



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING Via Google Meet**

Tuesday September 28, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Ms. Spadafora - Principal will Chari until one is elected

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer led by Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Present		Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	x		
Mrs. M. Ruggi Dietsch	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary	x		
Mrs. R Mancuso	Teaching Representative	x		
Mrs. C. Leo	Non-Teaching Representative	x		
Parent Representatives				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	gabbybianco@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Erika Allen	erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca	x		
Mrs. Lidia Romeo	lidia.romeo@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Diane DeProphetis	diane@stormhairgroup.com			x
Mrs. Amy Tiller	amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com	x		
Mr. Joseph Sorrenti	joe_sorrenti@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Nicole Cairnie	nikki_faulker4@yahoo.ca	x		
Mrs Daniella Anders	daniellemanders@gmail.com			x
Mrs. Shaeleen Digirolamo	digirolamo@cogeco.ca			x
Mrs Alexandria Attire	mrandmrs.attire@gmail.com	x		

Mrs Suzanne Anderson	sanderson@niagarafalls.ca	x		
Mrs Teresa Stransky	teresastransky@gmail.com	x		
Mrs. Angela Caceres	amcjaramillo@yahoo.com	x		
Mrs Mary Karagiannis	homelightingorders@hotmail.com	x		

3. Approval of the Agenda Mrs. Karagiannis Motion to approve the existing agenda by
Seconded: Mrs. Allen

4. Disclosure of Interest Mrs. Allen, Mr. Sorrenti, Mrs. Tiller indicated they are employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as teachers.

5. Approval of the Minutes

B. Presentations

- Welcome by the principal – Ms. Spadafora reviewed the nomination forms with the council.
- 1. Loretto Catholic By-Laws & CSC Policy Review
 - CSC is an advisory committee - it is to support and assist with our NCDSB mission and vision as we as promote our entire school community
 - By-Laws from last year were emailed to all present. We have **14** current CSC members present and that means we need **8** for Quorum. Quorum is 50% plus 1. Other parents are allowed to attend other meeting but unable to vote on any item
 - 4 meetings throughout the year
 - Mrs. Karagiannis nominated Mrs. Attree. No other nominations. Electing a Chairperson (Chairperson will chair the rest of the meeting) -Mrs. Attree was acclaimed. If there are agenda items they will need to be brought forth to Ms. Spadafora and Mrs. Attree two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Principal Report

1. **Health & Safety Protocols / School Re-Opening Plan**
 - Morning entrance - continues to work- families have been asked to wait until 8:35 - we have staff at the KSD parking area to help support not intersecting with two schools
 - We continue to follow the recommendation of Public Health
 - Recess/lunches- by grades therefore masked
 - Areas are identified for grades
 - Equipment is per class for outdoor use
2. **CSC Dress Code Support**
 - We have lots of items that have been donated
 - We have donated some to other school who were in need as well
 - Both Spirit wear and Grad hoodies are available online

- T-shirts which were intended for gym use have become like dress code- we will slowly go back to collared shirts daily and on Spirit days and/or gym (once we can change again) they can wear their T-shirts. We will not be selling the T-shirts for this year - we will begin to inform students- only awareness for now

1. Welcome: To Mrs. S. DeProphetis (ECE) , Mr. J. Simac (EA), Miss. J. Derda- Gr 1 , Mrs. M. Marano and Mr. T. Dosa- Gr 2, Mrs. S. Hayward- Gr 2½ Mrs. D. DeProphetis & Mrs. S. Pillitteri Gr ¾ , Mr. A. Jones- pm Gr 5, Gr 6//7 Mrs. L. Stanbridge and in Gr 7/8 Mr. E. Van Wissen

2. Faith Theme: Climbing Mountains Together in Faith

3. Fire Drills/Hold & Secure/Lockdown: Emergency procedures are in place and practiced in all Niagara Catholic schools throughout this school year. We continue to be required to conduct 6 fire drills and 2 hold & secure / lockdown drills each year. This year during our Fire Drills and Hold & Secure, students will remain physically distanced within their environment and classrooms and we will continue to follow both school and provincial health guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

4. Terry Fox Walk: Loretto Catholic once again supported cancer research through 'walking' for Terry Fox. Our teachers shared information and videos of Terry Fox's journey. Students and staff walked through the neighborhood on September 28, 2021. We reached our goal of \$1000.

5. Orange Shirt Day- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- activities planned as a school and in classroom- selling a limited number of orange shirts- partial cost is donated to Save the Evidence- to help rebuild the residential school - we are looking to activities to continue to acknowledge monthly

6. Chromebook Purchases: An additional 25 Chromebooks for student use. The Board purchased and supplied us with 25 laptop computers- All computers have been distributed in classes.

7. Halloween: On Friday, October 29, 2021 the students of Loretto Catholic School will be celebrating Halloween. This day will be designated an alternate dress day and students may wear black and orange. No make-up or Halloween masks. Students will come to school dressed in costume and change before first recess. Like last year, parents will not be permitted within the school. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, there will not be a parade again this year. As per our reopening plan & Nutrition Policy and the many allergies, parents are asked not to send any Halloween treats for the class as they cannot be shared with other students.

Discuss costumes for next year - black and orange only -Fundraiser - Dance a thon next year- Mrs. Stransky, Mrs. Romeo, Mrs. Karagiannis and Mrs. Attree all agreed with the idea. This would only be the case if Covid was not a concern.

Possible Fundraiser- Big Box Cards - can be done virtually. Has not been done since 2018. Mrs. Attree stated that many parents are already asking for this fundraiser. Ms. Spadafora and Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch will look into this fundraiser.

Upcoming Events:

Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30; Rowan's Law Day Sept. 30; Picture Day Oct. 4th; Holy Childhood Walk Oct. 15th; Halloween Oct.29.

E. OAPCE REPORT (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)- NA

F. STAFF REPORT – Niagara Nutrition Partner Grant

- Mrs. Leo explained the program that began this year as of Sept 21- fresh fruits, muffins, oat bars etc. - Look at allergies and chose products tht are diary, egg, peanut etc. free
- We have added to cash online - for parents if they would like to donate to help sustain it throughout the year
- Each class has a bin with tongs for staff to distribute
- There will be an audit this year in October.

H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Mrs. Attree asked if there were any items that were still needed for fundraising goals. Ms. Spadafora stated that NCDSB did an exceptional job purchasing programs for our students across the board. Knowledgehook, MathUP, Raz Kids, DreamBox, Lexia, Empoweretc. There is a focus on Mental Health. We continue to talk about Zone of Regulation to help students regulate and build strategies to help them cope. Mr. Sorrenti suggested possibly levelled books. Mrs. Mancuso suggested talking to teachers within the divisions to ask what might be needed such as Rainy day activities.

Lunch days: Ms. Spadafora stated that we are waiting on further instructions and guidelines from Public Health and the Board.

Mrs. Griffiths asked if parents would be able to donate games for classes. Ms. Spadafora stated that would be possible and we can look at it.

Mrs. Caceres asked if we are taking donations of Dress Code items. Ms. Spadafora stated that we have an abundance of Dress Code at this time but we are in need of size 5 & 6x. Possible of donated to a sister school in need.

Mrs. Caceres asked how many students at Loretto Catholic. Ms. Spadafora stated between 465 - 470.

I. **NEXT MEETING:** Nov 30, Feb 23, May 25 - 6:00 virtual - unless restrictions change

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Karigiannis motioned to Adjourn the motion was seconded by Mrs. Attree 7:15 pm

K. **CLOSING PRAYER-** Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch