



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**MARCH 23, 2017
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Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Christopher Catholic School Council, held on March 23 at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer was led by Mrs. Roach
2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal / Secretary / Treasurer	Mr. R. Demers	X		
Chair / OAPCE Representative	Mrs. M. Sticca	X		
Co-Chair	Mrs. S. Davies	X		
Teacher Representative	TBD			
Parish Representative	Mrs. S. Roach	X		
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Mrs. L. Breen		X		
Mrs. A. Pendykoski		X		
Mrs. L. McKay		transferred		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by S. Roach

Seconded by L. Breen

THAT St. Christopher CSC approve the amended Agenda for the meeting of March 23, 2017
CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the CSC Meeting of January 19, 2017

Moved by S. Davies

Seconded by S. Roach

THAT Council approve the amended Minutes of the January 19, 2017 CSC meeting
CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS - nil

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. *Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report* – Sue reported that the Board website indicates that tonight's NCPIC meeting has been canceled.
2. *Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report* – nil
3. *Catholic School Council Annual Report 2016-17*

D. OAPCE REPORTS – nil

E. STAFF REPORTS

Policies for vetting – Mr. Demers reported the policies currently being vetted by the Board and explained how feedback can be provided via their website on the following policies: *Monthly Financial Reports, Employee Workplace Harassment, Employee Workplace Violence, Occupational Health & Safety*

Director's Presentation – Council members reviewed the PowerPoint sent to them previously via email. There was discussion about enhancing Life Skills education including broader exposure to nutritious foods and the related financial literacy. Council suggested some measurable action verb goals: “Develop a life skills program beginning at Kindergarten to create an awareness of: the variety of local nutritious food, food preparation, financial literacy, etc.” Mrs. Pendykoski strongly recommended: “To re-institute the Reading Recovery Program”

F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1) **Shrove Tuesday update** – Mr. Demers provided a summary with notes provided by Mrs. Davies. It went very smoothly alternating between serving in foyer and classrooms. Extra supplies were donated to the Breakfast Club. A parent volunteer has agreed to share her name at the office to help with other events.

2) **Educational Congress Tier II** – Mrs. Roach reported the CWL will hold a pot luck dinner in April after a 5:00 PM Saturday mass to gauge parish participation. This may be a template for a future joint school / parish event. Mrs. Sticca suggested that perhaps Rosary Circle students might present at such an event. Mrs. Roach also explained ‘family mass’ when students read with a lector to support them. In some parishes this happens on a monthly basis. It was thought that Rosary Circle and Children’s mass participants might be involved. Mrs. Roach reported that the CWL discussed a Social Justice initiative for April 2nd after 9:00 AM mass. She has spoken to a Rosary Circle participant about presenting the ‘Journey of Bottled Water’ and students could develop a plan to challenge parishioners to participate.

3) **Plan for 2016-17**

Goals

a) **Parent Engagement - Triple P Parenting evening** – Mr. Demers reported that Public Health Nurse has inquired about re-scheduling the April dates due to the current labour disruption. Mr. Demers will consult with the St. Theresa Principal regarding possible new dates.

b) **Event Planner - Hot Lunch Program** – Mr. Demers shared a tally of lunches to date with current profits of \$2192.55. Mrs. Sticca reported that a parent in next year’s Kindergarten owns a catering company called, “Fit To Eat”. She will inquire about possible hot lunch menu at a reasonable price point. Mrs. Sticca will report back to Council at our June meeting for consideration in 2017-18.

Event Planner - Little Caesar’s kits from April 10-26 – Melissa shared the order package. She will forward the on-line order code. There was discussion about deferring the campaign, but the preferred deliver date limits too drastic a change and it was felt a cover letter from Council will explain the campaign and that the profits will benefit classroom activities. A few items were provided for incentive prizes. Free kits can be earned based on sales figures and they will be used for a pizza party for the top selling class.

G. NEXT DATES – Triple P Parenting - TBD

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – 8:30 AM on Monday, April 24

Partners In Catholic Education – 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 18

St. Christopher CSC Appreciation – 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 8

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Davies

Seconded by Mrs. Sticca

THAT the CSC meeting be adjourned

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM