



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2020
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Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council, held on October 20, 2020 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by 2020-2021 School Year Co-Chair Amie Clapp Vallee.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Opening Prayer:**

The opening prayer was led by all members of the committee

Gathering Prayer

Father in Heaven

Bless us as we unite today

Guide our minds and our hearts

So that we will do your work

For the good of our school

And the children entrusted to our care.

Give us strength and courage

that we might stand for truth

Inspire us to be generous in our outlook

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	√		
Co-Chairs	Amie Clapp Vallee/Angel Timmers	√		
Teacher Representative	Maryann Raso	√		
Teacher Representative	George Gallo		√	
Non-Teaching Representative	Melanie Luciw	√		
Parish Representative	Angela Hamann	√		
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Angel Timmers	angelshalo77@hotmail.com	√		
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Matthew Terry	intelligentvagrant@gmail.com		√	
Vince Santostefano	vince@santostefano.ca	√		

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 :

- A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (see below)
- B. STAFF and PASTORAL REPORTS (see below)
- C.

St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School
Principal's Report/Summary of Meeting

Summary of Events:

- October 23 2020 – Holy Childhood Walk (rain date of October 27, 2020).
- Oct. 30 Halloween – Orange/Black Theme; Out of Dress Code Day. Simple Costumes no Halloween Masks, students Gr.4-8 need to wear their cloth masks; ideally costume with no gloves. Teachers will take pictures and I will upload on our St. Kevin Twitter account; classroom teachers to provide activities to their parents.
- Gr.8 Confirmation should have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. This will be **deferred this year's Confirmation celebrations until May of 2021**. We will begin confirmation preparation with the candidates in the new year.
- The **First Communion celebrations that we had planned for April/May of 2020 unfortunately needed to be postponed. We hope to have those celebrations in late January of 2021**. We are working on finalizing a plan for how we can safely have these celebrations. **Further details and specific dates will be communicated later this year**. As for the next cohort planning to make First Communion in Spring of 2021, we will begin preparation early next year as well.
- Discussion around hot lunches – will defer until hear from the Board on food due to Covid
- Conversation around Kiss & Ride Safety – confirmed that more information needs to be through School Messenger and newsletters to inform parents and help at the Crosswalk; Amie and Angel will assist with this
- Members voiced their opinions of the current state of the school's bathrooms; further inquiry through Plant Services will be made to ensure this is looked into further along with other restoration projects; update on the gym mats also provided as we await further quotes
- Christmas fundraiser and Christmas festivities – decided to go with Vermeer's Garden Centre and Flower shop - The poinsettias / porch pots will be available for purchase starting on Thursday, November 12th and orders can be picked up the following day. The last day to order is Thursday, December 3rd with pick on Friday, December 4th

Purchases:

- Purchased 10 Chromebooks – fundraiser to continue raising money for technology in the classroom. – Vince will look into donating technology
- Purchased more laptops, two document camera and ceiling mounted short wave will be putting in a tech order
- Curriculum Connection/Mental Health & Well Being Support:
- Supports/Programs in Place for Restorative Practice
- Mental Health Referrals: Board Social Worker or Pathstone Mental Health Social Worker

Elementary Senator:

- **Meeting will be virtual**

D. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Focus for 2020-2021 Fundraising
- Subcommittees and sign-ups for next council meeting

E. **NEXT MEETINGS: November 17, 2020**

F. ADJOURNMENT: CLOSING PRAYER