



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Wednesday February 23 , 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Wednesday, February 23 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by A. Attree \_\_\_\_\_

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer**

The Land Acknowledgement and 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		
<b>Parent Representatives</b>				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	<a href="mailto:gabbybianco@hotmail.com">gabbybianco@hotmail.com</a>	X		
Mrs. Erika Allen	<a href="mailto:erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca">erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca</a>	X		
Mrs. Lidia Romeo	<a href="mailto:lidia.romeo@hotmail.com">lidia.romeo@hotmail.com</a>	X		
Mrs. Diane DeProphetis	<a href="mailto:diane@stormhairgroup.com">diane@stormhairgroup.com</a>	X		
Mrs. Amy Tiller	<a href="mailto:amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com">amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com</a>	X		
Mr. Joseph Sorrenti	<a href="mailto:joe_sorrenti@hotmail.com">joe_sorrenti@hotmail.com</a>			X
Mrs. Nicole Cairnie	<a href="mailto:nikki_faulker4@yahoo.ca">nikki_faulker4@yahoo.ca</a>	X		
Mrs Daniella Anders	<a href="mailto:daniellemanders@gmail.com">daniellemanders@gmail.com</a>		X	
Mrs. Shaeleen Digirolamo	<a href="mailto:digirolamo@cogeco.ca">digirolamo@cogeco.ca</a>	X		
Mrs Alexandria Attire	<a href="mailto:mrandmrs.attree@gmail.com">mrandmrs.attree@gmail.com</a>	X		
Mrs Suzanne Anderson	<a href="mailto:sanderson@niagarafalls.ca">sanderson@niagarafalls.ca</a>			X
Mrs Teresa Stransky	<a href="mailto:teresastransky@gmail.com">teresastransky@gmail.com</a>			X

Mrs. Angela Caceres	amcjaramillo@yahoo.com	x		
Mrs Mary Karagiannis	homelightingorders@hotmail.com	x		

S.Fabbro and F Magaro asked to be in the meeting

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

**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** - A. Attree, Seconded by A. Tiller

**B. Presentations**

Tanya Joseph- Student Council CoChair- Fun activities this year. Door Decorating, Read Christmas stories to the students in the school, Christmas Bingo, Kids Helping Kids campaign, tie dye day, red white and pink day, read books of love, Crazy Hair valentine’s edition, Pink shirt day, paper hearts where students record acts of kindness that they see and bring to the office each morning the messages are read to show how respectful and loving the Loretto Catholic students are. Catholic Graduate expectations will be explained and discussed on the announcements, backwards day and Kahoot day, Black History month

Ms. Spadafora thanked Tanya and Bianca, our Student Council for all that they are doing.

Mrs. Atree stated that the hearts are giving the students joy and that they are doing a great job engaging all our students.

**Sub committee - Food Days - Pizza** - a success - spoke to students - raised approx.- 1610.00

- Swiss Chalet - like the chicken fingers and fries option - spoke to students - raised approx- \$917.00
- We try to keep the prices reasonable. We will be introducing ice cream (vanilla and orange sorbet)
- Big Box cards- \$2486.00 15 additional Chromebooks were purchased and the other half of the money was put in by the school

**Chair’s Report -**

Mrs. Atree suggested that the Loretto Catholic School Council raise money for a new freezer.

Mrs. Tiller stated that it would be beneficial to ask the staff/school what is needed as they know the school

Ms. Spadafora will contact the Niagara Nutrition Program about a bigger freezer.

**NPIC- Presentations - NTIP and NCDSB Mental Health Goals**

- Mrs. Atree reported that they are working on ideas to get parents excited about math. They are working on a parent engagement night.

- Faith Formation committee led by Father Paul Sinog - Rome is asking parishioners and parents how we can get people back into regularly engaging in mass and our faith. There will be another parent engagement night planned. Dates will be shared.

**Principal Report**

## **Curriculum-**

Updates on EQAO- We have been notified that we will be completing the testing this year for Gr 3 & 6 – in May/June- it will all be on the computer

Student will begin working on sample questions and using tech to prepare

Math Up – aligns with the new math curriculum Ministry implemented last year- this is Year 2 for us

- Focus is on the 3 strategies to use with students in K-8

Dreambox- Gr 1-3 and KnowledgeHook- Junior/Int grades

- Language
- - Haggarty- K-I resources- focusses on phonemic awareness
- Lexia- 13 licenses- Gr 2-8 – self-directed computer program that provides lessons based on where they student scored in initial assessment
- Empower – 16 students Gr 4-6 work with our ERT for one hour a day
  - o Assists with reading gaps

Science – resources – purchased to support primary PTM teachers

Transition- Gr 8 course selection

Yearbook- we have so many contest entries – we will work with the student council and yearbook committee to choose the overall winner.

**Food days-** continues to get back in ordering for all food days

- Added ice cream- in March

Tech- ordered 15 more chrome book

- Moving forward looking purchasing Smart TV's in lieu of smart board

Snow shoes- classes had lots of fun – new experience for so many – students really enjoyed it

**Easter-** Fridays- stations of the cross – Grade 8 students will lead through a Google Meet with whole school

- Shrove Tuesday- tried to facilitate but could not- restaurant could not accommodate for the large numbers
- Ash Wednesday- school wide mass – distribution of ashes – sprinkle
- Reconciliation – March 3

- Communion – May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Confirmation – April 29

Kinder Open House - Feb 24 - 5:30

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

**F. STAFF REPORT –**

- Mrs. Mancuso-Tropea- students created thank you cards for the contractors that moved snow for us so that we could access the field and have more space on the black top
- Valentine’s Day cards were made by our students (en Francais) and delivered to the French Old Age Home
- Indegionous committee- monthly activities

**H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:** Mrs. Attree suggested that we discuss fundraising (indoor/outdoor vendor event), Mrs. Griffiths stated that she would like a fundraiser event but it is difficult with not knowing the restrictions, nature walk- with edible plants/ medicinal plants, some type of parent engagement

Mrs. Allen suggested a calendar sales of Gift Cards

Mrs. Spadafora stated that Student Council is talking about a “spring fling” dance- student council will sell glow sticks. She suggested hosting a Meet/Greet in the fall when we know for sure that there will not be any restrictions. At this time she would also like parent engagement and student engagement opportunities.

Mrs. Tiller stated that at her school they did a “Dance a thon” and the students loved it! Mrs. Mancuso-Tropea agreed that would be fun! Mrs. Cairnie, Mrs. De Prophetis and Mrs. Romeo all love this idea for the time being.

Mrs. Atree also suggest bringing in a Chef to engage parents on how to make a healthy meal.

Mrs. Griffiths proposed that we gather another time before May to discuss a possible additional fundraiser.

I. **NEXT MEETING:** May 25 - 7:10 pm virtual - unless restrictions change

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Allen motioned to Adjourn the motion was seconded by Mrs. Tiller

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