



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 28, 2022
School library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council, held on September 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by T. Atkinson

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by T. Atkinson

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	T. Atkinson	√		
Chair				
Co-Chair	M. Bowker & S. Bays	√		
Teacher Representative	A. Felice	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	H. Humphreys	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
Stephanie Bays		√		
Melissa Bowker		√		
Kathleen Ciccotti			√	
Melanie Harris		√		
Breia Merla			√	
Marlies Nanninga		√		
Andrea Piché		√		
Sarah Veld		√		

Minutes of the Meeting taken by H. Humphreys

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by S. Veld
Seconded by A. Piché

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of September 28, 2022
CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.
(If conflict of Interest is declared please record)

5. Approval of Minutes – N/A

Moved by _____
Seconded by _____

THAT St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting.
CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS- Voting of Co-Chairs passed @ 6:11 pm by T. Atkinson

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

1. Policy Vetting Feedback

a. Privacy policy – okay for parents to email a teacher after hours, however teachers are not expected and are encouraged to not reply during their private time.

2. Catholicity

a. **N.C.D.S.B.:** Theological Theme – 2022-2026 Through prayer, reflection, sharing and with the endorsement of Bishop Bergie, there was consensus on the following theme to guide Niagara Catholic through the next four years: “Called by Name” 2022-2023 Called by Name: You are Mine 2023-2024 Called by Name: Hear My Voice 2024-2025 Called by Name: Follow Me 2025-2026 Called by Name: Go and Make Disciples

b. **Sacraments and Mass:** Fr. Rico and Fr. Stephen are communicating directly with the parish in regards to Sacraments. Information meeting for parents of students receiving First Reconciliation and Communion is on October 6 at 6 PM. The meeting for Confirmation Candidates and parents is on October 19 at 7 PM.

3. Student Achievement

a. **Math:** We are a Math-Up school. It is an excellent resource for the delivery of the Math curriculum. I will be monitoring the use of this in classroom.

b. **Using Data to Drive Assessment:** The staff and administration of St. Joseph are in the process of completing our Annual School Improvement Plan that will guide our educational direction throughout this coming school year. There will be four main foci for St. Joseph School for the 2022-23 academic year – Mathematics, Science, Technology and Reading. Our ERT recently received training on Empower which a procedural driven reading program.

c. **Technology in the Classroom:** We are looking to augment the technological equipment that we currently have at St. Joes to allow for the largest increase in student achievement. Currently we have a minimal ratio of 1 Chromebook per 2 students with a 1:1 in the intermediates classrooms.

4. School Climate

- a. **Open House/Meet the Teacher:** I believe the night went very well. Many parents commented on how nice it was to be back in the school. The staff had nothing but positive feedback on the night.
- b. **Terry Fox Walk:** On Friday, September 23rd, we took part in the annual Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research. All classes participated in the walk as we worked together to raise money for cancer research. Thank you for your continued support! As you know our goal was \$1,000 and if we reached it I would shave my head. Well as you can see we did in fact reach and surpassed our goal. We raised \$2,961.00
- c. **Hallowe'en:** This year we will be celebrating Hallowe'en on Monday, October 31. Students will come to school in their costumes. As has been the case every year, costumes that are intended to scare or have blood or weapons are not allowed. Halloween activities will be more theme based activities in the classroom. There can be no sharing of snacks or treats. We are looking at doing a Dance-a-Thon, with council support, at the school as a fundraiser. More info to follow.
- d. **Student Council:** We will be having our student council at St. Joseph's again this year. Ava Caldwell Gr.8 and Evan Dos Santos are our school senators. Their meeting is next, however they already approached me with some ideas. They have our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive up and running. We are working out the details for the dance a thon. They have plans for a Christmas Toy Drive and Hat & Mitten tree. They are planning a Advent Spiral Walk for December as well as an Electronics Recycling event in January.
- e. **Orange Shirt Day:** On Friday, September 30th, 2022 St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School will recognize National Residential Survivor Day. An email message will be sent out to invite everyone to wear their orange shirts. Web-links and activities have been shared with homeroom teachers. The school already has transformed over from Terry Fox to preparing for Truth and Reconciliation. Terry Fox \$\$
- f. Fall Food Drive, Dance-A-Thon, Christmas Food Drive, Electronic recycling in January
- g. A. Piché has access to indigenous speakers, learning crafts, etc. – Tim asked her to email him some ideas

C. OAPCE REPORTS (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) – N/A at this time

D. NCPIC- N/A

E. STAFF REPORTS – A. Filice – Great start to the year, even with the re-org this week, kids are settling in well

- a. Sports are a go this year, approx. 40+ students will be attending the XCountry meet at Southward Park then top 5 runners go onto the Board wide meet
- b. Volleyball TBA on start-up
- c. M. Nanninga – will info go home to parents so they know it is happening
- d. M. Bowker – how does XCountry choosing happen, A. Filice said that most of the students who are practicing are on the West Wing team

F. SUBCOMMITTEE SIGN UP

- a. Sub committees to form – Graduation – Melissa Bowker and Andrea Piché on June 27
 - i. Thursdays – Pizza Lunch – Sarah Veld to run it
 - ii. Opposite Thursday – Subway Lunch

Need to communicate to parents if volunteering in school or on field trips, need 1 police check then do declaration yearly. If you go to Niagara Falls Police Department – you may receive it same day

G. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Kiss & Ride > S. Veld; Early pick ups before 3:30 pm – how to navigate this – meet your kids at the bottom of the hill or park on Robinson and walk in or have older kids meet you. M. Bowker commented that the K&R is far better this year. Major consensus is that all is running well
- b. Fundraising > Fielding wines, all looked after and paid through School Cash Online – all delivered to the school by Fielding – 4-8 pm pick up by parents when wine arrives, put in alpha order
- c. Dance-A-Thon > Would parents be willing to help sell glow sticks, make popcorn, sell little finger black lights
- d. 12 Days of Christmas > sell tickets – go into a draw for \$100 or \$200 to a students who wins M. Bowker suggested we push it back to the new year – February?? As Christmas is a very expensive time for a lot of families
- e. A. Piché > Football Game Squares type game
- f. Trivia Night?? Lots of work, possibly too much for one year, think for next year

H. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

- a. Fundraising Ideas and planning for the year
- b. Fun Fair in June
- c. Agenda items one week prior

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by T. Atkinson – Hail Mary

J. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the September 28, 2022 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.