



Minutes
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
April 30, 2024 - 6:00pm

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement/Opening Prayer -
2. Roll Call – Mr. Tolomeo, Mrs. Manchuk, Ms. Sirianni, Mrs. DeCoff, Mychalyna Olwage, Monica Giammarco, Lauren Oliveira, Silvana Piscitello, Nancy Hermans, Ryan Harmon, Amanda Pokolic, Christine Skilton
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Nancy Hermans and seconded by Lauren Oliveira
4. Approval of March mtg. minutes - Motion by Nancy Hermans and seconded by Lauren Oliveira

B. PRESENTATIONS - none

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

These Administrative Operational Procedures have been posted on the Board's website under the *Administrative Operational Procedures* tab of the Board's *Governance Policies, By-Laws, Administrative Operational Procedures, Protocols and Procedures* section.

Policy Vetting You are invited to provide feedback on the policies:

- Attendance Area Policy (301.3)
- Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)
- Leadership Pathways Policy (203.4)
- Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy (100.7)

Please submit your feedback to anna.pisano@ncdsb.com by 12 p.m. on May 29, 2024.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - See Principal Report

1. Catholicity
2. Student Achievement
3. School Climate

E. OAPCE REPORT – none

F. STAFF REPORT – See Principal Report

G. SUBCOMMITTEE Reports

- 1. Church Liaison** – Father Kryz is going on vacation for 3 weeks. Lots of new faces, children's mass is busy
- 2. By-laws/Policy** – see above
- 3. Fundraising** – Car show and Vendor Fair was discussed. We will need lots of volunteers to put the baskets together, sell tickets both at school the week before the fair and at the fair
- 4. Graduation** – there have been separate meetings – balloons, frames have been purchased. The committee will help with photos

5. Safe Schools – Facebook post about drop off in the morning and how busy it is. Principal DeCoff mentioned how the morning runs smooth, but streets are busy. By-law officers have been called about the concerns over the past years. For the next two years it will be busy in the mornings. Question about speedbumps – this has been requested already by community members. Principal mentioned that there are a lot of late drop offs to avoid the morning rush. This effects the learning and functionality of the school.

Question about the new school – the hope is the school opens in 2025 school year.

In the summer, the digging will begin.

H. AGENDA ITEMS – Is it still a plan to re-do the kindergarten playground – YES – St. Mark is on the list – and we are waiting.

Food for kids at school – did not pass. St. Mark has the nutrition program.

Baskets will be starting around second week of May. Teachers sign up for themes and then families donate for the baskets. We will also have a vendor basket to raffle.

A question was raised about having the basket raffle tickets available for purchase on school cash online – Mrs. DeCoff said that the students love coming down with their money and purchasing them from our volunteers.

I. NEXT MEETING – possibly June 2024.

J. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary

K. ADJOURNMENT – 7:00 pm



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Principal's Report



Catholicity

School Church Connections

- All grades have been attending mass with Fr. Over the past few weeks and will continue until all classes have participated in mass during this Easter Season.

CGE Celebrations – Students have been presenting and demonstrating their understanding each month. Recognition awards have been handed out to students who demonstrate the CGE daily.

- Catholic Education Week is next week and filled with a great deal of activities.
 - Culture Fest is taking place in the gymnasium on Monday May 6 and 7. Our primary students will be showcasing their culture to all classes and visitors
 - Jon Henson – Presentation to grades 6 to 8 on Wednesday May 8th at 9:30am. Jon is known for his motivational messages and videos that help middle and high school students live their best lives.
 - Catch the Spirit Award Ceremony is being held on Wednesday May 8th. Olivia Ferro is this year's recipient from St. Mark Catholic
 - Throughout the week, classes will be participating in prayer services, and celebrating Catholic Education in their classes.

Student Achievement

- Reading and math supports for primary and junior grades will continue until the end of the school year and continue into next year
- Math Club is starting up again for select students in grades 6 to 8. Three groups will run each week up to the end of this school year
- Kindergarten Open House – Wednesday May 15th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Next week marks Mental Health and Well being recognition week.
- All kindergarten to grade 8 classes will be participating in various curriculum- based activities within their classrooms that focus on their own mental health and wellbeing. These activities will support the lessons and activities that occur regularly.

School Climate

Lucas's Garden – A very big thank you to Mr. Moscato and our school community for all of the support in the creation of Lucas's Garden. On Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th we will be putting together the garden to be ready for Monday morning – the start of Catholic Education Week.

Car Show and Vendor Fair – Flyer has been sent to our community and has been shared with organizations outside of our community. Feel free to share with car enthusiasts and vendors to have them join us! All money raised will be used to replace outdated Smartboards in all classrooms.

Student Council – Our Leadership Conference took place today. The three students who attended the conference were - Emersyn S, Bodyn H. and Reese R.

Sports/Clubs/Extra Curricular Activities

- Pokemon Club is up and running – supervised by Mrs. Zamfir. They meet twice a month
 - Vex Robotics – St. Mark is hosting our second annual Vex Robotics tournament for teams across Niagara Catholic. The tournament is taking place on Thursday May 9th during Catholic Education Week
 - Junior and intermediate chess tournament – April 18th at St. Mary.
 - Junior volleyball (Tripleball) at St. John – our team came 2nd. April 16.
 - Intermediate co-ed flag football this past week. April 25
 - Upcoming – Junior Soccer – May 15 – girls and boys at Southward Park.
 - Track and Field – St. Mark May 29th and the BT FOS meet is June 5 at NOC.
- NCAA meet is June 13.