



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**Monday, February 5, 2024
School library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council, held on February 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Leanne Prince

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Annette Filice

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	T. Atkinson	√		
Co-Chairs	Stephanie Bays Leanne Prince Kayla Walsh	√ √	√	
Teacher Representative	A. Felice	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	H. Humphreys	√		
Parish Representative	n/a			
OAPCE Representative	M. Bowker		√	
Christina Angelini				
Melissa Bowker			√	
Justin Caron				√
Kathleen Ciccotti		√		
Jenna Graham		√		
Melanie Harris		√		
Kristy McNally				√
Breia Merla		√		
Marlies Nanninga		√		
Andrea Piché				√
Chris Piché				√
Sarah Veld				√
Nicole Wikkerink				√

Minutes of the Meeting taken by H. Humphreys

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Melanie Harris
Seconded by Jenna Graham

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of November 13, 2023.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of November 13, 2023:

Moved by Melanie Harris
Seconded by Kathleen Ciccotti

THAT St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. ST JOSEPH TEACHER REPORT

- Handball on the horizon- lots of practices going on
- Underground Railroad Presentation to kick off Black History Month with our staff and students
- Kindergarten Open House open till 6:00 pm on Feb 8th
- Bus Safety Presentation
- Mathletes competition at Blessed Trinity SS
- Kids Helping Kids begins on Feb 12th for 2 weeks
- Valentine's being celebrated on the 13th along with Shrove Tuesday, staff making pancakes for the whole school
- Ash Wednesday Mass on the 14th
- Anti-Bullying on 28th – Pink Shirt Day – out of dress code

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK –

- Code of Conduct Policy 302.6.2
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy 800.7
- Secondary Dress Code Policy 302.6.6 - renewed

Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. February 21, 2024

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Holly
 - Pizza and Subway/Pita lunches continue. Donated \$500 to GBF from Dance-A-Thon, waiting for invoice/orders of the new team Jerseys to come out of Dance-A-Thon, will be approx. \$1400 + tax.
 - Proceeds from Frozen Treat sales are going well, \$1700 to end of January so far, toward Grade 8 Graduation

4. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – Holly
 - Is doing well, students love the snacks. Funding is on track to see us through to end of June.

5. Student Council
 - November - food drive December - toy drive
 - January - e waste recycling - next time we may need to open it up to the community? but we do know that the battery recycling is something that many people took advantage of.
 - February - is Kids Helping Kids for the Niagara Children’s Centre and Black History month so we aren’t scheduling anything for this month
 - March - we will focus on inclusion as a follow up to bullying awareness week - we will be meeting to brainstorm and plan what we want to do - hope to use Unlearn resources for this
 - April - focus on an environmental theme - garden cleanup and planting.
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6. Catholicity
 - We enjoyed a faith-based Advent season with weekly prayer services
 - We had an Advent Family Mass on Dec. 12. Would love to get attendance up for that one if possible.
 - On January 16th we had our grade 8 Confirmation Inscription Mass here at the school.
 - We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with pancakes for everyone prepared by the staff.
 - Coming up we have our Ash Wednesday mass at the church with the congregation.

7. Student Achievement
 - Math & Literacy continues to be a focus of PD for staff.
 - We continue to have had our Lit and Math leads here along with Chaplains for ongoing training.
 - Knowledgehook is a new resource we are using as a diagnostic for student learning in math.
 - Short Learning Cycles are being implemented by classroom teachers to address “Gaps” in student learning/
 - Report cards will be released on the 13th in the Parent Portal.

8. School Climate
 - Student Council just finished doing a battery and electronic device-recycling week. This was teamed up with our eco-team.
 - We have Mad Science beginning this Thursday
 - Kids helping Kids begins next week and last for 2 weeks this year. Activities planned are listed in the February Newsletter.
 - Our grade 7’s and 8’s did a field trip to Toronto to Ripley’s Aquarium and then the Holocaust museum which was fantastic.
 - Black History Month is under way. We had 2 presentations from a guest speaker on the Underground Railroad in the Niagara Region.

E. OAPCE REPORTS (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)- Melissa Bowker

- Excused this evening
- Conference in April 2024 - Carl Suban-key note speaker

F. SUBCOMMITTEE

- By-laws/Policy
- Community Outreach – Media coverage when we give a donation so the community knows we are giving back
- Fundraising – Wine-maybe consider something else next year (Tim), the funds raised are not significant
- Look at Box of Cards fundraiser again – parents say they love this
- Graduation – June 19, 2024. 5 pm at church.

G. Hot lunches/milk – Pizza and Sub & Pita Pit days, and milk continue to run. Frozen yogurt is a hit. Look at popcorn as a possible sell with Frozen Treats on Thursdays.

H. Safe Schools – 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown drill have been completed. We will do this all again in the spring.

I. AGENDA ITEMS

- Meat Fundraiser - Monday, May 13, would be a good pick up day just before the long weekend. They guarantee a 30 day price freeze from January 19- Set a strict pick-up timeline with a 1 or 2 hour window end of day, 3:30-5:30 pm as a suggestion.
- App fundraiser - Breia Merla has all info. It's an App that you login and either shop or buy gift cards FlipGive - Holly look at this and get up and going
- Fun Fair – Wednesday, June 12th from 5-7 pm. Annette and Leanne will reach out to the Knights of Columbus to book for our Fun Fair BBQ again.
 - Kayla Walsh to book Fire Truck/Dept for Fun Fair

I. NEXT MEETING - TBD

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Leanne Prince

Seconded by Kayla Walsh

THAT the February 5, 2024 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

K. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Tim Atkinson.