



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
September 29, 2020
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Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council, held on September 29, 2020 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by 2019—2020 School Year Co-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	Melanie Luciw	√		
	Angela Hamann	√		
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES		√		
Crystal Austen	austencrystal@yahoo.com	√		
Lisa Russell	lmruss08@gmail.com	√		
Lisa Ryan	lisaryan28@gmail.com			√
Angel Timmers	angelshalo77@hotmail.com	√		
Amie Clapp Vallee	Amiesugar@hotmail.com	√		
Melissa Timmers	messyme83@hotmail.com (Technical difficulty getting online)		√	
Laura White	fraserwhite7@outlook.com	√		
Matthew Terry	intelligentvagrant@gmail.com	√		
Vince Santostefano	vince@santostefano.ca (M.Solomon used the wrong email)		√	

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: n/a

Seconded by: n/a

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

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest :n/a

B. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Mrs. Solomon welcomed everyone to the first Catholic School Council Meeting of the 2020-2021 school year and thanked them for their interest, commitment and representing all families of the St. Kevin Catholic School Community
- Mrs. Solomon spoke to how blessed our Catholic School Community is to have such a passionate group of parents who work tirelessly for all students and our school community
- Introductions made, contact information, including e-mail addresses collected

C. ELECTIONS

- Mrs. Solomon read the purpose and role of the Catholic School Council
- Mrs. Solomon read the names submitted for Nomination to the 2020-2021 for St. Kevin Catholic School Council (CSC)

- Mrs. Solomon reviewed that our CSC By-Laws currently allow for a maximum of 30 parent members
- Therefore all Nominations were accepted and all parents were acclaimed as parent members of the 2020-2021 St. Kevin CSC
- Nominations were then accepted for the position of Chair of the St. Kevin CSC for the 2020-2021 school year; Amie Clapp Vallee and Angel Timmers put forth their name to co-chair as there was no other nominations brought forward
- **Congratulations to Amie and Angel who have been acclaimed as the Catholic School Chair for the 2020-2021.**

**D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (see report below)
STAFF and PASTORAL REPORTS (deferred until October)**

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

New Beginnings

- **September 18,2020 Fire Drill**
- **September 25, 2020 Practice Lockdown Drill**

Upcoming Events:

- **September 30 – Orange Shirt Day**
- **October 2020 – Holy Childhood Walk – October 23 with 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.**

Changes to Building:

- Drainage issue rectified with sod in place of the gravel
- Soil has been added to fill in holes in main yard but will need to be readdressed
- Awaiting for the installation of new basketball nets in the intermediate area

Purchases:

- Purchased 45 Chromebooks in June 2020 during Covid shutdown
- Will be purchasing more tech, (laptops, chromebooks, Epson Camera aka 'Elmos' and ceiling mounted short wave will be putting in a tech order for 4 labtops, 1 Epson mounted for classroom, 2 Document Cameras (Elmo), Chromebooks)
- Snack Program will resumes October, 2020 (Grab & Go)
- 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
 - 🌱 Mentorship Program – Grade 5 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 already underway

- 🌱 Continue lessons on flexible thinking, perspective taking and mindfulness by classroom teacher, CYW, Behaviour Resource Teacher, Education Resource Teacher and Principal
 - 🌱 Restorative Circles; Reparative Work with Peers supported by Classroom Teacher, ERT, Principal, and CYW and Mental Health Lead
 - 🌱 Collaboration with paraprofessionals (Board Social Worker/Board Mental Health Lead, Occupational Therapist)
 - 🌱 Recess Project and re-inventing the program during Covid 19 – Zones, Staggered Entries
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🌱 New Agenda Items:

E. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Things to do during outdoor recess
- Focus for 2020-2021 Fundraising
- More Student Voice, Responsibility and building self-confidence opportunities
- Subcommittees and sign-ups for next council meeting

F. **NEXT MEETINGS: October 20, 2020 6:00 pm**

G. **ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 pm (due to technical issues with the platform used)**

H. **CLOSING PRAYER**