



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

February 8, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer –
2. Roll Call – J. Romano, L. Rosano, B. Lambert, F. Conidi-Martin, V. Hantziagelis, S. Orsini, S. Salvo-Teutenberg, K. Zahn, B. Wales, A. Attree, N. Spadafora, A. Spadafora, Regrets: Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Lyachovics
3. Approval of the Agenda – A. Attree, F. Conidi-Martin
4. Disclosure of Interest – None

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT–

- Bi-laws/policy Annual Review –
 - Student Trustees Policy (100.4)
 - Student Senate Policy - Secondary (100.6.1)
 - Student Senate Policy – Elementary (100.6.2)
 - School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy (500.1)
 - Environmental Stewardship Policy (400.6)
 - Bottled Water Policy (701.5) - Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Policy (NEW)
 - The policies are also available [here](#).
- Please submit your feedback to anna.pisano@ncdsb.com by 12 p.m. on February 23, 2023
 - Was emailed to all CSC.
- Board's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, Called by Name: Listening, Learning, and Leading -
<https://niagaracatholic.ca/survey-information/>
 - Please fill out the Strategic Plan Feedback form if you choose to.
- Parent Involvement Memo 064 Catholic School Council Principal Profile 2023-2024 – Every year, there will be a profile for the principal to be completed. Characteristics that you are looking for in a principal.
- NCPIC Report – Next meeting – March 2, 2023 – There was a board presentation for decodable books. The board would like to eliminate reading levels and focus on decodable books. NCDSB is on board and the focus this year is on primary. May 3 – Parent faith formation. If you have any questions, you can send them to R. Attree and she can submit them on your behalf.
- OAPCE Report – Next meeting – February 8, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – The meeting is tonight. Here is the Zoom link.
 - Meeting Registration Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdeGurz0pGdJkADMqjFcHKzdO5EC3HWkp>
- SEAC Report – Next meeting: March 1, 2023 – Bethesda will now have a voice at SEAC. The Niagara Children's Centre have relaunched their website. If you are waiting for special services at home, NCC is trying to pick up some slack. Check out the website because they are offering a lot of supports for parents.
- Decodable Books – provide students with word attack strategies. Teachers are being in-serviced all year and we are investing money to update our library. Every book is decodable, providing you have taught the skills to read those books. We can still use leveled books, when students are ready.
- Niagara Nutrition Partners – Thank you to Mrs. Zahn, Mrs. Scodellaro and all our support staff. We have special needs students helping to deliver bins each morning and collect them at the end of each day. The bins are filled with apples, oranges, yogurt tubes, cheese strings and granola bars. Any school who uses NNP, have to give back. School has decided to sell tickets for "Pie in the Face". All staff have agreed to participate.
- Term 1 Report Cards – Week of February 13.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – At the request of Parent or teacher
- Numeracy and Literacy Resources – Syllasense for Decodable books, Building Fact Fluency Kits to build addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills, MathUP is continued to be used by staff, Lexia Resource to support Word study for Language.
- Pizza Days – Gino's Pizza starts tomorrow. All ordering is done on the website. There was an email contact sent out in messenger.
- Edu-Kicks Taekwondo – Tomorrow is our last day of Taekwondo. There will be a graduation ceremony on Saturday at the studio. Their philosophy is \$20 per student and the money goes right back to the kids. The money will be used for Physical Education equipment.
- Kindergarten Open House and Registration – Open house is this Monday, February 13 from 9 until 6:00 p.m.

- From the heART Gallery – On February 15, we have 3 students' art pieces that will be displayed at Seaway Mall to represent St. Vincent de Paul at the heART Gallery.
- Tutor in the Classroom – We have been fortunate enough to receive a tutor in the classroom from Brock University. This tutor has been trained by our numeracy coach in numeracy games to give students extra practice in developing additive or multiplicative skills. Each classroom teacher recommended two or three students to participate every Tuesday mornings and Thursdays all day. After a certain number of sessions, teachers can nominate new students to participate.
- Confirmation and First Holy Communion – First communion will be handled differently this year. Rather than all celebrating together at one mass, parents had the opportunity to sign up for a mass over the course of four weekends, which means the students will be celebrating their first holy communion with their family, and with students possibly from other schools as well. Also, all students receiving the sacrament of first communion and first reconciliation will also be invited for a retreat at the church hall in the weeks leading up to both sacraments. Most of the church and the school, and technically the parents as well are responsible for preparing the students for the sacraments whereas in the past, most of the preparation came from the school. This is a focus. Father Michael is very passionate about, and really wants to build the relationships between home and school and parish. Confirmation on the other hand will be celebrated as a class on a special evening with the Bishop at our Lady of the scapular church. April 27, 2023.
- Big Box of Cards Fundraiser – Big Box Fundraiser will start on Thursday, February 16th and run for three weeks until Thursday, March 9th. We will be sending home a box of 35 birthday cards with each family. The cost is 35 dollars per box and we are hoping that each family can sell a box or two or as many as possible for this profitable fundraiser. Each box sold results in \$11 back to the school. We had great success in previous years with this fundraiser and are hopeful for the same this year. The company is generous with the prizes and there will be a pizza party for the class with the highest sales. There is also an incentive for each family that sells three boxes to have their name in a draw for one of four \$25 dollar gift cards. Finally if we as a school can sell over 400 boxes, there will be a draw for a grand prize of a Samsung 8 inch tablet. We were also looking as a school to add some prizes to increase incentives. Our profits raised will go toward new technology for the students.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT – Food Days - \$6522 but we still have to pay food providers for this month. Grad Fund raiser - \$917; Fundraising General \$459, we still need to factor in Christmas.

D. STAFF REPORT –

- Board Chaplaincy Visit – We have been fortunate enough to have the board's chaplaincy team come meet with our students to offer workshops based on our faith. The last visit, the students learned about St. Vincent de Paul. During this visit, teachers are able to receive numeracy professional Development during the school day. We have had two sessions to date and they have both been a success.
- Mass with Father Michael – Father Michael has been coming in every other week to celebrate mass with all the students of St. Vincent de Paul. It has been so meaningful to celebrate mass as a community and as always, parents are also welcome to attend. February 16.
- Intermediate Boys/Girls Basketball Tournaments – Both the intermediate Boys and Girls participated in the Small Family of Schools Meet at St. Michael's High School. Both teams competed well. Coming up next is Handball for junior students and Badminton for Intermediate students.
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition – St. Vincent de Paul was able to send two participants from each Grade to the Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Competition at St. Michael's High School. Students first competed in their class and the top two or three students were sent to the gym where they had a shoot off with me officiating. We had one student that is moving on to the southern Ontario regionals to be held in Hamilton.
- Kids Helping Kids – Check out the February Calendar for Kids Helping Kids activities to get the students of St. Vincent de Paul involved in the fundraising for Niagara Children's Centre and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. We will be collecting money through Cash Online and we will be collecting loose change throughout the two weeks and will be celebrating events like French Carnival, Cozy Sweater Day and NBA 2Ball Challenge on Jersey Day.
- Clubs Update – Clubs at St. Vincent de Paul have been a huge success and will continue for the next little while. Some of the Clubs that are being offered are: Art Club, Board Games Club, Card Club, Robotics, Eco Club, and many more.
- Bell Let's Talk Day – On Wednesday January 25, 2023, St. Vincent de Paul recognized Bell Let's Talk Day with activities in the classroom and with our Child and Youth Worker relating to Mental Health.
- St. Paul Transition Meetings – Grade 8s have submitted their option sheets for high school and St. Vincent de Paul will be setting up transition meetings with the high school student success team to ensure all students have a successful transition to St. Paul high school. I will also be bringing students on some one on one transition visits for those students that require some extra attention.
- New Classroom - Beginning mid February, we will have the NCC and Bethesda taking over one of our classrooms. Students that have ASD in grades JK to 1 that are not ready for a classroom setting. They are from

both Niagara Catholic and District School Board. YMCA will be moved to Mrs. Sirianni's room before and after school. Currently it will run from now until August.

E. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- Beautification Committee – Let B. Wales know if you have any ideas once the snow is gone.
- Graduation Committee – Popcorn has started to sell today. There is only 23 students graduating. The students took a survey. They want pasta, bowling and laser tag. Mrs. Hantziagelis is in contact with Parkway Social. Council will be having a Pasta Night to fundraise for graduation. March 29 here at St. Vincent de Paul. There will be 2 seatings: 5:00 and 7:00. June 28 or June 26 (backup date) for graduation.
- Alternate Lunch Committee – We are using a variety of providers. Antipastos, Swiss Chalet, Subway. Club Italia will cater the event. There will be a takeout option as well. Mrs. Rosano will provide us with pricing.
- Fundraising Committee – Shrove Tuesday is February 21st. IHOP will be donating pancakes for all students. We are looking at a trivia night in May for adults only. Funraiser! Krispy Kreme – March 22nd will be the delivery date. The donuts will be sold \$12.00 a dozen. Easter Lily sales in April.
- Spirituality Committee – Mrs. Attree will come in and decorate for lent.

F. AGENDA ITEMS –

G. NEXT MEETING – April 5, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT – 6:40 p.m.

I. CLOSING PRAYER – J. Romano