



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday May 7, 2024. 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on May 7th, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Mr. Romeo began with prayer

Roll Call – people in attendance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/ Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. J. Romeo	X		
Co-Chairs	A. Bocchinfuso A. Gagnon	X	X	
Teacher(OECTA) Representative	Mrs. A. Maloney Mrs. G. D'Amico	X	X	
Support Staff (CUPE) Representative	Mrs. A. Prohaszka	X		
Student Representatives	A. Prochownik A. Smith		X X	
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
M. Bartolini		X		
C. Canning				X
S. Gilson			X	
D. Lajeunesse			X	
K. Leitch			X	
S. Pitre		X		
K. Vig		X		

- 2. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by – K. Vig

Seconded by – S. Pitre

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of May 7, 2024.

CARRIED

3. **Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda. Mrs. Prohaszka has accepted a new position working within the Student Support Services Department out of the board office and was asked (and has agreed) to stay on as a member of the Sacred Heart CSC until the end of the school year.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council**

Moved by – A. Bocchinfuso

Seconded by – A. Prohaszka

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Meeting Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of February 5, 2024.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sacred Heart Student Council report – NONE

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – No Report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – No Report
3. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) – No Report
4. Catholic School Council Financial Statement – Just over \$9300 in General Fundraising and \$15600 in Protected Lottery account
5. Staff Report – No Report
6. NCDSB Policies – Vetting

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

- [Attendance Area Policy 301.3](#)
- [Equity and Inclusive Education Policy 100.10](#)
- [Leadership Pathways Policy 203.4](#)
- [Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy 100.7](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. May 29, 2024

A copy of the following information was shared by Mr. Romeo

CATHOLICITY

Mass Schedule:

Our next school Mass is scheduled for this coming Thursday May 9, 2024 at 9 a.m. May have to reschedule due to forecasted rain.

Sacramental Information:

Fr. Stuart has asked that any questions regarding the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation be directed to him.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Literacy & Numeracy:

EQAO – The provincially mandated window to conduct the annual EQAO Assessment is from May 8, to June 12, 2024 for the Primary and Junior. As indicated on our May calendar the Primary assessment, administered to all students in Grade Three will be done during the week of May 27th. The Junior assessment, administered to all students in Grade Six will be done during the week of May 21st. We thank those parents of students in Grades Three and Six for trying to avoid scheduling appointments during the school day during those week(s).

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Thursday May 9, 2024 Sacred Heart Art Show

We thank our Visual Arts teacher Mrs. Gignac for the work she is doing in each of our classes on the days she is with us. This work and the work being done by our students have led her to prepare for the first annual Sacred Heart Catholic Art Show. Art pieces have been collected by Mrs. Gignac from each class over this school year and highlight the techniques she has been teaching to fulfill curriculum expectations across grade levels. Each classroom has selected a time to go and view and it will also be open to parents from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. The location is our school gym.

Thursday May 16, 2024 PASTA DINNER

We will also be having a Pasta Dinner with proceeds going to offset the cost of Gr. 8 Graduation and year-end trip on Thursday May 16 at the Chippawa Firehall. It will follow a similar format as it did last year. Orders are due using School Cash Online this coming Friday May 10, please spread the word to help support our Grade Eight Graduates.

Thursday June 6, 2024 Family Funfair and BBQ

A return to a traditional Funfair and Family BBQ is happening on June 6 (after we had to cancel last year due to Wildfire smoke..). We are excited to have this community outing for the Sacred Heart Stars Catholic School Community.

Clubs & School Sports Update:

We thank Mrs. Duchesne for leading our Art club. This takes place twice per week in the School Library for students who signed up. We have members of the Catholic Women's League from Sacred Heart Church coming in each Tuesday for the month of May leading a Rosary circle as May is one of the month's devoted to Mother Mary.

We had a very successful Track and Field Day on Monday May 6. We thank ALL staff and students for their hard work, good sportsmanship and excellent effort to make this day such a success. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Muraca for organizing the Primary Track events at Sacred Heart and Mr. CuvIELLO for organizing the Gr. 4-8 meet at Oakes Park and for ALL staff, whether they were at Sacred Heart or at Oakes Park for ensuring the day was a great success for our students.

Upcoming Activities / Sports – Track and Field (Niagara Falls Family of School Meet) – Tuesday June 4, 2024 @ Oakes Park. Based on how students do at that meet, some may qualify to represent Sacred Heart and the Niagara Falls Family of Schools at the Board championship meet on June 13 at the Niagara Olympic Club in St. Catharines.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – Updated and posted on school website
2. Community Outreach –
3. Fundraising – Gr. 8 Pasta Dinner – Thursday May 16, 2024 @ 5 p.m.
4. Graduation –
 1. **Date:** Thursday June 20, 2024
 2. **Location:** St. Michael Catholic High School
 3. **Dinner:** to follow the ceremony at Betty's Restaurant
5. Hot lunches/milk –
6. Safe Schools –
7. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) –

E. PREVIOUS BUSINESS –

1. School Signage (Gym Door Wrap) **If you haven't already done so, please take a look at the new door wrap that is now complete and was done by Digital Graphics.**

2. Kindergarten Open House Recap Took place back in February and was well attended by just over 20 families, some of whom had already registered and some who were still looking. We currently have 28 JK students registered for next September.

F. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Spring Fun Fair Confirmed for Thursday June 6, 2024
2. Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night (Last week of May? Or First week of June??)
3. Fundraising Ideas for next year??? Start the discussion...

Fun Fair:

- BBQ
- Inflatables: Niagara Inflatables
- Basket Themes - Due to classroom teachers May 31st, 2024
- Games
- Grade 8's to think of games and to make posters
- Creekside to sell ice cream and provide snow cone machine
- Volunteer Sign up for food/snack distribution

Fundraising:

- Ideas: Krispy Kreme, Fielding Wines, It's a Beer,
- West Jet Flight - Push to 2025-26 school year as we will follow through with Purse Bingo
- Purse Bingo - Fall
- Grade 8 - Pasta Dinner
- Decision for 2024/25 School Year fundraising: Purse Bingo, Krispy Kreme, Fielding Wines

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –

H. NEXT MEETING – Looking to do a CSC Social, mid June location TBD

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by – M. Bartolini

Seconded by – G. D'Amico

THAT the meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm

CLOSING PRAYER