



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**October 21, 2024
In School, WorkRoom**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council, held on October 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Jackie Watson

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgment

The Niagara Catholic District School Board wishes to honour the Indigenous people who have been the protectors of this land, known as Turtle Island, for more than ten thousand years. 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 – Prayer for Catholic Education

Prayer for Catholic Education O Holy Spirit, Source of truth and grace for those entrusted with the Christian development of children, enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes, our parish of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Nicholas Catholic School and our community may cooperate effectively with You, and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

3. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Treasurer	Jackie Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vice-Principal/Secretary	Jackie Watson			
Chair	Ms. Paprzycki	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Co-Chair	-----			

Teacher Representative				
Non-Teaching Representative	-----			
Student Representative	-----			
Parish Representative	Father Ben Weber		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OAPCE Representative				
Community Representative	Ms. Ciancio	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Ms. Melville		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ms. Koch		<input type="checkbox"/>		

4. Approval of the Agenda
Moved by: Ms. Melville
Seconded by: Ms. Koch

That the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of October 21st.

CARRIED

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

6. **Approval of Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of September 23rd**
Moved by: Ms Paprzycki
Seconded by: Mrs. Ciancio

That St Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of September 23rd, last meeting presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Big Box Fundraiser:

Boxes are \$35.00 and we make \$11.00 profit

There are 1) all occasions, 2) holiday, 3) children's birthdays, 4) birthday in general

We send home a starter box at \$35.00. If parents buy the box then they send in the \$35.00.

It was suggested that we send home the 'All Occasion' instead of the Holiday or Birthday

It was suggested that we close the fundraiser on Sunday, November 17th order sent by email on the 18th and the boxes arrive and can be picked up by families on November 28th.

Close Big box of holiday is 50 cards for \$35.00.

The other three boxes are 35 for \$35.00.

****Council believes that it is too risky to send out to each family. There is a link that can be used so people can get on-line to see the boxes and options.**

Each family within the school have the ability to order through school cash on-line.

Class selling 75 or more boxes = pizza party

The four top selling families of 150 boxes or more = gift card

School selling 400 or more = a Samsung tablet A

- COBS gift cards

We will start on November 25th and close on the 15th of December.

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

Approved Policies:

- Student Transportation Policy 500.2
- Catholic Leadership: Principal and Vice-Principal Selection 202.2

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report

Usually meet bi-monthly, the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the CEC, Rice Rd.

2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Usually meet the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the CEC, Rice Rd.

** Please note that agenda's and minutes of both meetings can be found on Niagara Catholic's website, under Programs. Scroll down to Special Education to find relevant agenda's and minutes.

3. Catholic School Council Financial Report

i) First two fundraisers to go out now are: COBS gift cards and Big Box Cards

ii) Catholic School Council Parent Engagement Funds, to be used by June 13, 2025 \$500.00 with an additional \$1,000.00 in funds to support parent engagement activities at the school level through an application process. First come, first serve basis. Application/funding will be approved in alignment with Ministry criteria in relation to identifying needs for the school community and how schools can improve in at least one the following areas:

- addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized group
- creating a safe and welcoming environment
- informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources
- providing workshops for parents/guardians to inspire their children to learn, mental health and well-being, internet safety, cyber bullying and healthy living
- projects to support Indigenous learners and their families
- programs for newcomer families to introduce them to Catholic education in Niagara Catholic
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages to make all parents/guardians and students feel welcome and include
- skill-building opportunities for parents –information sessions/workshops that provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student learning at home and at school

** All Sacramental preparation classes will be completed by the church. Letters to Grade 2 and Grade 8 Parents/Guardians to be sent home through Father Ben. All Sacraments will take place in 2025. Confirmation could be Pentecost Sunday

** We are still a Math Priority school for Grade 3 and 6, with support from a Math coach throughout the year. If time allows, the coach will help other's who request.

** We have been designated as a Public Health Priority School. As such, our school's Public Health Nurse, Tesha, will be at St. Nicholas Catholic every Monday and Tuesday to offer support as needed.

** Acadience Support, Kindergarten to Grade 2 – Jennifer Boland is St. Nicholas Catholic's lead. Collection of reading data. Will be reflected on Report Card. Must be completed by mid-November

** Progress Reports week of November 11, 2024; First Term Reports, week of February 9th; Second Term Reports, week of June 23rd

** Parent/Guardian/Teacher/Student Conference Night, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

** Kinder Open House, Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

** Kindergarten Night, Tuesday, June 3rd 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

** Graduation – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Club Roma

EQAO Results:

Reading, 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2021-2022	0%	18%	76%	6%
2022-2023	0%	38%	62%	0%
2023-2024	0%	31%	56%	12%

Writing, 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2021-2022	0%	6%	88%	6%
2022-2023	0%	38%	62%	0%
2023-2024	0%	50%	50%	6%

Math, 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2021-2022	0%	29%	71%	0%
2022-2023	8%	62%	31%	0%
2023-2024	6%	44%	38%	12%

Reading, 6	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2021-2022	0%	27%	73%	0%
2022-2023	0%	27%	73%	0%
2023-2024	0%	27%	73%	0%

Writing, 6	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2021-2022	0%	13%	80%	7%
2022-2023	9%	18%	45%	27%
2023-2024	0%	27%	67%	7%

Math, 6	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2021-2022	7%	80%	7%	0%
2022-2023	9%	64%	27%	0%
2023-2024	20%	60%	20%	0%

E. OAPCE REPORT

Website is welcoming members to the new school year. Site is talking about their website and invitations to various meetings coming up.

Social media campaign to raise awareness of the vital role of Catholic Education in our communities.

Click on to open a wide variety of topics i.e., the site has a book nook. Click onto that and a wide range of faith-filled books appear with a synopsis for each book. Many different themes can be chosen.

F. STAFF REPORT

- October 29th, Am a Child of God presentation, Gd 1
- October 31st, Halloween. Parade at 9:00 a.m.
- November 1st, All Saints Day, Pizza Day
- November 3rd begins Indigenous Veteran's and Treaty Week
- November 3rd, Daylight savings ends
- November 6th, Grade 7 Vaccines
- November 7th, National Inuit Day
- November 8th, Indigenous Veteran's Day
- November 11th, Remembrance Day
- November 13th, Girls' Tripleball
- November 14th, Boys' Tripleball
- November 15th, Gd 2 St. John's Valley Centre, Meatball Subs Day
- November 18th, Gd 5 St. John's Valley Centre, CSC meeting 5:00 p.m.
- November 19th, Parent/Teacher/Student Conference 4:00p.m.– 7:00p.m.
- November 20th, Let's Talk Science Grades 3-5
- November 21st, Let's Talk Science Grades 6-8, Mass 10:00 a.m.
- November 22nd, Dental Screening K, 2, 4, 7 and Kinder Fluoride, Out of Dress Code
- November 25th, First Advent Liturgy
- November 28th, Chicken Fingers Day
- November 29th, PA Day

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEET INGS

- Joy Day/Feast of St. Nicholas Friday, December 6th
- December 11th, Gingerbread Night
- December 12th and 13th Christmas Shoppe – Information to be sent out Monday, November 18th. We need more items for men i.e., socks, car stuff, travel mugs, hats, gloves, bbq items, tools, flashlights
- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts May 8th
- Spring Flowers

H. NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

6:37 p.m.

J. CLOSING PRAYER

Please let us all say the Hail Mary