



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Opening Prayer**
The opening prayer led by R. Mancuso
2. **Roll Call**

Members	Affiliations	Present	Absent	Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	x		
	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary			
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. Amy Tiller	amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com	x		
Teresa Stransky	teresastransky@gmail.com	x		
Melissa Dieroff	melissa_dieroff@hotmail.com			
Mrs. DeProphetis	diane@stormgroug.com	x		
Mrs. Donna Lucisano	donnaluch@hotmail.com	x		
Mr. Max Thomas	maxpthomas@gmail.com		x	
Mrs. Neethu Augtine	neethuaugusty@gmail.com		x	
Mrs. B. Americo	biancaossodre@gmail.com		x	
Mr. J. Gugliotta	josephgugliotta@gmail.com	x		
Mr. J Americo deOliveira Filho	americo.restart@gmail.com	x		
Mrs. Brittany Freeman	miobritt@hotmail.com	x		

3. Approval of the Agenda - Motion to approve the existing agenda by: Mrs. Tiller Seconded: Mrs. Freeman

4. Disclosure of Interest Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Tiller, Mrs. Lucisano indicated they are employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as teachers.

5. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to approve: Mrs. Allen__ Seconded: Mrs. Stransky

B. Presentations- none

List of Committees:

1. Faith Formation- updates- none
2. Food days-.updates- Last food day is June 11 - still don't have a profit number until after June orders in.
 - a. Added Burrito Boyz- lots of interest - Student Council sampled and approved
 - b. Buster Juice- June 4th- just under 300 orders
3. Spring Raffle - 338 calendars sold
4. Class of 2026 T shirt- through Mrs Peterson- past parent
5. Additional Opportunities funded by School
 - a. pickleball Gr 4-8- school paid half for 2 visits
 - b. Taekwondo- no charge- Jung family donation of program K-4
 - c. Multicultural day - May 7th, volunteers in the community and students- Student Council helped organize with the help of Mrs. Cottringer - ESL teacher
 - d. Grandparents Tea- purchased snacks, drinks
 - e. purchase of additional outside equipment
 - f. purchase of new sensory items and tuft trays in kinder
 - g. playground signage completed

Principal Report

- Staff recognition- we had Mrs. Barr, Mr. Gabriele, Mrs Kaufmann and Mrs Farah-Smith- receiving their 25 years of service
- EQAO- Gr 3 & 6 updates - EQAO- written by Gr 3 & 6 students writing between May 25 - June 12th is the window Gr. 3 will write June 2 and 3; overall the first day went well
- Gauss Gr 7 & 8 math contest- over 30+ students participated- school covers entry cost - they received certificates overall students did very well
- Grad- June 23 - Ovarions Hall - school paying with support from Krispy Kreme fundraising and Canteen
- Closing school mass- June 17 - 10:15 , all are welcome - June 10 Gr. 8 Grad Mass at 10:15 am
- Gr 6 awards - June 10th - recipient families invited in the library begins at 9:00 am
- Playday- need volunteers to help with the snack/rest station - school will be purchasing fruit etc. based on cost effectiveness and then purchase of freezies and distribute on June 19th - rain date June 22 . Mrs. Tiller will inquire at Small Scale Farms to see what is available - volunteers needed - Mrs. Stransky . all day; Mrs. DeProphetis, Mr. Americo will Mrs. Freeman - pm is available
- Organization for 2026-27 - registration and enrolling is growing- changes will continue to happen throughout summer

- Meet the Teacher/Open House - SAVE the DATE- Oct. 1, 2026 -later in the new year so if any changes to classes - Mrs. Freeman will reach out to Creekside for pricing; Mrs. Griffiths will contact Cool Licks -
 - Mrs Griffiths will send an email to members about next steps, list of activities and who wants to sign up to volunteer
 - Vendor most important is to have them to commit to the date, and that the event is rain or shine we will be outside
 - School will reach out to Little Caesars for pizza
 - Gabby asked for a volunteer to meet vendors and to set up
 - With new policy, Inflatables including Obstacle Course are not permitted
 - Do we have other ideas?
 - suggested grade 8 students -face painting; dance corner; bean bag toss/corn hole; other games
 - Mrs. Freeman suggested to have a River Lion or Ice Dogs to come out to support; Ms. Spadafora suggested St. Michael HS mascot and cheerleaders Gabby suggested St. Mike's Cheerleaders

****** St. Michael HS Family have donated an award for a Gr. 8 student (award is a gift card to McCarthy's uniform store)**

Simulated Lockdown - last fire drill in June and last lockdown was completed this month

Yearbook- almost completed and will be delivered the week of June 21

Academics - R. Mancuso

Math- STLC - Mrs. Mancuso explained how the STLC works.

- Classes use MathUp daily and Knowledge Hook

Thank you & Farewell:

Ms. Spadafora thanked the council for all their support and hard work this year. This is Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Tiller & Mrs. Stransky last year with us as their children are graduating.

Upcoming Events:

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

F. STAFF REPORT – shared throughout meeting

H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

I. **NEXT MEETING:** none

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** motioned to Adjourn: Mrs.Stransky Seconded: Mrs. Allen at 6:53 p.m.

K. **CLOSING PRAYER-** Mrs Mancuso