



## ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AGENDA

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Land Acknowledgement** - David Forte

*We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.*

2. **Opening Prayer** - David Forte

*Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business related to St. John Catholic School. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities, so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank You for being our source of guidance today.  
Amen.*

3. **Roll Call (12 parent members required to attain quorum):**

<b><u>Staff &amp; Community Representatives:</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Representatives:</u></b>
David Forte (Principal)	Meaghan Anderson
Lauren Swindley (Teaching staff member)	Dan Belford
Elizabeth Bennie (Teaching staff member)	Sara Chirico
Sarah Dobrindt (Non-teaching staff member)	Marialba Cipriani
Andrew Natale (St. Joseph Parish representative)	Tina Colamartini
	John Del Col
	Lynn Dudok (Chair)
	Yolonda Holland
	Candace Manning-Ramage
	Samantha Michael
	Helen McNamara
	Lisa Milan
	Joanne Millar
	Marnie Odel
	Sarah Pekaruk
	Priscilla Prias-Molina
	Breeann Staibano (Co-Chair)
	Taylor Venneri
	Mariam Vieira
	Brian Violante
	Kimberlee Warburton

**Those who have expressed their regrets:**

4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Disclosure of Interest
6. Approval of Minutes of the St. John Catholic School Council Meeting of September 26, 2023

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Andrew Natale** - *St. Joseph Parish Representative*
  - St. Joseph Christmas Mass Schedule.
  - Christmas events and activities at St. Joseph Parish.
  - Sacramental preparations update.

**C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- 1) **Catholic School Council Fundraising Financial Report** (as of 28/11/2023).
- 2) **Advent Food Drive**
- 3) **Joy Day at St. John**
- 4) **Weekly Advent Prayer Service Celebrations**
- 5) **Advent Family Mass**
- 6) **Christmas Activities at St. John**
- 7) **Holy Childhood Walk**
- 8) **Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund**
- 9) **#ProjectPlaid**
- 10) **St. John Equity & Inclusivity Club**
- 11) **Food & Beverage Special Event Day Planning Sheet**
- 12) **Milk Program**
- 13) **Parent Engagement Funds**
- 14) **School Fundraising:**
  - ✓ *Dance-a-Thons*
  - ✓ *Wine Fundraiser (Fall/Winter)*
- 15) **Parish News:**
  - ✓ *Advent School Mass*
  - ✓ *Advent Family Mass*
  - ✓ *Confirmation*
  - ✓ *First Communion*

**16) On-going School Initiatives:**

- ✓ Promoting equity and inclusivity and celebrating diversity in our school community.
- ✓ Promoting online safety and responsible digital citizenship in our community.
- ✓ Continue to strengthen the relationship with associate Catholic secondary school with a retention rate goal of 100%.

**17) Catholic School Council Goals:**

- ✓ Consideration of planting trees to provide a shade canopy near outdoor classroom and along the sides of the field where soccer nets are located.
- ✓ Continue to develop technological resources in the school with a goal of one Chromebook for every one student in Grades 1 through 8, and replacing non-functional Smartboards and LCD projectors with interactive TVs.
- ✓ Organization and facilitation of a 'Family Fun Night' to continue to build community among students and families.

**D. CHAIRPERSON REPORT:**

- 1) **Family Advent Mass**
- 2) **Wine Fundraiser**
- 3) **Niagara IceDogs Night**
- 4) **Family Movie Night**
- 5) **Family Fun Night (June)**
- 6) **Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
- 7) **Parent Engagement Funds**
- 8) **Area Attendance Review**
- 9) **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Information**
- 10) **Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Information**

**E. REVIEW OF KEY DATES AND DATES OF INTEREST:**

- ✓ Catholic School Council meetings will take place four times per year and will be held in-person in the school's Library Information Centre. If the Ontario Government decides that it is no longer safe to gather in-person, then meetings will be held virtually.
- ✓ *Meeting Dates (tentative):*
  - 1) Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 2) Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 3) Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 4) Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

✓ *Dates of Interest:*

- Confirmation @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish - Saturday, April 6 @ 2:00 pm
- First Holy Communion @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish - Sunday, April 28 @ 3:00 pm
- Grade 8 Graduation @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish - Thursday, June 20 @ 5:00 pm

**F. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**H. CLOSING PRAYER** - David Forte

*Heavenly Father,*

*As we come to the end of our time together, we thank You for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward, and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom and You are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*Amen.*