



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2025
Staffroom

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Mark Catholic School Council, held on March 24, 2025 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Chair /Co-Chair Lauren Oliveira.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Ms. Villella.

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal	Jennifer DeCoff	✓		
Secretary/Treasurer	Angela Villella	✓		
Chair	Lauren Oliveira	✓		
Co-Chair				
Teacher Representative	Marianna Sirianni	✓		
Non-Teaching Representative	Bonnie Manchuk	✓		
Student Representative				
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Jacqueline Swart		✓		
Kerie Raymond		✓		
Monica Giammarco		✓		
Mychalyna Olwage			✓	
Nancy Hermans			✓	
Sabrina Golini			✓	
Danielle Khory			✓	
Ryan Harmon			✓	
Pina Machado			✓	
Lyndsay Twardawa			✓	

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lauren Oliveira

Seconded by Jacqueline Swart

THAT the St. Mark Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of March 24, 2025.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of December 2, 2024.

Moved by Jacqueline Swart

Seconded by Lauren Oliveira

THAT St. Mark Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of December 2, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – See attached

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – no report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – no report

D. OAPCE REPORTS – no report

E. STAFF REPORTS

F. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Celebrating Culture and Diversity Discussion form – cancelled
2. Volunteers needed for the Book Fair. Mrs. Manchuk will send out an email requesting volunteers and the times they are needed.
3. Ad Hoc Committee for naming of the New School – a committee has been created to look at the submissions for names for our new school. They will narrow it down to 5 names and parents, students and staff will vote on them. Once a final decision is made, it will be announced by the Board office.

G. NEXT MEETING - TBD

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lauren Oliveira

Seconded by Kerie Raymond

THAT the March 24, 2025 meeting of the St. Mark Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Ms. Villella.



March 2025 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School Principal's Report



Catholicity

School Church Connections

- **Season of Lent** - Ash Wednesday was celebrated at school in our gymnasium. We had two celebrations lead by our intermediate students and Mrs. Ferrelli
- Fr. Chris will lead the Sacrament of Reconciliation for students in Grades 3- 8 on April 10th in our gymnasium.
- **Gr. 2 First Reconciliation** – April 5th
- **Gr. 2 First Communion** – will take place in May.
- **Gr. 8 Confirmation** – May 3rd
- Jubilee 2025, “Pilgrims of Hope.” All school focus.
- Catch the Spirit
- Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul updates
- Creation of Sacred Space

Student Achievement

- Intervention programming is up and running from k to grade 8. This is occurring in both the classroom and outside of the classroom.
- New pilot program for Math will be starting for grades 3 to 6 students. Ms. Villella and Mrs. DeCoff will be leading the intervention program with students who fit the profile.
- Black History Month – all school focus
- Cooking Club – great success

Mental Health and Well-Being

- CYW support – continued support all classes – Ms. Roy (Day 1 & 2) & Mrs. Rogers (Day 3)
- Social Worker support – Steven Johnston is our social worker for this school year. Referrals are submitted by the school after conversations with families

School Climate & Sports/Clubs/Activities Update

- **Welcome** ... Mrs. Ervick has returned from her maternity leave and will be teaching the Grade 4 class for the remainder of the year.
- **Student Teachers** – Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Cormier, Miss. Sirianni, & Mr. Montague have student teachers from Brock until April 11th
- **Trips** – Intermediate students went to Chicopee Park in March, Gr. 3's are going to White Meadows (Maple Syrup Farm) on March 31, Grs 2 & 5 Trip to Balls Falls
- **Mathletes** – two Gr. 7 and two Gr. 8 students will travel to St. Martin to compete in this year's tournament.
- **Chess** – four teams (28 students) will be representing St. Mark at this year's Chess Tournament on Thursday at St. Mary's in Niagara Falls.
- **Handball** – Junior students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 are welcome to try out for the Handball Teams. The tournament will be held at Blessed Trinity at the end of April.
- **Track and Field** – Students in Grades 4 – 8 will be encouraged to sign up for two track events and one field event. We will have our St. Mark Track and Field at the school on May 27th.
- **Intermediate Flag Football** – this year we will be submitting a boys' team and a girls' team.
- **Vex Robotics** – our teams placed 4th and 10th out of 22 teams at this year's Skills Competition. St. Mark will be hosting the last Vex Robotics competition of the school year at the end of April.
- **Roll out of Code of Conduct** – Junior and Intermediate
- **Festival of Dance**
- **Fielding Wine Fundraiser**
- **Security Cameras**