updates**
 - a. visit from Public Health nurse Nov 17th - went very well - checked school logs, bathrooms, classes, PPE wear, Isolation room
2. **Box Card Fundraiser - updates** - set home 3 emails about the fundraiser
 - i. we purchased over \$700.00 worth of games/quiet activities for classes - Sold approx. 220 boxes- Profit - \$2300 (\$175.00 - gift cards for top sellers)
Mrs. Attree commented that in the past the sales were higher however that is because we sent the cards home. However with Covid that was not possible.
3. **Progress Report and Interviews-** teachers have met or are finishing up with meeting/calling all families for the initial report card
4. **Holy Childhood** - raised over \$500.00
5. **#project plaid** - Nov 26th - great success
6. **Anti Bullying week-** Student Council made announcements and created the idea of having each student write a positive message or word about each child in their class. Students could place it in their lockers, keep it at their desk to see it and read it whenever needed a boost
7. **November** - All Saints/All Souls- green hearts on display in front foyer- every morning we keep those intentions in our prayers
8. **CYW-** Mental Health - Zones of Regulation- noticing lots of body contact and inappropriate play outside- not as collaborative- using Social Skills lessons
9. **Parking lot safety** -included in newsletters monthly- concerning as cars are moving fast- parking in kiss n ride, backing up as students are crossing
10. **Liturgies-** weekly through Advent led by various classes
11. **Simulated Lockdown** - went well under 4 minutes
12. **Yearbook-** cover contest design in Jan
 - a. info in the newsletter - on cash online from Dec- March- published and delivered to students in June
 - b. Adm will do the composite side per class and teachers will complete collage
 - i. teachers have been reaching out through Sept-Dec about consent that were not completed or said “:No” as they will not be included in yearbooks as it is a form of media
 - ii. cost increased slightly to \$22.00
13. Christmas activities - on calendar are per our The Student Council

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

F. STAFF REPORT – Mrs. Mancuso-Tropea

- **Math Up** - school-wide licenses - online resource, Aboriginal Treatie week- Turtle Island school-wide activity, Celebrating Junior Artists- 3 artists showcased on the board website, Instagram and Twitter, ECO- waste-less Wednesday and Lights dimmed on Fridays starting in December
- **Mrs. Leo**

- reported on the Niagara Nutrition Partners- updates and donations from families (over \$700.00 donated that goes back into the program) Thank you to our parents for all the donations. Thank you cards have also been sent out to Meridian.

H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Mrs. Caceres stated that the last couple of years we collected toys for families in need. However this year the church will not accept any gifts. Ms. Spadafora stated that the Student Council has organized a Food Drive and Toy Drive for Project Share.

Mrs. Griffiths asked about the M&M fundraiser- we have not been told as of yet how much money was made

I. **NEXT MEETING:** Feb 23, May 25 - 6:00 virtual - unless restrictions change

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:10 - Mrs. Allen motioned to Adjourn the motion was seconded by Mrs. Griffiths

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