



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday November 14, 2023. 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – School Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday November 14th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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		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 – M. Bartolini
Seconded by – C. Canning

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

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 S. Pitre

Seconded by – D. Lajeunesse

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Meeting Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of September 26, 2023.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Sacred Heart Student Council report –**

Successful Halloween Dance, money raised (over \$5000) Given such the tremendous response, Mr. Romeo decided to purchase 2 chromebooks to give away.

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

- [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6](#)
- [Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6](#)
- [Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. December 13, 2023

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

CATHOLICITY

Sacred Heart Parish News:

This past Thursday November 9, 2023, some of our Grade Eight students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church. We thank Bishop Bergie for presiding over the Mass and administering the Sacrament. It was a beautiful ceremony.

For all questions about Sacraments Fr. Stuart is asking that those be directed to the church at 905-295-4455.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Progress Reports:

Progress Report Cards went home Tuesday November 14, 2023 and the corresponding parent-teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, November 23rd, 2023. We will be using

schoolappointments.com for the booking and scheduling of the parent-teacher conferences. The booking site will open on November 15 and will close on November 20. We look forward to meeting with parents as we continue to engage them on the child(ren)'s progress to date and work collaboratively to assist in their development.

School Improvement Planning:

During the PA Day on October 6 and continuing on our upcoming PA Day on November 24, the staff and administration of Sacred Heart will work through planning our Annual Student Achievement Plan that will guide our educational direction throughout this coming school year. Specifically, staff took time to examine a school wide task within an area of Mathematics and begin to analyze the results from each class. This is one method of compiling data to drive our instructional focus at Sacred Heart. There will be three areas focused on during the November PA Day – those being a school improvement session that will be Math focused, a workshop diving deeper into the new Language curriculum and a Mental Health and Wellbeing workshop.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Halloween Dance-a-thon wrap-up:

Many thanks once again to our Student Council under the direction of Mrs. Colavecchia for planning and delivering a fantastic Dance-a-thon that was very well received by our students. The associated fundraiser was extremely successful, so much so, that we raffled off TWO Chromebooks once again this year. Also, a big thank you to our very supportive parent community.

School Sports and Clubs:

Our Falls sports calendar has been moving right along. In late September both our Girls and Boys Intermediate Soccer teams were fantastic representatives of Sacred Heart School. In October our talented Cross-Country team advanced 8 team members that made it to the Board Cross Country Meet. Intermediate Volleyball and Junior Basketball round out the month of November.

Many of our students from Gr. 4 – 8 are anxiously awaiting the start of the SHL (Ball Hockey) league that will begin before the end of the month.

We are looking to find activities for our Primary students to engage in as well. We are looking to start a “Board Games Club” Also, we are hoping to bring back our Art Club, Chess club and Rubik’s “Cubers” club in the new year! All of these clubs were very successful last year.

Mr. Canning has a contact for a game/escape room classroom set up.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – Updated and posted on school website
2. Community Outreach – Choir firming up a date and time to sing at local Senior Centre during the third week of December.
3. Fundraising – Dance-a-thon debrief, Fielding Estates AND Bench Brewing Comp. in progress
-Look at Flip Give App for a fundraising idea
4. Graduation –
 1. **Tentative Date:** Thursday June 20, 2023
 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) – “Emergency Snacks” in Main Office, Breakfast club running Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every other Thursday.

E. PREVIOUS BUSINESS –

- School-wide Spirit Wear T-Shirt

F. NEW BUSINESS -

- Gingerbread Making Night (and School Choir performance) – Tues. Dec 5 @ 5 – 7 p.m.
- EQAO 2022-23 Results Presentation

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS -

- Look at sidewalks in parking lot
- Parent wants to know if parents can have a heads up on themed days (specifically different coloured shirts to buy) at the beginning of the year
- look at doing spring class photos
- Will we be having the Angel Tree again?

H. NEXT MEETING – Tentatively Tuesday January 30, 2024

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by – K. Leitch

Seconded by – C. Canning

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER