



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**Monday, September 30, 2024  
School library**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tim Atkinson

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement was led by Tim Atkinson

**2. Roll Call**

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Tim Atkinson	√		
Chair				
Co-Chairs	Kathleen Ciccotti & Kayla Walsh	√ √		
Teacher Representative	Antonina Filice		√	
Non-Teaching Representative	Holly Humphreys	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
Christina Angelini		√		
Melissa Bowker			√	
Ashley Brown		√		
Justin Caron		√		
Jennifer Graham		√		
Melanie Harris		√		
Breia Merla		√		
Marlies Nanninga		√		
Julie-Anne Nixon		√		
Sarah Veld		√		
Colleen Morrison filled in as Teacher Representative this evening		√		

**Minutes of the Meeting taken by H. Humphreys**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Jenna Graham

Seconded by Kayla Walsh

**THAT** the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of September 30, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

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

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. ELECTION of Chair/Co-Chairs for the 2024-25 St. Joseph Catholic School Council**

a. Kathleen Ciccotti and Kayla Walsh self-nominated and were voted in by members

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

a. **St. Joseph Student Council Report** - *None at this time. Elections will take place this month.*

**3. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK**

a. Trustee Code of Conduct Policy 100.12 Feedback due November 4, 2024 – K. Ciccotti

**4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

a. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report – L. Prince has passed on info to K. Walsh

b. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – n/a

c. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Holly

i. Fundraiser Amounts

1. Big Red Markets > \$ 825.00

2. Dance-A-Thon > \$5,100.00

3. Wine Fundraiser > \$ 920.75

ii. Funds used to purchase new Chromebooks \$8,023, GBF Donation of \$500, Sport Jerseys purchased from Front Row Sports \$1,695.

iii. Gardens & Landscaping – new mulch and plants for front gardens \$445.

**Catholicity**

- We had our first school mass at the church. Moving forward with our monthly masses, they will be split between the church and the school.
- We had our parent meeting for students receiving their first Holy Communion and First Reconciliation at the church on September 26 at 6:00 pm.
- The parent meeting for our grade 8 students being Confirmed is at the church on October 9 at 6:00 pm.
- Last week, we focused on Truth and Reconciliation in our classrooms.
- Today was Orange Shirt day and again, classroom discussions were had on the importance of this day.

**Student Achievement**

- We are in the process of creating our Math Action Plan for this school year.
- New this year, we are also creating a Literacy Action Plan.
  - These are both due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Teachers are in the process of gathering student data to help us outline the plans.
- Data is collected through our EQAO results, Knowledgehook diagnostics and doing Literacy Screeners. These screeners are mandatory for students in year 2 kindergarten to grade 2. They are available to grades 3 – 6 teachers as well. There are pencil & paper screeners for the grades 7 & 8.

- Our grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Hogben, has reported seeing this year's class being stronger in Literacy because these students have had 2 years of Hagerty and UFLI.
- All teachers are in the process of completing these screeners and diagnostics.

### **School Activities**

- We raised \$3,225 for Terry Fox
- We will be doing a "We Scare Hunger" food drive the whole month of October
- We will have our Halloween Dance-a-Thon on October 31<sup>st</sup>
- This year, we will be looking to build up our sporting/gym equipment. I have been working Mrs. Morrison to determine our needs for purchasing.
- I have already purchased two Pickleball sets that will be used with the Intermediate classes and the staff after school.
- We are looking to bring in a curling presentation and purchase curling "rocks" designed for use in a gymnasium.
- We had 20 new Chromebooks to start the year. Mrs. Morrison distributed them to classes and we are now at a point where we have a 1:1 ratio for grades 3 – 8.

#### **1. OAPCE REPORT – n/a**

#### **2. STAFF REPORT – Mrs. Morrison**

- The Terry Fox fundraiser/walk was a success and the kids thoroughly enjoyed watching Mr. Atkinson have his head shaved!
- Parents attended the grade 2 First Communion and First Reconciliation meeting at the church on September 26
- On October 9 our grade 7 & 8's will be going by bus to BT to watch a football game
- The grade 8's went to the Journey Retreat at Balls Falls on September 23 – they had a wonderful day
- Junior Soccer tournaments were held at Players Paradise on September 26
- Intermediate boys' and girls' soccer are this week on Oct 1 & 4
- Cross Country meet is on October 8 at Southward Community Park in Grimsby and the winners will go to the board wide meet on October 22
- Volleyball and Triple Ball tournaments are next on the roster – we have had a lot of sports at the beginning of this school year

#### **3. SUBCOMMITTEE SIGN UP**

- Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs of each Sub-Committee
  - By-laws/Policy – n/a
  - Community Outreach – J. Nixon has volunteered to head this
  - Fundraising – B. Merla and K. Walsh
  - Graduation – C. Angelini and M. Harris with C. Morrison's lead
- Pizza Lunch organizing – S. Veld – is working on the schedule
- School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC)- headed by Niagara Nutrition Partners – EA's sort this and H. Humphreys does ordering

#### **4. AGENDA ITEMS-**

- Planning our school fundraising calendar for the year in advance to work to ensure balance and timing of planned events in the hopes of successful fundraising campaigns. Wine, Big Reds Meats ~ CSC have suggested Big Box Cards and Krispy Kreme donuts ~
- Communication with school community from parent council. What should that look like? Example, meeting highlights perhaps and future meeting dates with key topics of discussion included etc.
- Halloween Dance-a-Thon – Julie-Anne Nixon and Ashley Brown have volunteered to make popcorn day of dance

- Getting an internet safety and social media educator, like Paul Davis, in to speak to the students – S. Veld is submitting the funding request. J. Nixon has brought forth a possible presenter from Beamsville – Nurtured First. S. Veld will work with her to look into this person vs. Paul Davis – as he is quite booked up.
- Adding a “Catholic School Council Corner” to our monthly newsletter, K. Ciccotti will submit to H. Humphreys monthly

**C. NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**THAT** the September 30, 2024 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

**E. CLOSING PRAYER** was led by Tim Atkinson.