

St. Andrew Catholic School Council

Monday, October 23, 2023

6:30 pm

1. Prayer

God, the source of every good gift,

You have called us together as servants to do Your will.

Grant us the light of Your Spirit

To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.

May we work together in harmony for the common good.

May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.

May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.

May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.

May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.

May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.

God of Love,

You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good.

May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

Amen.

2. Attendance

Mr. Kerho, Mrs. Dellasmirra (Teacher), Patricia Humphries (ECE)

Heidi McKenna (chair), Romya Kallidumbel Mohan, Kelsie Pietz, Collen McMillan,
Bella MacDonald

3. Fundraising – Epicure: Mrs. Ram has been contacted and looking at dates Nov 13-27 all orders in by Nov 28 in time for Christmas orders. Similar as last year. Cost is \$25/box, with \$10 back to the school

4. Principal’s Report

i) EQAO – Scores are below (we will look at other data – go through the Public website

Mr. Kerho explained and shared the results of the testing scores. Go to EQAO, then our school site, different categories to check for each Gr. 3, Gr 6. Explained each category including using technology at home, whether students like math which was lower than the provincial level but was higher being their favourite subject. Area of growth for SIP for how students view math, use a growth mindset.

Primary (31)	Province	Board	School
Reading	73	81	74
Writing	66	73	65
Math	60	66	58
Junior (21)	Province	Board	School
Reading	84	85	86
Writing	84	85	88
Math	50	52	76

ii) Nutrition Program: serving approximately 120/day for breakfast, plus we do snack, funding has not be received yet for this year, still to come as we are using last year’s funds

iii) Current policies under review

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5) review process.

To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

- [Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy 301.1](#)
- [Community Use of Facilities Policy 800.2](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. November 1, 2023

- [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6](#)
- [Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6](#)
- [Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. December 13, 2023

iv) Halloween at St. Andrew and our Danceathon-Tues Oct 31, raising funds for technology. Have raised \$773 so far a bit under our target of \$10 per student, renting a fog machine, dance, will be fun.

v) Sacraments and upcoming dates

Gr 2 Parent meeting Oct 30th 6:00 pm (at school), Nov 26th 11:00 am
Inscription Mass, 1st Communion @ 11:00 April 14th

Gr 8 Parent Meeting Nov 27th 6:00 pm, Jan 21st 11:00 am Inscription Mass,
Confirmation April 11th

vi) Rosary Apostolate-once a month

vii) Vaccine Clinic-successful

viii) Hot Lunches-had a mix up, was to be Subway this time but Subway did not get back to us, it will be pasta lunch this Friday

-question from parent, are the kids able to select type of bun as there may be some allergies or taste preference

ix) Ice Dogs – Nov 16th – Oh Canada, Pre game skate, tickets \$17 each

St. Andrew will be singing Oh Canada at the game, a choir will be starting here at school. There will be a pre-game skate opportunity, helmets needed for children 12yr and under

x) Parent / Teacher Interviews – November 22 3:30 – 6:30 pm

-looking into a digital calendar to sign up but there is a cost involved in using this method to scheduling interviews

Reports out Nov 13 in the portal

5. Financial Report-\$15 000 in technology purchased, needed to bring accounts down to \$0

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Financial Statement

Monday, October 23, 2023

	September
October <u>Board Generated Funds</u>	
School Council Supplies	300.00
300.00	

School Generated Funds

Fund Raising General	6 908.12
36.00	
Technology	(4 280.14)
0	
Hot Lunch	<u>11 455.43</u>
<u>1314.62</u>	
Total Funds available	14 083.41
1650.62	

6. Next Meeting date : Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 6:30 pm-scheduling change because there is a Gr 8 Confirmation meeting

Gr 7/8 off to see football game at ND

Track and Field with Mrs. K, we placed 2nd overall in small schools.