



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer Mr. Atkinson ☺
2. Roll Call - *Mrs. DiBartolomeo, Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Gambale, Mrs. Hermans, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Swart, Mrs. Khory, Mrs. Golini, Ms. Golynski, & Mrs. Manchuk.*
3. Approval of Agenda - *Mrs. Giammarco and Mrs. Thompson*
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the 20-09-29 meeting

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. St. Mark Student Council Report – *Mr. Ward read a statement on behalf of Cole Thompson and Chiara Nicolazo (Attached). Mr. Ward added that they are both very excited to represent St. Mark.*

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

NONE

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report – *Nothing to report*
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – *First meeting went. Report to follow.*
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – *Report not sent yet. Mr. Ward informed council that there is a zero balance on the account as the funds were used to purchase 75 Chromebooks. Without the milk and pizza and Hallowe'en dance-a-thon fundraisers different fundraising ideas will be looked at for this year to replenish account.*
4. Principal Report – *See below.*
5. Q & A: ** Has the cleaning staff been increased? (Yes. 1 additional night cleaner and time changes of existing cleaning staff.) * How much did we spend from the account? (Not sure exact amount but we purchased 75 Chromebooks. Not as much as usual in there as we didn't have any fundraising from March on.) * Is the hope for 1 to 1 with Chromebooks? (No but yes with Intermediate division. A lot of them are at homes with students in virtual classrooms.) * Are we keeping virtual agendas in the future? (More than likely.) * Will all teachers be using NCVLE instead of Google? (Eventually. They have 1 year to transition over. It is better than Google Classroom.) * What percent of students at St. Mark are in-school learning? (Approximate 90%.) * What reading programs are being used in Primary? (Raz-Kids as well as reading buddies with older students.) * Is the Library going to be used? (Yes. Just received protocols on using the Library. Our librarian is off at the moment but our library will open for student use upon her return.)*

E. OAPCE REPORT – *Nothing at this time.*

F. STAFF REPORT – *Mrs. Gambale reported – see attached.*

G. SUBCOMMITTEES (nothing to report at this time)

1. Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs of each Sub-Committee
2. By-laws/Policy
3. Community Outreach
4. Fundraising
5. Graduation
6. Hot lunches/milk
7. Safe Schools
8. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC)

H. AGENDA ITEMS-

I. NEXT MEETING – November 24th, 2020, virtually.

J. CLOSING PRAYER – Mr. Atkinson

K. ADJOURNMENT

Student Council Report

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Good Evening, Cole Thompson and Chiara Nicolazzo, are honoured to serve as the co-chairs of the 2019-20 St. Mark Intermediate Student Council.

Our Council is complete and we will be having our first meeting during the first week of November. We have already served as the assistants for our two Photo Days last week, and served as the front door welcoming committee for the Virtual students who came to take their photos yesterday.

We will be mentoring the Junior Student Council this year as they take on the responsibility of running or ECO-Schools program with Mde. Appel. We are looking forward to being involved in future events this school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Council

Teachers Report – Mrs. Gambale

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Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none">• starting MathUP Schools assessment starting next week
Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting MathUP Schools assessment in the coming weeks• All staff are using the Board purchased programs – Raz kids; Dreambox for Math; and Math UP Schools
Junior <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math UP Schools assessment starting this week• Using EQAO Strategies to improve Literacy and Numeracy skills
Intermediate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math Up Assessment will begin.• Incorporating the NCVLE into their programming to allow parents to see progress and stay abreast of information.

20-10-27 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School Principal's Report



Catholicity

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. Further, Fr. Khrys is working on the sacramental preparation with our grade two and eight students for this year.

Family Advent Mass: At this time, we do not know if we will be able to host a St. Mark Family Mass for this Advent. Fr. Khrys and I are trying to work out the logistics of hosting our annual celebration.

Student Achievement

Math UP: St. Mark Catholic Elementary School has been selected to participate to be a MathUP school. This unique program offers a robust set of focused tools to help build capacity in teaching mathematics through professional learning for both teachers and administrators to benefit student learning! In addition, all grades 3-6 classroom teachers have received a license for MathUP Classroom to support the programming within the classrooms.

Progress Reports: Progress Report Cards will be available in the Parent Portal the week of November 23rd, 2020, and the corresponding parent-teacher interviews will take place with virtual or telephone meetings at the request of the parent or teacher. More information will be forthcoming throughout the month of November.

Razkids and Dreambox: The Board has purchased licenses for both Dreambox and Razkids for the Primary classrooms across the Board! We appreciate this commitment to student learning.

School Climate

Purple Shirt Day: On Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School recognized Purple Shirt Day in support of Family and Children Services. It was nice to see the sea of purple shirts today, as St. Mark School Community will always show support for agencies that protect children!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our St. Mark Student Council organized the collection of school cash online and Food Card donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, throughout October 1st - 9th. Thank you to everyone who supported this most worthwhile project!

St. Mark Clubs: The grade seven students elected Chiara Nicolazzo as the co-chair of the Intermediate Student Council and Family of School Council representative for Blessed Trinity. The remainder of the Council was elected through class representatives. This year's council will continue the fine tradition of increasing student voice and working diligently for the student body. I am in the process of determining a method of hosting other popular clubs at lunch recess times – further information will be available once I work out the logistics of each club.

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