



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 26, 2019**  
**Library Information Centre**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council, held on November 26, 2019, 2019 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the 2019-2020 School Year Chair Laura White.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer:**

The opening prayer was led by all members of the committee

**Gathering Prayer**

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And the children entrusted to our care.

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Courageous in the face of difficulty

and wise in our decisions

We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus

Amen

Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal (Secretary/Treasurer)	Maria Solomon			
Chair	Laura White			
Teacher Representative	Maryann Raso			
Teacher Representative	George Gallo			
Non-Teaching Representative Parish Representative	Angela Hamann			
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**Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the St. Kevin Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council Meeting of

**CARRIED**

**Disclosure of Interest :**


**B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (see report below)**  
**STAFF and PASTORAL REPORTS (see report below)**

**St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School**  
**Principal's Report**

- Implementation of The Recess Project by Dr. McNamara – followed by Nurse Joanne Germano and CYWs (Caity Peron/Kim Guthoerl) support the implementation of cooperative games
- On-Line Interview System for Progress Reports Used – positive feedback
- Phys.Ed. Consultant (Chris McLean) visited on September 3/19; October 11/19 & October 29/19 who consulted with Dr. McNamara and Niagara Catholic regarding equipment to support the programming of The Recess Project
- Upcoming Retreats by our Elementary Chaplain for 1/2M and 4G on Dec. 11/19
- Advent Confessions begin at St. Kevin Church on Dec. 3, Dec. 4 and 13
- Bus Safety Presentation – 12:45 pm – Grades 4-8; 1:30 K-Gr.3
- Dec. 5/2019 Christmas Family Evening 6:00-7:30
- Dec. 9/2019 Christmas Around the World 12:45pm – SWIS Team presentation
- Dec. 12/19 Christmas Advent Mass
- Dec. 13/19 MADD Presentation for Grades 7-8
- Notre Dame Christmas Concert for students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 12:30-1:30 on December 17, 2019
- Dec. 18 – Christmas Concert K-Gr.3 Session #1 9:30 ' Gr. 1-Gr. 3 Session #2 12:45-

**Teacher's Report:**

- Girls VBall Team advances to the playoffs and will participate in the NCDSB's VBall Tourney on December 3/19
- Review of the Recess Project- George Gallo - Dr. McNamara he entire staff on October 11, 2019 during PA Day. She will support our school recess initiative by requesting a written proposal. We will address the three areas of our field (Kindergarten Area; Junior/Intermediate at the rear of the building to include a Peace Garden using the existing pea gravel and area at the front of the building to include new equipment and nets to implement games from The Recess Project)
- Backpacks of Hope Campaign completed; Mitten Tree initiative underway began – letter will go home this week.
- Snack Program continues and is being run by students
- Wellness Wall will be up and running... new message will be on S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder)
- Intermediate Teachers completed Informational Bulletin Board for students to access support for mental health & well being

- Book Study School Fostering Resilient Learners, Strategies for Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom – by Kristin Souers and Pete Hall for all teaching staff (supported by Andrea Bozza our Mental Health Lead) on following days: Jan. 23/2020; Feb. 20/2020; March 25/2020
  - Mentorship Program – Grade 6 students partner with Child and Youth Care Worker (CYW) and Niagara College CYW student to support collaborative play during recess, Collaborative Problem Solving and Zones of Self-Regulation – will take place on Friday, November 29, 2019 pm – facilitated by CYWs and Regional Health Nurse
  -  Holly Patches (James Durka –mentor text) New Quilting Club to donate blankets to the homeless shelter – has been running ... excellent reviews from school librarian Sue Greco
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## **Parish Report**

### **AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

#### **NEXT MEETINGS: ADJOURNMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_p.m. adjourn November 26, 2019 meeting of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council.

### **1. CLOSING PRAYER**

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## AGENDA & Minutes

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1. Opening Prayer
2. Principal's Report/ Staff Report/Parish Report/Policy Vetting \*specifically feedback on School Code of Conduct Policy
3. Harvest Kitchen (January 29, 2020) – Cook Team and Menu
4. Soups On – St. Kevin Church
5. Purchase of Gym Mats
6. Snack Program and Money Raised from Fundraiser
7. Memo 042 (Parent Engagement Funds) \$500.00
8. Hot Lunches moving forward
9. Recess Project – Games/Bins
10. Christmas Family Night – December 5, 2019 6:00-7:30 pm

Chalk Board Items to add to CSC next meeting

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