



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday February 5, 2024. 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – Staff Room**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on Monday February 5th, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

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

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- 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		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		

- Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by – K. Vig

Seconded by – K. Leitch

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

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

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

Moved by – A. Gagnon

Seconded by – S. Pitre

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Meeting Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of November 14, 2023.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sacred Heart Student Council report –

We are excited to be leading our annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign this year. We have met with Mrs. Colavecchia and Mrs. Beswick to plan out events and / or theme days for our campaign. They were communicated in the school calendar and the newsletter for the month of February and there will be a reminder email sent out by Mr. Romeo to families before Feb 12.

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 – Included in Principals Report**
- 5. Staff Report – No Report**
- 6. NCDSB Policies – Vetting**

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

- [Code of Conduct Policy 302.6.2](#)
- [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy 800.7](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. February 21, 2024

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

CATHOLICITY

Lent:

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Liturgical season of Lent where we not only look at what we can “give up” during the 40 days but also what we can do for others. Almsgiving is an important trait to teach and explain to students so they are aware that they can be of service to others by helping out more and not expecting something in return as Christ did for us. Fr. Stuart will be coming to Sacred Heart on Wed. Feb 14 in the afternoon for the distribution of ashes and a short student-led liturgy will be prepared.

Sacramental Preparation:

We are awaiting word from Fr. Stuart on the dates for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Fr. Stuart has indicated in the past that sacramental preparation and registration will be handled by the church. I recommend any parent interested in having these sacraments done this year to contact the church.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Literacy & Numeracy:

Both Literacy and Numeracy skills continue to be a focus of the staff at Sacred Heart Catholic as it pertains to student achievement. As we continue to implement the consistent use of Board wide purchases such as MathUP Classroom for Teachers and MathUP School for administrators, as well as Knowledgehook that strives to help identify specific learning areas where students may not be achieving to grade level and provide staff with relevant and timely data (including teacher resources) to address misconceptions and errors. Staff are encouraged to utilize pedagogical practices that best reach students where they are at and move them to progressing forward in their acquisition of Literacy and Numeracy curriculum expectations.

Our next PA Day (Friday Feb 16) will continue to include professional development opportunities for our staff in Literacy and Numeracy along with a Virtual Keynote speaker in the area of Equity and Diversity as well a presentation on Student Violence Prevention and Reporting.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Grade 8 Grad Pictures:

Our Graduating Gr. 8 students will be having their Grad photos taken on Friday Feb 23rd.

Clubs & School Sports Update:

The end of January featured our Girls and Boys Basketball team members traveling to St. Paul Catholic High School for the Niagara Falls Family of Schools tournament. We thank Mrs. Bender and Mr. Capacchione for coaching and for our students who were fantastic representatives of Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary.

The next school sports take place in March and are Junior Girls and Boys Handball as well as Intermediate Girls and Boys Badminton.

We also thank Mrs. Duchesne for leading our Art club. This takes place twice per week in the School Library for students who signed up. Currently the schedule consists of students in Grades Four and Eight on Tuesday and students in Grades Five, Six and Seven attending on Thursday.

Mrs. Manders and Mrs. Lococo will also be heading up a Chess and "Rubik's Cubers" club as we move into the latter part of February and early March. More information will be provided to our students over the announcements very soon.

Kids Helping Kids Campaign:

Our Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. Colavecchia will be leading our Annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign. This year's campaign runs from Feb 12 – 23.

Monday February 12th – Jersey Day. Wear your favourite team jersey!

Tuesday February 13th – WE CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY TODAY! Red White and Pink Day: Given that today is the day we are recognizing Valentine's Day, students are encouraged to wear Red, White and Pink.

Wednesday February 14th – ASH WEDNESDAY: The first day of the Liturgical Season of Lent. Students will be able to wear a PURPLE top as this is the liturgical colour of Lent, regular dress code bottoms please.

Thursday February 15th – Y2K Day: Dress in the style of the early 2000's!!!

Tuesday February 20th – Pajama Day & Board Game: Wear your comfortable pajamas to school on this day.

Wednesday February 21st – Wild Hair and "Cool" sock day!! Style your hair in a "wild" way and wear your "cool" funky socks! Regular Dress code day.

Thursday February 22nd – Colour Competition day! Each grade will be assigned a colour that they are encouraged to wear from head to toe!! Finalized list to be emailed out during the first week of February.

Friday February 23rd – Movie and Popcorn day. *Movies will be in the gym during Nutrition Breaks Popcorn will be made available for sale using School Cash Online. Being that this is the last Friday of the month, it will also be an out of dress code day. More information will be coming out regarding ordering information for popcorn, thank you!*

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – Updated and posted on school website
2. Community Outreach –
3. Fundraising – At this time only remaining Fundraising initiatives will be those organized by the Gr. 8 graduating class after the approval of school staff and under their supervision. **Gr. 8's will be selling popcorn again, 3 days per week starting in March.**

Looking at having a Pasta Dinner fundraiser (looking at second or third week of May) which will be run by the Gr. 8's.

4. Graduation –
 1. **Tentative Date:** Thursday June 20, 2024
 2. **Location:** St. Michael Catholic High School
 3. **Dinner:** to follow the ceremony and the location is TBD
5. Hot lunches/milk –
6. Safe Schools –
7. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – Bins will be starting within the month of February and will be placed in classrooms, refilled two times per week. Breakfast club running Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every other Thursday.

E. PREVIOUS BUSINESS –

F. NEW BUSINESS -

1. School Signage (Gym Door Wrap) **currently in the process of getting a quote for this**
2. Kindergarten Open House (Thurs. Feb 8, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
3. Shrove Tuesday – Feb 13, 2023 (Looking for volunteers) **7:45am volunteers to arrive**
4. Spring Fun Fair (Late May / early June) **tentatively looking at Thursday June 6, 2024. Staff looking into whether there may be a conflict with Chippawa Lions Carnival.**

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –

H. NEXT MEETING – Tentative, Tuesday April 16, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by –

Seconded by –

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm

CLOSING PRAYER