



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tuesday September 24, 2024**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at p.m. by Ms. Spadafora - Principal will Chair until one is elected

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Opening Prayer**
The opening prayer led by Mrs. Kelly
2. **Roll Call**

Members	Affiliations	Present	Absent	Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	x		
Mrs. M. Kelly	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary	x		
Mrs. R Mancuso	Teaching Representative	x		
	Non-Teaching Representative			
Parent Representatives				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	gabbybianco@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Erika Allen	erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca	x		
Mrs. Lidia Romeo	lidia.romeo@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Amy Tiller	amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com	x		
Mrs. Amie Malvaso	amalvaso@cogeco.ca	x		
Teresa Stransky	teresastransky@gmail.com			x
Melissa Dieroff	melissa_dieroff@hotmail.com			x
Steph Zufelt	steph.zufelt@gmail.com	x		
Olivia O'Reilly	livoreilly2021@gmail.com	x		
Matthew Hurteau	jethurteau21@gmail.com	x		
Mrs. DeProphetis	diane@stormgroug.com		x	

3. Approval of the Agenda - Motion to approve the existing agenda by Mrs. Allen

Seconded: Mrs. Malvaso

4. Disclosure of Interest Amy Tiller and Erika Allen indicated they are employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as teachers.

5. Approval of the Minutes - NA

B. Presentations

- Welcome by the principal & introduction of new VP Marylee Kelly – Ms. Spadafora reviewed the nomination forms with the council.
- 1. Loretto Catholic By-Laws & CSC Policy Review
 - CSC is an advisory committee - it is to support and assist with our NCDSB mission and vision as we as promote our entire school community
 - By-Laws from last year were emailed to all present. We have **11** current CSC members present and that means we need **5** for Quorum. Quorum is 50% plus 1. Other parents are allowed to attend other meetings but are unable to vote on any item
 - 4 meetings throughout the year - dates below
 - Nomination for Chairperson by -Gabriella Griffiths was nominated and accepted and will co chair with Lidia Romeo - no other further nominations were put forward.
 - If there are agenda items they will need to be brought forth to Ms. Spadafora two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

List of Committees:

1. Faith Formation- sign up, committee for adult faith PD, such as a speaker, motivational - we could reach out to Father Mathew and Father Philip to attend one of our meetings. Mrs. Griffiths will reach out to the STM liaison Anna Racine
2. Food days- continue as last year, little caesars, pita pit, swiss chalet, popcorn/ice cream- it is a 10 minutes process- all come prepared for each class. Prices for all vendors have gone up.
3. Fundraising - sign up,
 - Krispy Kreme (Mississauga) half of the profits go to grad and some towards Smart TV.
 - Dance-a-thon for Halloween (we need volunteers for this, selling glow items and treats) Mrs. Romeo will buy glow items by **October 20** Mrs. Allen will get treats by **Oct 20**. Fundraiser will go towards technology and board games for rainy days.
 - **Ideas:** Big Box, Christmas gift cards raffle, Little Caesars pizza kits, Big Red, Spring Raffle (To be discussed at next meeting). Fresh from the Farm? G. Griffith will follow up. Gift card from local businesses - the school gets 20% or \$5 off each card sold (gift card fundraiser in May).
 - Parent group to take Big Box cards, Big Red and Little Caesars off the list for this year.

- Mrs. Griffiths will contact Mary from St. Michael's to get more information on Fresh from the Farm and provide Lori info. We would get 40% of profits.
- Fundraising money will go towards - technology, sports equipment, games for indoor recess or rainy day activities. More brainstorming about where fundraiser money goes was discussed (ideas were supporting trips, crafts...). Students can make a wish list for games and rainy day activities. A. Tiller & A. Malvaso will go shopping for board games.

Principal Report

1. Morning entrance - continues to work- families have been asked to wait until 8:35
 - New Teacher in Sept - reduced our class sizes from Gr 1-5 - the move will happen for Sept 30
 - Music teacher- in Gr 4-8 started mid Sept- Mrs Scott- reassigned to new school

2. CSC Dress Code Support

- We have lots of items that have been donated
- We have donated some to other schools who were in need as well
- Both Spirit wear and Grad hoodies are available online - through Big Bear now

2. Faith Theme: Called by Name- our prayers are wrapped around this theme

- Bulletin board upstairs- Bee Kind Hearts- Continuing with our Loretto Hive theme: how each bee has a role, how we all work together for the hive. We have adopted this as our focus: Loretto Catholic Hive.

-Focus is math and literacy-based this year. We have decided to use Math UP workbook to enhance our learning from Gr 1-8. A brief discussion on literacy success across the grades. Kinder- Haggerty, Gr. 1 and 2- UFLI -Acadience SCreener - Gr 3- Lexia- GR 4-8 Edwin.

CGE- Mrs. Kelly -will begin in October our CGE

An Effective Communicator, A Reflective, Creative, and Holistic Thinker, A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner, A Collaborative Contributor, A Caring Family Member, A Responsible Citizen

4. Open House- great turnout- 4 vendors, no profits to school- only concern was that someone ripped the stage curtain- which will be costly to replace

3. Fire Drills/Hold & Secure/Lockdown: Emergency procedures are in place and practiced in all Niagara Catholic schools throughout this school year. We continue to be required to conduct 6 fire drills and 2 hold & secure / lockdown drills each year. Did both, fire drill and tomorrow will have our lockdown drill.

4. Terry Fox Walk: Loretto Catholic once again supported cancer research through 'walking' for Terry Fox. Our teachers shared information and videos of Terry Fox's journey. Students and staff walked through the neighborhood on September 16th. Our goal was \$1000. We made just under \$600.00 with school and with the Terry Fox foundation donations

5. Orange Shirt Day- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- activities planned as a school and in classroom- selling a limited number of orange shirts- partial cost is donated to Save the Evidence- to help rebuild the residential school - Sept 30th

6. Halloween: On Thursday, October 31, 2024 the students of Loretto Catholic School will be celebrating Halloween. Dance a thon - student council will be MC and DJ - This day will be designated an alternate dress day. As per Nutrition Policy and the many allergies, parents are asked **not** to send any Halloween treats for the class as they cannot be shared with other students.

7. Ice dogs visit - we are interested in a Ice Dogs night, Mrs. Tiller will look into tickets to River Lions

Upcoming Events:

Holy Childhood Walk Oct.18th, donations on school cash online

Food drive Project Share-Sept 23- Oct 8

Krispy Kreme- Feb 10 - 21 order- March 4th is pick up in Mississauga and need volunteers to distribute and pick up

E. OAPCE REPORT : (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)

F. STAFF REPORT – Niagara Nutrition Partner Grant, nutrition bins have begun in the classrooms, thank you for your donations. A grant from PC was applied for and approved for this year to support the nutrition program. Need new Freezer- school purchased and is asking for support from NNP.

H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

I. **NEXT MEETING:** Nov 26, Feb 25, May 27 @ 6:00

II. **J. ADJOURNMENT:** motioned to Adjourn: Mrs. Malvaso the motion was seconded by: Mrs. Allen at 7:43 pm

K. **CLOSING PRAYER-** Mrs. Kelly