

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by – Amanda Bocchinfuso

Seconded by – Tracy Cutts-Morgan

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of September 28th, 2021.

CARRIED

CSC Chair Nomination: Amanda Bocchinfuso was nominated; she will be the Chair for the 2021/22 school year.

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 – ***Deferred***

Seconded by –

THAT

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Sacred Heart Student Council report** – No report
 - Student Council will be formed shortly

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** – available on the Board website

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

· [Naming of a Board Facility Designated Area or Chapel Policy 100.15](#)

· [Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Policy 100.13](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Jennifer Pellegrini](#) by October 28, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.

A copy of the following information was screen shared during the Zoom meet by Mr. Romeo

Catholicity

N.C.D.S.B.: This year's faith theme for our board is Climbing Mountains Together in Faith. The focus of this theme is as follows:

- recognizing the challenges and experience we have faced as a result of the global pandemic
- the importance of the individual and communal journey of faith

- the diverse experiences, challenges, and strengths we each carry with us on our journey
- the action of moving forward together trusting in the will and love of God

Sacramental Preparation:

We will await word from Fr. Paul to determine the course of action that will be taken for those students who wish to make sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation from last school year as well as this school year. Any student / family specific questions should be directed to Fr. Paul at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Given the new norms we are working within, we are awaiting word from the board on how we can safely organize and run a Thanksgiving Food Drive. If we are instructed to come up with an alternative than a traditional food drive we will work with our Parent Community in directing them to donate to a local food bank of their choosing.

Suggestion by Amanda for Thanksgiving Food Drive possibly KISS and RIDE drop off food. Amanda will make the necessary contact to make this possible.

Student Achievement

Using Data to Drive Assessment:

The staff and administration of Sacred Heart are in the process of completing our Annual School Improvement and Equity Plan that will guide our educational direction throughout this coming school year. The Sacred Heart staff will utilize the data collected from past Primary and Junior EQAO assessments to determine trends in the data, the Diagnostic data (OCA/DRA/Obs. Survey.), and classroom data to help drive their instruction to improve student achievement. There will be three main foci for Sacred Heart School for the 2021-22 academic year – Mathematics (specifically the incorporation of the New Math curriculum), Early Reading intervention strategies and the use of Technology to highlight student thinking and make student learning more visible.

School Climate

Summer Construction:

This summer was a very busy one for Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary as the Primary classroom wing went through a rather extensive renovation. The main hallway as well as seven rooms in total were renovated to update the HVAC system, install new flooring, lighting and millwork. The school as a whole looks fantastic. Many thanks to the construction crew, members of the custodial team and school staff for having everything safe and ready to receive students on the first day of school.

Health & Safety Protocols:

This year we continue to adjust to live, learn and work within a new norm. Staff took part in Health & Safety Training during our PA Days in early September and were instructed on the tools we have been given to work with as well as the protocols that will be followed during this unprecedented time in our lives. All staff wear medical masks, students from Grades 1 – 8 wear masks and students from Kindergarten are encouraged to wear masks. Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom and office and at various other common areas throughout the school. We will continue to strive to give 100% effort in maintaining as safe a school as we possibly can for our students and staff. We appreciate all of the support from our parent community thus far and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

Open House:

On Thursday September 30th, we will be conducting our “Virtual Meet the Teacher Night”. Families will be emailed links to virtual 20 minute sessions for their child(ren) from the classroom teacher(s). There will be three 20 minute sessions beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Terry Fox Walk:

On the afternoon of Friday September 24th we participated in our annual Terry Fox Walk through our community. It was a different event this year as in years past as we went out in a staggered format, one class at a time. We thank all those who made a donation to this worthwhile cause.

Hallowe'en:

This year as we adjust to all of the changes happening due to COVID-19, the way that we celebrate Hallowe'en will also have to change. We are happy to let you know that the students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. However, for students in Grade 1 - 8, they will continue to need to incorporate a mask with their costume. We are not talking about a mask that makes them look like Iron Man, but similar to the mask that they have been wearing all year. As has been the case every year, costumes that are intended to scare or have blood or weapons are not allowed. Also, for our younger students please ensure that their costumes are not so intricate that they will require assistance to get in and out of them to use the bathroom. Hallowe'en activities will be more theme-based activities in the classroom. There can be **no** distribution of snacks or treats. If they are sent in, they will unfortunately be sent right back home. As we are all aware, we continue to work closely with Niagara Public Health and if we need to pivot and adjust our plans then we will do just that. We are doing what we can to follow the guidelines from the Ministry and still allowing the students to participate in Hallowe'en at school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school and speak to Mr. Romeo

Mrs. Prohaska asked if costumes can be worn all day and Joe indicated that costumes can be worn all day if students choose too.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – 2021-22 Bylaws presented at this meeting
2. Community Outreach – On Hold
3. Fundraising – *Looking for CSC member input. Options that utilize online order and payment process preferred. Amanda indicated a Winery Fundraising. Another Fundraiser- Turkey Raffle Amanda mentioned she will look into Foodland. Joe and Amanda will meet to see if this could happen before Thanksgiving weekend.*
4. Graduation – *Deferred to a later date*
5. Hot lunches/milk – *Looking to start in October- Pita Pit*
6. Safe Schools – *Staff use of PPE, Mask wearing for staff & students*
7. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – *Breakfast club to be started in October. Daily bins delivered to classrooms. Mrs. Prohaska will be running the program.*

E. PREVIOUS BUSINESS –

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome from Principal
2. Construction Update
3. Terry Fox Walk
4. Orange Shirt Day
5. Hallowe'en at Sacred Heart Catholic

Joe Romeo went over the Board Bylaws Policy for the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council and indicated that this will be posted for parents to go over as well as today's minutes of the meeting.

Spirit Wear: Front Row all online Parents will choose whatever they like.

The next couple of weeks this information will be given to the Parent community.

Sabrina E asked if in attendance does that mean that we are part of Council.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS -

H. NEXT MEETING – October 26th, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by – Amanda Bocchinfuso

Seconded by – Tracy Cutts-Morgan

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mr. Romeo.