



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. THERESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Therese Catholic School Council, held on September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m by Mrs. Turcotte – Principal will chair the meeting until a new chair has been elected.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by M. Turotte

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliation	Present	Regrets	Absent
Morgan Cooper	Past Chair - 2022-2023	X		
Melissa Turcotte	Secretary/Treasurer-Principal	X		
Laura DiBartolomeo	Teacher Representative	X		
Stacey Flagg	Non-Teaching Representative	X		
Katie Sneek		X		
Stephanie Sherk		X		
Dorothy Murtaugh		X		
Kelly Serniak		X		
Laura Cassan		X		
Kelly Kountouris		X		
Carlee O'Rourke		X		
Jade Nevar			X	
Laura Brennan			X	
Susie DiBarolomeo				

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Dorothy Murtaugh
Seconded by Stacey Flagg

THAT the St. Therese Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Therese Catholic School Council Meeting of September 19, 20223

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

The following members declared that they are employees of Niagara Catholic; Dorothy Murtaugh is an Educational Assistant at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

B. PRESENTATIONS

- Welcome by the principal – Mrs. Turcotte reviewed the nomination forms with the council.
- Reviewed & sent pdf of role of CSC and its members - advisory council
- Review School Council By-Laws (2017), Catholic School Council Board Policy and Code of Ethics
- Focus for the School Year - Student Leadership Framework, continuing to rebuild the School Community, continue our theological theme - Called By Name - Hear God's Voice
- Electing a Chairperson (Chairperson will chair the rest of the meeting) - Call for nominations to be Chair or Co-Chairs of the Council (do it three times) - Morgan Cooper and Katie Sneek were elected as co-chairs of CSC for the 2023-2024 school year.

C. LIST OF SUBCOMMITTEES

1. **Faith Formation** - need a parish rep for council Dorothy Murtaugh volunteered. We are awaiting the appointment of our new parish priest.
2. **Fundraising Opportunities** - Costco Pies We are exploring possible local options for pies as Betty's is unable to accommodate us this year. Carlee will contact Pie Guys, Mrs. Anderson will contact La Dolché, Kelly K will contact Sophia Sweets Cafe and Mrs. Flagg will follow up with Half Baked. All information will be shared back with Mrs. Turcotte to determine who will supply our Thanksgiving pies this year. Halloween Dance-a-thon huge hit with the students last year, raise almost \$6000, need to purchase more novelty glow items, lots of glow sticks left but students wanted to purchase multiple "fun" items as well. Student council will continue to provide the set up with help from the Spirit Squad. Parent volunteers will be requested to support the sale of glow items and food items. Big Red Fundraiser was a great success again last year, raising \$4000. we will repeat this again in May before the long weekend. We discussed using Tendercuts but since their meat is from Big Red, their price point is higher., Wine again? We will follow up with Laura B friend from last year to see if this is an option for us again this year. This fundraiser gave us just under \$800. May push the date back further away from the Dance-a-thon to elevate money spending for families. Advertise what is available at the meet the Staff night and then pick up orders at the Gingerbread House night. Bench Brewery? Gift Card Raffle for Camp Medeba - Grade 8. Repeating this Grade 8 Fundraiser again this year - very successful for our Grade 8 students -

greatly reduced the cost of the trip. Will do it in the month of April again. We will possibly look into a LeMaze Meat draw (similar to the Optimist Club) - this fundraiser has done very well for the Optimist Club but is dependent on a donation from them. They did donate \$500 to our Nutrition Program Last year.

3. **Food Days** - Thanksgiving Luncheon (October 5th)Lakeshore will do our potatoes, Tendercuts will do our turkey. We will request donations from each grade for the remainder of the food and will ask for parent volunteers to support the cooking and distribution of food., Belmont Pizza, PC Italian Club Pasta, Archie's Subs and Pita Pit. Every Thursday with Pasta on the last Tuesday of the month. Research into Hot Dog Day, Taco Tuesdays and a possible French Fry Day for this school year.
4. **Community Building** - Spring FestJune 6th - similar format to last year - will discuss at future meetings., Ice Dogs Game finalizing the details - looking in November., Meet the Staff Night October 5, same format as last year, Gingerbread House Night December 12th same format as last year. We will look to add additional community events from January to April - possible movie night for example.

D. CHAIRS REPORT

1. Welcome to 2023-2024 CSC
2. Overview of our CSC
3. Volunteer Opportunities for parents outside of council.

E. PRINCIPAL REPORT

1. **Additional Kinder Classroom Support** - due to our high enrolment in Kindergarten - 49 in total, we have a second ECE - Mrs. Farnsworth who has joined Mrs. Picton's class.
2. **Food Days** - continuing with 1/week (Pizza, Archies, Italian Hall, Pita Pit)
3. **School Needs - (school budget and fundraising)**
 - a) Sound System in the gym \$12,000 raised so far.
 - b) 5-10 Chromebooks to replace damaged/no longer serviced and to put more in Kinder
 - c) One teacher computer
 - d) Replacing Black Boards with White Boards in more classrooms
 - e) LCD or possible smart board in additional classroom.
4. **Halloween** - Tuesday, October 31st
 - a) Dance-a-thon in the gym (pledges)
 - b) parents to sell glow sticks, photo booth, sell snacks
5. **Beautification of school**
 1. Parking Lot and Sidewalk Complete
 2. Next Capital Project will be the front of the school and main offices
 3. Completed Last School Year: Intermediate Hallway Painting and restoration of benches, Kindergarten Playground, Graduation Wall Creation, Classroom Doors Painted, Main Hallway - Painting of brown brick to white, Catch the Spirit Award Wall.

F. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT –

- a) **NCPIC** - Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (elected position at the board level)
Coming soon.

- b) **SEAC - Special Education Advisory Committee**
- c) **OAPCE - Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education** Stephanie Sherk volunteered for this role.

G. STAFF REPORT - L. DiBartolomeo updated us about the four pillars, student council, cross country and our Intermediate Soccer Team finishing in 4th place.

H. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

I. NEXT MEETING DATE - Nov. 28, Feb. 27, May 14 - 6:00pm

J. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by - Dorothy Murtaugh
Seconded by - Kelly Kountouris

THAT the September 19, 2023 meeting of the St. Therese Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED :

This meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

CLOSING PRAYER: M. Turcotte