



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 17, 2018 @ 6:30
St. Michael's Catholic School**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Michael Catholic School Council, held on October 17, 2018, @ 6:30

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chair Brenda Ferguson

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Lisa Billard

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Chair	Brenda Ferguson	*		
Co-Chair	xx	*		
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Olmstead	*		
Teacher Representative	Ms.Lisa Billard	*		
Community Representative	John Zych	*		
OAPCE Representative/NCPIC Rep. NOTL/NFALLS	Rita Colling	*		
Parish Representative	Brandy Delaney and Rosie Folino			
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
	Carrie Bowman	*		
	Stacy Strickland	*		
	Jen Visca	*		
	Kavitha Harrington	*		
	Megan Vanderlee	*		
	Joanna Amodeo	*		
	Brenda Ferguson	*		
	John Zych	*		
	Theresa Stransky	*		

Jennifer Olmstead	*		
Rosemarie Folino	*		
Caroline Polgrabia	*		
Lisa Kauzlaric	*		
Annalisa Medina	*		
Brandy Delaney	*		
Leslie Bell	*		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by M. Vanderlee

Seconded by Joanna Amodeo

THAT the St. Michael Catholic School Council approves the Agenda of the St. Michael Catholic School Council Meeting on September 19, 2018.

CARRIED: Kristin Davies, Jen Visca

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Approval of Minutes of the St. Michael Catholic School Council Meeting on,

Kristin Davies,

CARRIED Jen Visca

PRESENTATIONS

School Goals: Mrs. Barretto-Mendonca

2 Goals:

1. **Building Catholic Citizens for the 21st Century through understanding and application of the Catholic Graduate Expectations. Beginning with Responsible Citizenship**
2. **Numeracy Goal – engage in “Number Talks” to build strong foundations in mathematics as per board and ministry mandates**

Chair Reports:

1. Lunch committee – Brenda Ferguson

- a. looking for volunteers each Wednesday
- b. Investigated pasta providers so to reduce cost
 - i. Send more reminders to families to bring containers with a lid prior to pasta day to reduce the use of disposable plates
- c. Increase pizza days to alternate with other food options
 - i. 2x/month

2. Santa Claus Parade – Caroline Polgrabia

- a. Presented a detailed plan to create parade submission entitled “The Reason for the Season”
- b. A live Nativity Scene on Christmas Float
- c. NOTL Parade December
- d. Volunteers – Is there enough interest from the school parent community/ student council.
- e. Email to be sent out to the community to gauge interest. Drafted by from Caroline and sent to Mrs. Mendonca

3. Communication: all communication flows through Council Chair, Benda Ferguson

Committee Structure/Reports

- **OAPCE report – Rita Colling**

- **SEAC Report – Teresa Stransky**
 - the committee meets once a month

- **Faith Representative: Mrs. Delaney/Mrs. Folino**
 - Children’s Liturgy has started up again at 9 am mass St. Vincent de Paul. Families with little ones are welcome.

Principal Items:

1. STREAM Fundraiser – Mrs. Barretto-Mendonca/Brenda Ferguson:
 - Science (& engineering)– mystery build
 - Technology – OZO Bots
 - Religion – in new chapel, quiet guided meditation
 - Engineering – mystery build
 - Arts – A dance/healthy snack funded by the nutrition program
 - Math – hands-on math problem-solving activity
2. Grad hoodies: grade 8 students may purchase Holy Cross green hoodie and wear as part of the dress code. Council agreed that it would promote retention
3. Holy Cross principal may come to November meeting
4. Encourage full St. Michael family to be involved in events by ensuring we run events that meet the needs and interest of the community. Important to engage all families (not just a few)
5. Early Years open house this Friday, October 19, 2018
6. Kindergarten open house November 21, parent volunteers serve as hosts and answer questions. Please email Brenda if available to help.
7. Grade 8 open house at Holy Cross is November 20, 2018
8. WE DAY scare hunger food drive started – food to be given locally to Newark Neighbors
9. Winter Coat drive has started and will wrap up at the end of the month
10. Stream fundraiser October 29-31st
11. Backpack’s of Hope Campaign November 5-9 2018
12. EQAO results sent out to parents
13. The launch of aviation course by Holy Cross – grade 8’s attended at NOTL airport

Treasurer Report: Mrs. Barretto Mendonca

No official report was provided as year-end has not been rolled over.

Will survey St. Michael Families to gauge interest in:

- Family Math Night (Feb)
- Trivia Night
- Golf tournament (date held - May 25 should the community be interested)

New Business:

- Some council members were unhappy with pictures from the current provided.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2018

Adjournment: moved by Brenda, at 8:10 pm

Closing Prayer: Lisa Billard