



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

**May 10, 2022
In-Person Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, May 10, 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 Mrs. Wood

2. Roll Call/Attendance

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal / Vice-Principal	Mr. Cardamone	✓		
Secretary / Treasurer	Mrs. Wood	✓		
Chair				
Co-Chairs	Natalie Mascia	✓		
	Kara Bishop	✓		
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Kelly	✓		
Non-Teaching Representative				
Student Representative				
Parish Representative				
Community Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
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 Babbin				✓
Marcy Mesir			✓	
Concetta Cote				✓
Francesca Nero			✓	
Amanda Leone		✓		
Amanda Basilone			✓	
Robin Pearson		✓		

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Robyn Pearson
 Seconded by Amanda Leon

THAT the Mary Ward Catholic School Council approved 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 February 7, 2022**

Moved by Robyn Pearson
 Seconded by Linda Bush

THAT the Mary Ward Catholic School Council approved the minutes of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council Meeting of February 7, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

B. CHAIR'S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

- Healthy Schools Initiative - Nurse Chastine Pantin
 - explained Healthy Schools Framework
 - connects community to help students learn beyond the classroom
 - identifies needs of the school
 - utilizes student leaders to carry out relevant initiatives
- Niagara Nutrition Grant & CSC Support
 - \$7050????
 - Student Council to organize a dance on May 27
 - donations through School Cash Online
 - sell popcorn with monies raised to be donated as well

- Playground Structure Initiative - Update
 - Mrs. Wood shared designs from 2 of 3 companies - Play Power and Blue Imp
 - still waiting for design from Henderson
 - both quotes came in at approximately \$100,000 including structure, installation and poured in place rubber for the base
 - engineer recently did a sight visit, asphalt will be extended to the outdoor classroom in July
 - some trees will be moved within the school yard, some are too big to be moved, a couple will stay to ensure some shade

- Playground Structure Fundraising - Bottle Drive and Shred day Update
 - Bottle Drive – in partnership with the Beer Store
 - Parents, students and staff were on site to help facilitate
 - empties were transported to a few locations
 - raised \$1000
 - plans to do 2 next year - Christmas, Spring

 - Shred Day – Niagara Recycling
 - on Earth day - Friday
 - wasn't as lucrative as was hoped
 - raised \$350
 - suggested to do it on the weekend next year and to contact local radio station to advertise, connect with Eco team to have more student involvement

 - Salvage day - couldn't make collecting funds work

 - Grants - applied for 4
 - Canada Post Grant (\$5000) - submitted application, winners will be notified in early Fall 2022
 - Walker Industries (\$ unknown) - submitted application, no information known about when winners will be announced
 - Agri-Spirit (\$5000-\$25000)- submitted application, winners announced in Fall 2022
 - Canadian Tire (upto \$15000) - submitted application, no info known about when winners will be announced

 - Grants first, then contact sponsors/businesses, then fundraisers/families
 - this year used to raise awareness, will have a more specific plan next year
 - named as a "Legacy Plan"

- \$100.00 donated by Ken Lankin Mortgage Centre

- Fundraising - Family Fun Night Gift Baskets
 - each class has a theme to collect items for raffle baskets
 - tickets sold in school, as well as the evening of June 8

- Family Food Truck Event
 - MJ Ingribelli's - hotdog/hamburger/panini with fries and drink
 - Everything Apples - apple fritters
 - Dragan Brewery - to donate pop
 - to sell pizza that night
 - food pre-ordered to avoid long lines like previous event
 - order ice cream from McNab as a pre-order for dessert
 - trying to get a hold of other food trucks - Smokes, Mooksha, Cucina-go-go, Canadiana-go-go
- Bingo Report
 - March 31 - \$5700, April - approx. \$1400 more
 - need volunteers, sign up sheet passed around and will be sent out to staff
 - use some funds to purchase equipment for World Playday
 - able to roll some money from current year over to next, as long as we write a letter to explain why
 - request to roll over remainder at the end of June for playground
- 2022-2023 Fundraising Plan
- Kara and Natalie set a rough plan for fundraising for next year
- many ideas shared this year, but meetings didn't seem to correspond with proper planning time, virtual meetings was given as a challenge to getting more people actively involved and signed up
- expand gift card fundraiser next year - start earlier and sell for longer
- Days of Christmas raffle calendar
- "in lieu of" cash envelope fundraiser suggested to correspond with specific fundraisers
- Bingo Family night and Skate night suggested
- hoping to have flower fundraiser work out with Vermeer's next year

C. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – School Staff

- EQAO dates - Grade 3 May 24 - 26, Grade 6 May 30 - June 1
- Mrs. Kelly showed new digital platform

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report - Nomination forms sent in May newsletter
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report
4. School News ([see Appendix A below](#))

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

F. STAFF REPORT

- end of year field trips shared K - Safari Niagara Primary - PALS at Brock Junior - White Oakes Gr 7 - Wildplay Grade 8 - Mazewood Entertainment

G. PARISH REPORT / COMMUNITY REPORT

- Confirmation and First Communion recently celebrated
- noted how special it was to be able to gather together in Church

H. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

I. NEXT MEETING – September 2022

J. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mrs. Wood

K. ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 PM

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

THAT the May 10, 2022 meeting of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED



Principal's Report

1. **Social Justice**: Thank you to all for your generous donations to Project Share and the Niagara Native Centre. Both organizations were appreciative of everything donated!
2. **Catholic Education Week**: Mary Ward participated in Catholic Education Week (CEW) with the theme of “Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together”, in conjunction with Mental Health Week (MHW), from Sunday, May 1, 2022 to Friday, May 6, 2022. This was an opportunity to highlight the connection between our Catholic faith and mental health with our students. Activities at Mary Ward included a virtual mass, the starting of our Mindful Monday club, virtual read-alouds by the Religion consultant and a special presentation from Chris Bray – an inspirational speaker and singer.
3. **Catch the Spirit Award**: Congratulations to our Grade 8 student Myles Quintyn who is Mary Ward’s recipient of the Catch the Spirit Award. The award recognizes a student who demonstrates Catholic leadership qualities, faith and Catholic school philosophy, family commitment, involvement in school and community affairs and activities, along with a high degree of academic excellence. Congratulations Myles!
4. **Graduation**: Our Grade 8 Graduation plans are underway. The students in Mr. Molnar’s and Mrs. Wojtasik’s classes will celebrate this milestone at the DoubleTree Resort in

Niagara Falls. A liturgy, formal ceremony, dinner and dance for the students will take place beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to Mrs. Covelli for arranging the venue.

5. **Technology Update:** Currently we have approximately 250 chromebooks for student use. This includes the 40 that arrived last week. They have already been put into circulation in the classrooms. Other purchases - 20 laptops in the Fall, 8 tvs in December. Plan for next year: 1:1 ratio for chromebooks, 3d printer and robotics kits.
6. **Class Groupings/Friend Requests:** Staff have been meeting to discuss and place students with classmates with whom they feel students will be most successful. A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of classes. When organizing class groupings, attention and diligence is required by the Classroom Teachers, Resource Teacher, Vice Principal and Principal. A variety of factors are seriously considered when establishing classes. Creating a successful learning environment for all students is a goal we aim to achieve. Some of the criteria considered include: Ability, Individual Needs, Behaviour, Work Habits, Age, Learning Styles and Class Size. This year we also sought input from parents regarding friend requests for their children and we had over 30 requests. These requests will be taken into consideration however, no promises will be made as we endeavor to create groupings where ALL students will be successful. As well, changes to our tentative organizational chart may still be made by HR. Thank you for your understanding.
7. **Vetting of Policies:** The following Policies and Administrative Guidelines are currently being reviewed as part of the cyclical Policy and Administrative Guidelines Review process... 100.1 - Board By-Laws Policy. Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. May 31, 2022
8. **Yearbook:** It's time to order your 2021 ~ 2022 yearbook for only \$20! Orders are to be completed on School Cash Online. We currently have 93 yearbooks ordered. Last day to order is May 27, 2022.