



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
St. Michael CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2022
St. Michael School**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Michael Catholic School Council, held virtually on March 9, 2022 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Rose Folino

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Billard

2. Roll Call – each member introduced themselves and names /grades of their children

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Janice Barretto Mendonca	*		
Chair	Rosemarie Folino	*		
Co-Chair(s)				
Teacher Representative	Lisa Billard	*		
Non-Teaching Representative				
Student Representative				
Parish Representative	Brandy Delaney	*		
Community Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Brenda (Benoit) Ferguson				§
Annina Serluca				§
Carrie Bowman		§		
Joanna Amodeo		§		
Marianna Peca			§	
Meredith Raso				§
Caroline Polgrabia				§
Kim Robertson Woods				§
Rita Colling		§		
Kim Hughes (Gauld)		§		

Shannah Pumariega			ξ
Samantha Skubel			ξ
Allison Cwiertnewski			ξ
Patrizia Trapasso	ξ		
Sarah Regier			ξ

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Brandy Delaney

Seconded by Kim Hughes

THAT the **St. Michael** Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the **St. Michael School** Catholic School Council Meeting of March 9, 2022

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Conflict Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the **St. Michael Catholic School Council Meeting of October 21, 2021**

Deferred to NEXT meeting

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

THAT **St. Michael** Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the **St. Michael** Catholic School Council Virtual Meeting of October 21, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

- *Religious Accommodation Policy (100.10.1)*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)*
- *Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7)*
- *Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)*
- *Attendance Support Program Policy (201.16)*
- *Bullying Prevention Intervention Policy (302.6.8)*

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Catholic School Council Financial Statement

- All Golf Scholarships distributed
 - Niagara Foundation funds will be returned school account
 - Amount \$5022.13
- Pizza days – earnings and carryover \$3591.72
- Playground budget depleted – transfer \$3390.00

2. COVID Safety Reviewed

- Family or Principal report known cases to NPH – no further action taken

- Shrove & Ash protocols loosened
 - Elementary can anticipate the removal of guidance re: mixing cohorts and sports
 - Lunches may resume (individually boxed or bagged)
 - Masking continues until further notice
 - Active screening continues
3. Faith Life @ St. Michael
- February mass
 - Shrove Tuesday
 - Coordinated by R. Folino
 - 8 parents arrived @ 8 am, cooking over 500 pancakes
 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
 - Father Peter regular visits to prepare Grade 8 students for confirmation
 - SYNOD – hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Lingerfelt
 - Tuesday, March 23rd, 2022 @ 6:30pm
 - This session will be held online through Google Meet, hosted by Alex & Kristin Lingerfelt
 - Registration required. Please email kristin.lingerfelt@ncdsb.com to sign up.
 - *Alternately, if you are unable to attend, but would like to have your voice heard, please feel free to complete the*
 - *6-Questioned Google Form questionnaire:*
 - @ <https://forms.gle/zD2T2DwBpqyaXzgg5>
4. READING – OHRC – issued ‘Right to Read’ report
- Acknowledges reading issues
 - Shift in the way educators teach reading
5. FAMILY MATH NIGHT
- New Math curriculum
 - New math program
 - Parents can support by attending a virtual math night
 - Wednesday April 27 6-7pm
 - 2 rotations/different grades and topics
6. STREAM Fundraiser Events
- Raised \$7305
 - Purchased kinder IPADS
 - Replenished Chromebooks
 - SMARTBOARD installed in final classroom (Mrs. Leigh)
7. Kids Helping Kids’
- Two fun-filled weeks
 - Raised \$800 for NPCC & Niagara Catholic Foundation
 - Shared info about NPCC
 - Shared ‘crazy hat day’ slides presentation
8. Cyber-Safety/Bullying
- Growing need with student behaviour online to raise awareness and understanding on online actions
 - Suggestive Pictures sent to phones – pornography =Parent liability
 - Sex Trafficking
 - CYW guest speaker after March Break
 - Police presentation

- Paul Davis presentation (in partnership with other schools)
- 9. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report
 1. Niagara Catholic Virtual Family Math Events
 - Family Math Webinar Series with Dr. Marian Small
 - **Session #1-** K-12 Focus-Tuesday, March 29, 2022 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
 - **Session #2-** K-8 Focus-Thursday, May 12, 2022 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
 - **Session #3-** Gr. 7-12 Focus-Wednesday, June 1, 2022 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
 - Final session may help parents in their understanding of math de-streaming math in secondary school
 - Virtual Family Math Night-Wednesday, April 27, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
 - Focus: Using games to support mathematics learning (K-6)
 - Participating families will receive math games kits ahead of the family math night
 - Two rotations with choice of session to attend (by grade and topic)
 - Families keep the math games kits and have an opportunity to win other family math prizes.

Note: A poster with further details and a registration links will be sent to all parents/guardians.

2. A Synod Learning Session will take place on April 25, 2022 for all Catholic School Councils and parents/guardians. Further details to follow.

The NCPIC Meeting of May 5, 2022 will be rescheduled to support the Niagara Catholic Celebrating Excellence Award Ceremony on May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre.

10. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

11. Year End Activities

- No overnight trips
- Staff to determine what will occur – local (Niagara Region) opportunities will be explored.
- Play Day – grade 8's will lead – mixed grade groupings - outdoors

E. OAPCE REPORTS (Ontario Association Parents in Catholic Education)

- a. Chair is the representative for our school
- b. To submit information for the school newsletter
- c. Webinars for parents
 - i. Nov 2021 – “Rebuilding Resilience’ (during COVID)
 - ii. March 2022 – Thinking Positively- Margaret Bingham & Greg Frankson are guest speakers)
- d.

F. STAFF REPORTS (Billard)

- a. Kindergarten Virtual Open House held February 24
- b. Parents of incoming students encouraged to attend EARLY ON programming Tuesdays & Fridays in the school. Great transition to school opportunity.
- c. Council asked to reach out to families with ‘school-aged’ children for early registration.
- d. Intramurals – March Madness, Tcoukball
 - i. All divisions – during recess, skills based.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING

- a. **CSC May 2022**
- b. **Graduation Parent Meeting – Early April 2022**
 - i. CWL to provide gift to Confirmandi – B. Delaney to approach
 - ii. Journeys will take place in April though no information to share at this time.

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mrs. Mendonca Lenten Prayer

J.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kim Hughes

Seconded by Patrizia Trapasso

THAT the **March 9, 2022** meeting of the **St. Michael** Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm