



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. THERESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council, held on Oct. 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by the Principal, J. Lennox.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by J. Lennox

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Secretary/Treasurer	Jay Lennox	✓		
Chair	Katie Sneek	✓		
Teacher Representative				
Non-Teaching Representative	Cheryl Stivoric		x	
Student Representative				
Parish Representative				
Community Representative	Morgan Cooper	✓		
OAPCE Representative	Chris Saliba	✓		
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Susie Dibartolomeo			x	
Janette Dimond		✓		
Dorothy Murtaugh		✓		
Kandy Pruyn			x	
Chris Saliba		✓		
Ashley Vanderveen			x	
Jennifer Vince			x	

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by M. Cooper
Seconded by D. Murtaugh

THAT the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council Meeting of Oct.1.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Conflict Interest**

N/A

5. **Approval of Minutes of the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council Meeting of June, 2020**

Moved by K. Sneek

Seconded by D. Murtaugh

THAT St. Thérèse Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council Meeting of June 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS – No Presentations

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK – 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

- Dress Code - Secondary Uniform Policy (302.6.6)
- Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy (302.6.10)
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7)
- Accessibility Customer Service Policy (800.8.1)
- Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)

Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by 4:00 p.m. October 9, 2020

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Lennox

1. **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report** – shared as an email attachment to all council members.
2. **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report** – no report
3. **Catholic School Council Financial Report** - Fundraising money has gone to purchasing technology. Efforts of council have contributed to purchase 21 new chrome books that go directly into classrooms.
4. **Nutrition Program** – St. Thérèse was one of ten schools that have launched their nutrition program. We continue to be supported by Niagara Nutrition Partners. We have needed to modify very little, as our distribution of food almost completely fit with Public Health mandates for safer practices.
5. **EQAO** – There is no EQAO assessments this school year.
6. **Thanksgiving Food Drive** – Council supports a virtual food drive through School Cash On-Line. The school will not collect food this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.
7. **Fundraiser ideas** – Council shared many ideas to replace the traditional fundraising that cannot happen this school year. Ideas such as collaborating with a local winery, selling gift cards, and our traditional poinsettia sales were discussed. More details are needed before a final decision is made. The fundraiser will take place in early November. Poinsettia sales will happen as it normally would.

E. OAPCE REPORTS – No report

F. STAFF REPORTS – Lennox

- a. COVID-19 Measures** – The school has implemented new safety measures to help keep staff and students safer at school. Many more hand-sanitizing stations are available, with one in every classroom. Limits to visitors and keeping them physically distant. Ensuring that staff and students comply with mask policies. Placing markers in the halls to minimize contact points. Assigning specific sinks, stalls, and urinals to specific classrooms. As well, we have students in very clearly marked outdoor spaces to reduce students in different cohorts to be in contact.
- b. Spirit Wear** – Spirit Wear will be virtual through Maddalena Uniforms. They were a spirit wear provider last year and did a good job of providing good value to our families.
- c. School Pictures** – We have agreed to work with Lifetouch again this year. They will be in contact with the board as to when they can begin taking photos. Details will follow once they are finalized and approved by the board.
- d. Thanksgiving** – Thanksgiving lunch has been cancelled this year. Council shared ideas as to how best to replace this for students. It was decided that council would look into purchasing gourdes or pumpkins for students. Teachers would allow student time to write what they are thankful for to share with their families over Thanksgiving.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Fundraiser**
- b. Poinsettia**
- c. Spirit wear**

H. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday October 27, 2020 (virtual)

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by J. Lennox

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Cooper

Seconded by C. Saliba

THAT the Oct. 1st meeting of the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

