



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
Tuesday November 29, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ms. Spadafora -

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer led by Mrs. Hastings

**2. Roll Call**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>	Present		Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	X		
Mrs. J. Hastings	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary	X		
Mrs. R Mancuso	Teaching Representative	X		
	Non-Teaching Representative			
<b>Parent Representatives</b>				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	<a href="mailto:gabbybianco@hotmail.com">gabbybianco@hotmail.com</a>	X		
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**3. Approval of the Agenda** - Motion to approve the existing agenda by M. Karagiannis  
 Seconded: A. Tiller

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

**5. Approval of the Minutes** - First: D. DeProphetis Second: A. Malvaso

**B. Presentations- none**

**C. Policies For Vetting**

Mrs. Spadafora presented: 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 [Student Trustees Policy 100.4](#) Please submit your feedback to **Anna Pisano by December 21, 2022 - 12:00 p.m.**

Principal Report: Mrs. Spadafora shared the following:

- **Sub committee - Food Days - Pizza** - - raised approx.- each category has over \$1000 so far in revenue, possibly soup in the new year for Swiss Chalet
- 1. **Dance a thon** -raised \$5000- to be used for purchase of new sports jerseys and replacement of technology
  - selling Christmas Canteen - snacks like dance a thon same price- \$1-2 after lunch
- 2. **December** - Cookie Day, Popcorn
  - Student Council will be running activities in Dec with students
  - **Project Share** - J.Hastings shared updates,competition between the classes, highest wins a class pizza lunch
  - CGE updates:Mrs. Hastings shared the display in the front foyer displaying teachers celebrating holy sacraments, students will guess who they think they are, winner announced on announcements.
- 3. **Gingerbread night**- 32 families so far have purchased - have reopened school cash online, sent a School Messenger to see if they want to purchase and send kit home - additional purchase of 16 kits as of Dec 6

- table cloths from dollar store
- hot chocolate donated- need cups
- clean up by volunteers and custodian of tables and sweeping, Mrs. Tiller and L. Romeo
- Greeters for front door- Student council assisting

### **Mental Wellness**

- **Holy Childhood** - raised over \$231.15
- **#project plaid** - Nov 24th - great success - posters around the school, announcements from students \$355.00
- **November** - All Saints/All Souls- vibrant coloured hearts on display in front foyer- every morning we keep those intentions in our prayers
- **CYW**- Mental Health - Zones of Regulation- noticing lots of body contact and inappropriate play outside- not as collaborative- using Social Skills lessons
- **Nike**- Tuesdays- funds received paying for curling lessons in the gym \$500.00
- **Curling** - sponsored by Ontario Farmers

**Liturgies**- weekly through Advent led by various classes- have 3 masses booked at church through year for whole school as well as Sacramental masses for gr 2 and 8

- Shrove Tuesday- discussed the difficulty with making so many pancakes and how some students weren't able to receive them until the afternoon in the past. Possibly looking at purchasing the pancakes premade and ready to serve

**Simulated Lockdown** - went well under 5 minutes

**Yearbook**- cover contest design in Jan

- info in the newsletter - on cash online from Dec- March- published and delivered to students in June
- Adm will do the composite side per class and teachers will complete collage
  - teachers have been reaching out through Sept-Dec about consent that were not completed or said “:No” as they will not be included in yearbooks as it is a form of media
  - cost increased slightly to \$22.00- \$25.00

### **Fundraisers**

- Fundraiser outline: Mrs. Spadafora went over the events for the year, some are to promote family togetherness and therefore not a fundraiser but there are 3 major fundraisers this year.
- Council suggested having a Loretto Catholic Purse Bingo instead of the gift card raffle, held in spring, invite would go out to parent community, council suggested to look for purses on sale after Christmas for this fundraiser, meeting in January TBA to discuss this particular event
- Grad- updates- fundraiser Krispy Kreme fundraiser partial to go towards assisting in subsidizing costs - approved by council

**Parking lot safety** -included in newsletters monthly- concerning as cars are moving fast- parking in kiss n ride, backing up as students are crossing

Feedback/ Suggestions

- lines painted to indicate individual spots for kiss and ride
- parents expressed a concern on the KSD side cross walk as they do not have supervision
- Suggested that only Kinder students be dismissed at the front and Grades 1-8 out the back area
- Council expressed an improvement in the overall safety on the Loretto Catholic side in the kiss n' ride last year and present.

### **Academics**

**EQAO** - discuss and goals we are working on with staff

- Math- new baseline of data
- All completed on computers
- Classes use MathUp daily and Knowledge hook and Building Fluency
  - Staff receiving PD on PD Day and through Chaplain visits in the day

**Updates-** Secretary computers replace - no cost to school

- Dress code - discussion: possibly trying Front Row for Sept - logos are different- try to be consistent
  - they say a two week turn around date from ordering
  - use of Under Armour
- purchase of sports jersey- - Dance a thon to cover costs

**E. OAPCE REPORT (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)-** Mrs. Griffiths sent out the newsletter from OAPCE to the parents

**F. STAFF REPORT – Mrs. Mancuso-Tropea presented:**

- Math Up K-8-Knowledge Hook Gr 3-8
- Primary focus on the Science of Reading- Heggerty program K-2, HD Tiles and Math Up
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**G. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: none**

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**H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

**Upcoming Events: Dec 14th Gingerbread night, student council greeting at the door**

- Jan 12 & 13 - Curling
- Jan.26th Ice Dogs Family Skate and game

**I. NEXT MEETING: Feb 28, May 30 @ 6:00**

**J. ADJOURNMENT: motioned to Adjourn the motion was seconded by A.Tiller at 7:30 pm**

**K. CLOSING PRAYER- Mrs. Hastings**