



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday January 24, 2023. 6:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – School Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

- Opening Prayer** – Mr. Romeo began with prayer

**Roll Call**– 6 people in attendance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/ Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. J. Romeo	X		
Co-Chairs	Mrs. A. Bocchinfuso Mrs. A. Gagnon	X (Mrs. Gagnon)	X (Mrs. B.)	
Teacher(OECTA) Representative	Mrs. A. Maloney	X		
Support Staff (CUPE) Representative	Mrs. A. Prohaska	X		
Student Representatives	C. Maalouf A. Smith		X X	
OAPCE Representative				
<b>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>				
Kristyn Leitch			X	
Samantha Gilson			X	
Charlyn Barrington			X	
Sarah Howard			X	
Monica Bartolini		X		
Krista Bouw		X		
Jessica Carter				X

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by – Mrs. Gagnon

Seconded by – Mrs. Prohaska

**THAT** the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**3. Disclosure of Interest**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council**

Moved by – Mrs. Bouw

Seconded by – Mrs. Bartolini

**THAT** the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the **Minutes** of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Sacred Heart Student Council report –**

*We are excited to be leading our annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign this year. Later this week we will be meeting with Mrs. Colavecchia to plan out events and / or theme days for our campaign. Once we have a plan, it will be communicated on the school calendar and the newsletter for the month of February.*

**C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- 1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee –** No Report
- 2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report –** No Report
- 3. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) –**  
*Niagara Catholic parents/guardians are invited to attend the Niagara OAPCE Meeting virtually on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.*  
*To view the agenda and register for this event, please click [HERE](#)*
- 4. Catholic School Council Financial Statement –** Included in Principals Report
- 5. Staff Report –** No Report
- 6. NCDSB Policies –** Vetting

*Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered*

- [Pupil Accommodation Review Policy \(701.2\)](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by February 1, 2023 - 12:00 p.m.*

- [Bottled Water Policy \(701.5\)](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship Policy \(400.6\)](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Policy \(NEW\)](#)
- [School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy \(500.1\)](#)
- [Student Senate - Elementary Policy \(100.6.2\)](#)
- [Student Senate - Secondary Policy \(100.6.1\)](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by February 23, 2023 - 12:00 p.m.*

***A copy of the following information was shared by Mr. Romeo***

## **Catholicity**

### **Mass Schedule:**

Our next school Mass(es) are scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The tentative times are: 9 a.m. for the Gr. 4 – 8 classes and 11:15 a.m. for the K – Gr. 3/4 classes. We thank Fr. Paul for continuing to be our Spiritual leader as he assists in leading us into this very special time in our Liturgical year.

### **Lent:**

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Liturgical season of Lent where we not only look at what we can “give up” during the 40 days but also what we can do for others. Almsgiving is an important trait to teach and explain to students so they are aware that they can be of service to others by helping out more and not expecting something in return as Christ did for us. There will be a Lenten Food Drive led by our Student Council, more information to follow.

### **Sacramental Preparation:**

Fr. Paul has also communicated the following Sacramental dates:

- First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 students) – Wednesday March 22, 2023 (taking place in school gym, students only)
- First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 students) – Sunday June 4, 2023 (taking place at Sacred Heart Church) **\*\*\*tentatively\*\*\*** two Mass times 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Confirmation (Gr. 8 students) – Tuesday May 30, 2023 (taking place at Sacred Heart Church) Mass time 7 p.m.

Any student / family specific questions should be directed to Fr. Paul at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

## **Student Achievement**

### **Literacy & Numeracy:**

Both Literacy and Numeracy skills continue to be a focus of the staff at Sacred Heart Catholic as it pertains to student achievement. As we continue to implement the consistent use of Board wide purchases such as MathUP Classroom for Teachers and MathUP School for administrators, we look at how the use of programs such as those can further enhance our school improvement planning. The Science of Reading is an approach to teaching reading that focuses on many aspects of reading that include but are not limited to phonemic awareness, segmenting word parts and focusing and sound – letter relationships.

Staff are encouraged to utilize pedagogical practices that best reach students where they are at and move them to progressing forward in their acquisition of Literacy and Numeracy curriculum expectations. Our next PA Day (Friday Feb 17) will continue to include professional development opportunities for our staff in Literacy and Numeracy.

## **School Climate**

### **Grade 8 Grad Pictures:**

Our Graduating Gr. 8 students will be having their Grad photos taken on Friday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Clubs & School Sports Update:**

The end of January features our Girls and Boys Basketball team members traveling to St. Michael Catholic High School for the Niagara Falls Family of Schools tournament. We thank Mrs. Bender and Mr. Capacchione for coaching.

The next school sports take place in March and are Junior Girls and Boys Handball as well as Intermediate Girls and Boys Badminton.

The "SHL" season is underway for students who signed up from Grades Four – Eight. This takes place 4 out of 5 days each week during the afternoon Nutrition break in our School gym. We thank Mr. Lewis for volunteering his time to lead this much-loved activity for our students.

We also thank Mrs. Duchesne for leading our Art club. This takes place twice per week in the School Library for students who signed up. Currently the schedule consists of students in Grades Four and Eight on Tuesday and students in Grades Five, Six and Seven attending on Thursday.

Mrs. Manders and Mrs. Lococo will also be heading up a Chess and "Rubik's Cubers" club as we move into February. More information will be provided to our students over the announcements very soon.

#### **Kids Helping Kids Campaign:**

Our Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. Colavecchia will be leading our Annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign. This year's campaign runs from Feb 13 – 24 and more information will follow regarding the finalized list of activities/themed days and information will be included on the Monthly Calendar and Newsletter for the month of February.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. By-laws/Policy – Posted on School website
2. Community Outreach –
3. Fundraising –
4. Graduation –

*Set for Thurs. June 22, 2023. Location:*

1. *St. Michael Catholic High School Theatre for the Awards Ceremony and Presentation of Diplomas.*
2. *Dinner to follow, location TBD*
3. *Sub Committee for Graduation preparation: **First Meeting Tues. Feb 7 @ 6 p.m.***

5. *Hot lunches/milk: Jan – March, April – June*  
*Suggestion for Milk change different days of the week (i.e white on certain days and chocolate on other days of week.*
6. *Safe Schools –School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) –*
  - *Breakfast Club operating Tues – Thurs each week.*
  - *Snack bins delivered to classrooms daily.*

#### **E. PREVIOUS BUSINESS –**

1. **Purse Bingo Feedback: Huge success!!!!**
2. **Gingerbread House Making Night Feedback: Lots of fun for kids and students!!**

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **School Signage (Front foyer and Grad Awards board)**
2. **Kindergarten Open House (Thurs. Feb 16, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)**
3. **Shrove Tuesday – Feb 21, 2023 (Looking for volunteers)**
4. **Spring Fun Fair (Late May / early June) tentatively Thursday June 8, 2023**

#### **G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Skating possibly in Feb and March of this year.**

**H. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 p.m.**

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by – Mrs. Gagnon

Seconded by – Mrs. Bouw

**THAT** the meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at **6:39** pm

**CLOSING PRAYER: Hail Mary** led by Mrs. Maloney