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

**November 23, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/noo-mise-amj>

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

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

A. ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mr. Cardamone.

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				
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 Alexandra Glen

Seconded by Jillian Lovecchio

THAT the Mary Ward Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the Mary Ward Catholic School Council Meeting of November 23, 2021.

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 Robin Pearson

Seconded by Jillian Lovecchio

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

- Terms and Conditions – School Fundraiser to give back to NNP
- Mrs. Mannella and Mr. Dellevecchia keep items stocked
- Will look into “Grain Race”

2. Oliver's Labels and Gift Card Fundraiser – Monday, November 22, 2021 thru Friday, December 3, 2021

- Oliver's Labels – 20% of proceeds back to the school; will continue all year
- Gift Card Fundraiser:
 - School will keep tallies and reimburse businesses
 - Variety of businesses
 - Adding Adventure Pass for Clifton Hill (5 attraction passes)
 - Classes that sell the most passes get a pizza party

3. Fundraising Committee

a. Fundraising Goals – Technology, Physical Ed. Equipment & Classroom Supplies

- School fundraisers will not be used to fund playground initiative – money raised from Giftcard Fundraiser, Labels, etc will be used for items that benefit students in a variety of ways
- Possible Parent Bingo Night fundraiser – will check with Delta Bingo
- Technology purchases:
 - all technology returned from June 2021
 - 1 device:2 students ratio
 - Purchasing TVs (to replace smartboards), new Chromebooks, laptops
- Board games – purchased for classrooms
- Primary basketball nets – fastened to outside wall of school
- Volleyball standards and net purchased

b. Bingo

- Amanda and Robin – lead parents
- Volunteer-led fundraiser initiative
- Requesting 1 volunteer a month to help
 - Compile list of dates that volunteers are needed
 - 2 hr duration on Sunday evenings
 - Check COVID passports and record names of patrons
 - Call Mara or email Robin for interest
- Bingo funds will be used to purchase items used by students in the entire school
- Approximately \$7000 in account
- Access funds by reaching out to Amanda and Robin
- Indicate donations by Delta Bingo in monthly newsletter

4. Playground Structure Initiative – Committee

- Pictures of possible playground structures from other schools were shown
- Vendors were presented and process was explained
- Should students be polled on possible structures?
- How do we raise funds for playground?
 - Tax Credit to Sponsors as part of the marketing process???
- Committee:
 - 2-3 parent volunteers on the capital campaign team -these parents will identify grant opportunities and think of creative ways to raise funds
 - Survey student council for groups we can ask to help us fundraise
- Timeline – Complete fundraising by June 2022

C. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – School Staff

- School plan will fall in line with the NCDSB Board Improvement Plan
- Focus of plan will be on reading and numeracy skills
- Empower as a tool to close gaps in reading comprehension and Prime Math as a tool to help teachers plan for gaps in student learning of mathematics

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 (see Appendix A)

- E. OAPCE REPORT (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)**
- Website: includes webinars/resources for parents in newsletter
- F. STAFF REPORT**
- Junk Drawer Challenge – Skills Ontario: each grade has an assigned task
 - Student Council – promoting different Christmas holidays around the world
- G. PARISH REPORT / COMMUNITY REPORT**
- OLS Communion and Confirmation registration
- H. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
- School Improvement – Data
 - Playground
 - Spring Fundraiser
 - Shrove Tuesday
 - Grad Committee
 - Author Visit
- I. NEXT MEETING** – Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
- J. CLOSING PRAYER** was led by _____
- K. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Natalie Mascia

Seconded by Kara Bishop

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM



Appendix A – School News

1. **Social Justice:** The Mary Ward Catholic Community once again demonstrated their support of medical advancement and the many needy in Niagara Falls and throughout the world. The students, parents and staff of Mary Ward collected \$1095 for the Terry Fox Foundation and \$488 for our Holy Childhood campaign. We thank everyone for their support!
2. **Remembrance Day:** Mary Ward hosted a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Special thanks to Mrs. Masstracci-Fera for leading the service.
3. **FIAT (Faith In Action Team):** F.I.A.T (Faith In Action Team) currently has over 80 members. This year, the grade 7 and 8's are in the role of team leaders. Under the supervision of Mrs. Quaranta and Mrs. Giorgi, the leaders are responsible for running their team meetings. At this time, all F.I.A.T members are focusing their efforts on the Advent Season and making sure that Christmas at Mary Ward remains as it should; centered in Christ. The F.I.A.T teams will be planning and running our weekly Advent celebrations that the school will take part in virtually. In conjunction with Our Lady of Scapular, F.I.A.T will be in charge of the Angel Tree. Angel ornaments created by F.I.A.T with gender and age will be placed on the tree. Students will be able to pick an ornament and provide a new, unwrapped gift for their "angel". These gifts will be brought to the church the week before Christmas to be distributed through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Father Paul will be visiting Mary Ward to have an Adoration with the F.I.A.T teams. He will be bringing the Monstrance (Consecrated Host) to Mary Ward for Adoration. This will only be the second time he has done this and is a wonderful opportunity for our F.I.A.T Teams to further deepen their relationship with God. Father Paul is very excited about this opportunity. Looking ahead, F.I.A.T is excited for many opportunities in the New Year to be a show the entire Mary Ward community what it looks like to live your faith!
4. **Bullying Prevention Week:** Ontario designated the week of November 15-19, 2021 as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. During this week, students, staff and parents/guardians were encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. Students were invited to wear Odd Socks on Monday to visually show that we are working together to stomp out bullying at Mary Ward Catholic. Classes participated in a variety of lessons related to this year's theme, One Kind Word. During the week, students from all classes worked together to post a friendly note on the One Kind Word poster hanging in the main hallway. As well, Student Council shared information about how our community worked together to keep Mary Ward the safe and accepting place that it is. Thank you to Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Kelly and the Student Council for leading our Bullying & Prevention Week activities.
5. **Celebrating Junior Artists:** We would like to congratulate three Tiger students who were chosen from Mary Ward to take part in the Celebrating the virtual Junior Artists exhibit this year: **Blaise K (Grade 4), Violet VD (Grade 6) and Brayden M (Grade 5)**. Their work was displayed in a virtual display online in November. Each artist will receive a certificate of recognition for their participation.
6. **Eco News:** The Mary Ward Eco team has promoted some initiatives during the months of October and November...Waste-Free Lunch Challenge Week and Waste free lunch Wednesdays, International Walk to School Month (IWALK) in October, Buy Local Month: November, and Buy Nothing Day: November 27th: an international day of protest against consumerism. December items include...GOOS (Good On One Side) paper bins for each class, Proper Recycling Reminders: The ECO team will be making announcements and visiting classrooms to review what items can and cannot be recycled and Walk to School Days. Thank you for your continued support of our ECO initiatives!
7. **Tiger Social Media:** Our Tiger Twitter and Instagram accounts continue to be popular among families. We currently have 153 followers on Twitter and 281 followers on Instagram. Pictures and information is posted often. If you are not following the account, please follow @MaryWardNF or marywardniagara. Also, stay up to date with the latest board news and information by following Niagara Catholic on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.
8. **Board Policy Updates:** The following policies are up for review... *Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5), Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5),*

Trustee Honorarium Policy (100.11). Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by 12:00 p.m. December 15, 2021

Upcoming Events: Conference Week Nov. 22nd thru Nov. 26th; Advent Liturgy Nov. 29th; Joy Day Dec. 1; Code Week Dec. 6th thru 10th; Dental Screening Dec. 7th thru 9th; It's Munch Time Virtual Performance Dec. 10th; Grade 8 Day at Saint Paul Dec. 15th; Skating Dec. 16th or 17th; Christmas Vacation Begins Dec. 24th; Classes Resume Jan. 10th.