



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 15, 2019**  
**Library Information Centre**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council, held on October 15, 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**

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	√		
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**

- September 17, JK/SK First Fluoride/SK Vision screening
- September 17, 18, 19 – St. Kateri Trip (Grades 7, 7/8 and 8)
- September 19 WE DAY
- September 23 Picture Day
- September 26 Soccer (boys/girls) @ Young's Sportsplex – Girls won first place
- September 29 – Gr.3 Rosary Distribution @ 11:30 a.m. Mass
- September 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- October 4 – Cross Country (10 finalists advance) to October 22 NCDSB Competition (rain date October 23)
- October 7 – Rosary Distribution for Grade 4 Students @ 11:30 a.m. Mass
- October 10 – Thanksgiving mass & 6:30 p.m. Parent First Holy Communion Mtg; Subway Day
- October 16 – Individualized Education Plans go home
- October 24 – Purple Shirt Day
- October 27 – Notre Dame Pilgrimage
- October 31 – JK to Gr. 3 Dress in Costumes in a.m. and participate in a parade and then JK/SK will visit Notre Dame Secondary School; Junior Students in the a.m. will go bowling. They can wear costumes if they wish (no capes/masks) and then orange/black day for the p.m.; Intermediates will be organizing a Halloween costume competition in the a.m. and then participate in fun activities decided by the Student Council in the p.m.
- Snack Program resumed September 23, 2019 and run by students and Thursday Popcorn Days
- Why information shared through SchoolMessenger is going into 'Junk Mail' ...looked into and parents have to accept the email; doesn't have anything to do with the school

**Changes Coming to our Outdoor Facility:**

- Implementation of The Recess Project by Dr. McNamara (more detail provided in Teacher's Report)
- Phys.Ed. Consultant (Chris McLean) visited on September 3/19 and October 11/19 – he is consulting with Dr. McNamara and Niagara Catholic regarding equipment to support the programming of The Recess Project

**Purchases:**

- Will purchase Epson Mounted Projector in 1/2M

- Library Furniture has been ordered

### Teacher's Report

- The Recess Project; George Gallo received training from September 25/19. Dr. McNamara also spoke to the 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 began – see letter attached that was sent home to all parents through School Messenger
- Snack Program resumed September 23, 2019 and is being run by students
- Wellness Wall will be up and running by end of this month
- Intermediate Teachers are working on an Informational Bulletin Board to provide places that they can 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) begins in November
- 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 – is underway
- 🍃 Project Recess – Resource Teacher Mrs. Alaimo attends for her first training session on Sept. 25/2019 led by Dr. McNamara
- 🍃 Mental Wellness Wall – new for 2019 school year formerly known as the Road to Emmaus
- 🍃 Clubs during recess time (Last recess of the day)
- 🍃 Holly Patches (James Durka –mentor text) New Quilting Club to donate blankets to the homeless shelter – run by new school librarian Sue Greco will begin in November... author visit for Michael Wade will be partnered with Holy Name (date TBD)

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### Parish Report

1. St.Kevins annual autumn hike will take place at St.John's conservation area on Sunday, October 20th 2019 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to celebrated together at the 5:00pm Youth and Family mass.  
Hike, Prayer Service and Refreshments (at conservation Area)  
FREE- donations to St Kevin's Food Pantry welcomed
2. There will be a Ministry Appreciation mass and social on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30. Mass at St.Kevin's church followed by a reception in the parish hall. All involved in ministry within the Parish are invited.
- 3 Sunday, October 27th Mark's the day for ND School 44th Annual Pilgrimage to walk in solidarity with those in the developing world.  
All are welcome. Registration is at 8:30am at ND, departure prayer at 9:00am, followed



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by the walk and Pilgrimage Eucharist at 1:00pm.

4. There is an online resource that provides Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families, and individuals explore their faith anywhere. It is called FORMED and it is a free resource requiring a sign-up.

1 Visit <https://formed.org/sign-up>

2. Find your parish/organization- type in "Parish Community of St. Kevin"

3. Enter name and email

• New Agenda Items- CSC members to share the following:

1. Chandra Collee re: intramural during lunch recess or running/walking club

2. Frances Notarianni - Martial Arts type activities for a school club with schedule of events

3. Kay Fisher and ways to reinvent "Gotcha Tickets" (deferred and will connect at next mtg.)

4. Laura White will provide a list of subcommittees for others to sign up for at the next council meeting and share hot lunches (Fundraising; Special Events i.e. Cookie Night, Paint Night, Family BBQ, Lunch Program, Policy, Special Education)

5. Christmas Social

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

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_p.m. adjourn October 15, 2019 meeting of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council.

#### **6. CLOSING PRAYER**

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**AGENDA & Minutes**

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1. Opening Prayer
2. Principal's Report/ Staff Report/Parish Report
3. Committee Members Feedback from September 2019 Mtg.
4. New Items:
5. Chalk Board Items to add to CSC next meeting

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