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**MINUTES OF THE
MARY WARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 7, 2022
Virtual Meeting
Meet Link:**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council, held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM, by Chair Natalie Mascia.

A. ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mr. Roussos

2. Roll Call/Attendance

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal / Vice-Principal	Mr. Cardamone	✓		
Secretary / Treasurer	Mr. Roussos	✓		
Chair				
Co-Chairs	Natalie Mascia	✓		
	Kara Bishop	✓		
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Wood	✓		
Non-Teaching Representative				
Student Representative				
Parish Representative	Stephanie Porto	✓		
Community Representative				
OAPCE Representative	Andrea Kovalchuck			
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Candace Popivanov		✓		
Jillian Lovecchio		✓		
Sue Allinotte		✓		
Yvonne Millar				
Marianne Bologna				
Linda Bush				
Adrienne Frazao				
Andrea Kovalchuck				
Christie New		✓		
Jennifer Deprez				
Stephanie Porto				
Alexandra Glen				

Jennifer Babbín		✓		
Marcy Mesir		✓		
Concetta Cote		✓		
Francesca Nero				
Amanda Leone		✓		
Amanda Basilone				
Robin Pearson		✓		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jillian Lovecchio
 Seconded by Natalie Mascia

THAT the Mary Ward Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council Meeting of February 7, 2022.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Conflict Interest

No disclosures of conflict of interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council Meeting of September 28, 2021

Moved by Jillian Lovecchio
 Seconded by Natalie Mascia

THAT the Mary Ward Catholic School Council approve the minutes of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council Meeting of September 28, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

B. CHAIR’S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

1. Niagara Nutrition Partner Grant & CSC Support
 - \$900 remaining
 - NNP requests that school does 1 fundraiser – possible student council fundraiser
2. Gift Card Fundraiser – Monday, November 22, 2021 thru Friday, December 3, 2021
 - Profit- \$2000
 - Clifton Hill g/c donated 100% of profits
 - Mary Ward supported local businesses
 - Feedback was positive from businesses
3. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Fundraising Goals – Technology, Physical Ed. Equipment & Classroom Supplies
 - b. Bingo
 - Paying for volleyball net
 - No volunteers required at this time
4. Playground Structure Initiative – Committee
 - Issues: blacktop is too narrow – school is exploring option of extending blacktop all the way to the outdoor classroom area. The goal is to have this done in the summer.
 - NCDSB Facilities services is aware of playground initiative and have asked for timelines (sooner rather than later is the timeline)
 - Option of playground combined with naturalized playground is preferred option for parents

- Fundraising:
 - Bottle Drive – in partnership with the Beer Store
 - Parent on site to help facilitate
 - Truck needed to transport bottles back and forth (Cube Van is an option)
 - Reach out to local bars to save empties (thank businesses that do this)
 - Businesses can put Mary Ward on their social media to promote bottle drive
 - Happening in March – send reminder to families; put on marquee sign
 - Aluminum Recycling Day – in partnership with Glendale Recycling
 - Community would drop off salvage, get reimbursed and donate back to the school
 - Business does not want to hold funds – they would rather have parents donate proceeds
 - Distribute a list of acceptable items so people know what can be salvaged
 - Possible date between end of March and end of April
 - Shred Day – Niagara Recycling
 - Donate \$10 per box
 - Community drives up and drops off
 - This can only happen on Mon-Fri (incl after school)
 - Possible date in April
 - Grants
 - Canada Post Grant
 - United Way – 3 grants
 - Walker Industries
 - Walmart
 - General Motors
 - School Community – Identifying businesses that are willing to give (ideas are welcomed)
5. Spring Fundraising:
- a. Big Box of Cards
 - b. Easter Flowers from Vermeers - possible

C. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – School Staff

- a. Science of Reading, Lexia, MathUp, School Goals shared

D. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report
 2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
 3. Catholic School Council Financial Report
 4. School News
1. **Kids Helping Kids**: The Kids’ Helping Kids fundraiser is currently taking place. This year marks the 24th year that all schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board will participate. Kids Helping Kids campaign activities include the following theme days.... Jersey Day, Hat Day, Superhero Day and Colour Me Happy Day. Families are encouraged to support the campaign via donation through School Cash Online. Thank you for your support!!!
 2. **Vetting of Policies**: Accessibility Standards Policy 800.8. Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by 12:00 p.m. February 22, 2022.
 3. **Niagara Catholic Website**: Please be reminded to continue to visit the updated www.niagaracatholic.ca for information. Examples of items on the webpage include: Covid Updates, Events Calendar, Board Improvement Plan for Student

Achievement and Well-being, Annual Budget and Transportation and Weather Related delays.

4. **Niagara Catholic Virtual Chapel**: This virtual chapel is available to all families and staff on the board website. The virtual chapel makes available links to masses, daily readings, prayers and information regarding sacramental preparation. Please take some time to explore this virtual chapel with your children.
5. **Full Day Kindergarten Open House & Registration**: Mary Ward will host a Virtual Open House and Registration day on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Our staff have prepared a slide show and video to share with incoming interested families. Thank you to our Kinder Team for leading this initiative. If you know of any child born in 2018, please let them know that online registration is open.
6. **Grade 8 Transitions**: The transition to high school has begun. Our Grade 8 students and their families attended a Saint Paul virtual Open House on February 1, 2022. Mrs. Lennox and Mrs. Benoit visited Mary Ward and has discussed course options and option sheets with students. Mrs. Wojtasik and Mr. Molnar have been actively involved in the sharing of information and the transfer process.
7. **Report Cards**: Reports will be posted on the parent portal during the week of February 22, 2022. As interviews/phone calls were held in November, no formal interviews are scheduled. However, as always, teachers and/or parents may request interviews and a mutually agreeable date and time will be scheduled virtually. It is an excellent time for reviewing academic, social and behavioural progress and working on solutions together. It is a rewarding experience when you celebrate your child's successes.
8. **Yearbook**: It's time to order your 2021 ~ 2022 yearbook for only \$20! Orders are to be completed online via School Cash Online! Orders available until May 27, 2022. So far, we've had 106 orders.

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D. **Upcoming Events**: Hat Day, Pink Shirt Day, Superhero Day, Colour Me Happy Day, Spirit Day Wednesdays, Kinder Open House, PA Day, Family Day, Pink Shirt Day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Grad Photos, March Break, World Down Syndrome Day, Earth Hour.

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

F. STAFF REPORT

- [Bell Lets Talk Day – Making Mandolas](#)
- [Black History Month – activities and daily messages to raise awareness; Aubrey Clark presentation](#)
- [Niagara Falls Christmas Card winners – 3 students](#)
- [Intermediate Art Gallery – 3 submissions](#)
- [Junk Drawer challenge – Mary Ward team invited to participate in provincial competition](#)

G. PARISH REPORT / COMMUNITY REPORT

- [Flocknote: sign up on Parish website for news](#)
- [Parish listening sessions- more information to follow](#)

H. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

I. NEXT MEETING – May 10, 2022

J. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mr. Roussos

K. ADJOURNMENT at 7:57 PM

THAT the November 23, 2021 meeting of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

