



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
September 29, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/4297424914?pwd=ajFpVFBoeTdrNUhyeUE4VUhRaDVhUT09>

A. ELECTION of Chair/Co-Chairs

1. Election of the Chair/Co-chairs for the 2020-21 St. Mark Catholic School Council - *Mrs. DiBartolomeo and Mrs. Giammarco were acclaimed as co-chairs of the 2020-21 St. Mark Catholic School Council.*

B. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer *Mr. Atkinson*
2. Roll Call – *Mrs. DiBartolomeo, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Gambale, Mrs. Hermans, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Swart, Mrs. Khory, Mrs. Golini, & Mrs. Manchuk.*
3. Approval of Agenda – *Mrs. Giammarco and Mrs. Thompson*
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. St. Mark Student Council Report - (Ward) *None. Elections to take place this month.*

D. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

- *Accessible Customer Service Policy (800.8.1)*
- *Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)*
- *Dress Code - Secondary Uniform Policy (302.6.6)*
- *Dress Code - Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy (302.6.10)*
- *Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7)*

Please submit your feedback to Mr. Ward or Jennifer Pellegrini by October 10, 2020

Mr. Ward is e-mailing all policies currently being vetted to all council members. Any feedback can be sent to Mr. Ward or directly to Jennifer Pellegrini.

E. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report - *Mr. Ward will provide for the next meeting.*
4. *Principal's Report*

Catholicity

N.C.D.S.B.: We are entering into the third year of the three year theological theme of "Seeds of Faith: Mass, Mercy, Mission." To be "Seeds of Faith" is to embrace the diversity in our schools – to care for and support those who are struggling while upholding and encouraging others in their success.

Sacraments and Mass: Fr. Khrys is communicating directly with the parish in regards to making up the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation from last year. We have been told that attending Mass is not allowed at this time, so Fr. Khrys. and I will be working out a schedule for him to conduct Mass in our school Gymnasium for some of our students.

Student Achievement

New Math Curriculum: We have begun to implement the new Math curriculum for this year. Key changes: the new document 1. Social-Emotional Learning Skills; 2. Financial Literacy added. Reporting change is that there will be only one grade in Math with the comments to qualify the student's strengths and areas for growth on their report card.

Using Data to Drive Assessment: The staff and administration of St. Mark are in the process of completing our Annual School Improvement Plan that will guide our educational direction throughout this coming school year. There will be three main foci for St. Mark School for the 2020-21 academic year – Mathematics, Science, and Technology.

Technology in the Classroom: We are looking to augment the technological equipment that we currently have at St. Mark to allow for the largest increase in student achievement. Seventy-Five Chromebooks were purchased last June and we are in the process of deploying them in classrooms.

School Climate

Open House/B.B.Q.: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to host our annual Open House this year. In lieu of the open house, all teachers will be reaching out to all families to discuss each student's transition to their new classroom.

Terry Fox Walk: On Friday, September 25th, we took part in the annual Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research. All classes participated in the walk as we worked together to raise money for cancer research. Thank you for your continued support!

Hallowe'en: This year as we adjust to all of the changes happening due to COVID-19, the way that we celebrate Halloween will also have to change. We are happy to let you know that the students are still welcome to wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 30th. However, for students in Grade 4 - 8, they will continue to need to incorporate a mask with their costume. As has been the case every year, costumes that are intended to scare or have blood or weapons are not allowed. Halloween activities will be more theme based activities in the classroom. There can be no sharing of snacks or treats. We will also not be able to have our annual Dance-a-thon fundraiser. We are doing what we can to follow the guidelines from the Ministry and still allowing the students to participate in Halloween at school.

Student Council: We will be having our student council at St. Mark again this year. Cole Thompson will be our chair and we will be selecting a co-chair from grade 7 next week. Junior Council will start up next month and will have ECO-school responsibilities again this year.

Orange Shirt Day: On Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School will recognize National Residential Survivor Day. An email message was sent out to invite everyone to wear their orange shirts tomorrow.

F. OAPCE REPORT *None at this time.*

G. STAFF REPORT *None at this time. Mrs. Gambale will report at future meetings.*

H. SUBCOMMITTEE SIGN UP

1. Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs of each Sub-Committee
2. By-laws/Policy – *Mr. Ward*
3. Community Outreach - *Mr. & Mrs. Caron*
4. Fundraising - *Mrs. DiBartolomeo (chair), Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Khory, & Mrs. Thompson*
5. Graduation - *Mrs. Thompson (Chair), Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. DiBartolomeo, & Mrs. Khory*
6. Hot lunches/milk - *Mrs. DiBartolomeo, & Mrs. Golini*
7. Church Fundraising – *CSC has a standing agreement to donate 10% of school fundraising to the parish.*
8. Safe Schools –
9. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) *Mrs. Manchuk (Mr. Ward explained new procedures for the program will have bins and tongs in each class for Grab-n-Go snacks)*

I. AGENDA ITEMS-

1. COVID protocols and procedures - *Mr. Ward went over the many new protocols and procedures we have put in place this year to keep students and staff as safe as possible. He also shared that there is a new Procedures and Protocols document created by our new Senior Administration team.*

J. NEXT MEETING - October 27, 2020 - *Mrs. DiBartolomeo expressed her satisfaction with the Zoom meeting structure and it was agreed that the next meeting will once again be facilitated through Zoom.*

K. CLOSING PRAYER *Mr. Atkinson*

L. ADJOURNMENT – *7:28 p.m.*