



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA

ST. MARK CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 26, 2019 STAFF LOUNGE

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – Prayer was led by Mr. Romano
Roll Call – Regrets – Mrs. McMaster, Mr. Janca, Mrs. Jelic, Mrs. Solomita, Mrs. Twardawa, Mrs. Pucci.
2. Approval of Agenda - Approved by Mrs. Swart. Seconded by Mrs. Corbett.
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of February 26, 2019 – Approved by Mrs. DiBartolomeo. Seconded by Mrs. Williams.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. St. Mark Student Council report – presented by Ava. S.

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK – Feedback was received by board personnel. Mr. Ward explained to council that the policy related to bus cancellations/school closures has been updated. Mr. Ward responded to questions about curriculum and programming on days when the schools are open and buses are cancelled. Mr. Ward reiterated that curriculum continues to be taught on bus cancellation days.

Corporate Cards, Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy (600.4), Financial Investment Policy (NEW), Safe and Accepting Schools Policy (302.6), and Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5). Any feedback regarding these four policies can be sent directly to Mr. Ward by April 11th.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Presented by Mr. Ward. Please see below.

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report –
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – nothing to report.
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Attached.

E. OAPCE REPORT – Mrs. Swart will let council know of any updates.

F. STAFF REPORT – Presented by Ms. Wilson.

Early Years– Currently planning end of the year field trips, in class butterfly labs for students, and Lenten stories and activities. Primary – Focus on year end trip planning, numeracy games, Dreambox, Prodigy, and EQAO preparation. Junior – year end trip planning, Dreambox, RazKids, and EQAO preparation. Intermediate – building mathematical thinking using the resource “Well Played”, and year-end trip planning.

G. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. **By-Laws** – no report
2. **Community Outreach** – Mrs. Swart will continue to email updates to members.
3. **Fundraising** – Mrs. Watt informed council members that the date for the Fun Fair will be Friday, June 14th. An email will be sent out about upcoming meeting dates. She also mentioned that the Food trucks have been contacted. Mr. Ward said that the Inflatables and Clown have been secured and the request has been sent to the Knights for their barbecuing services.
4. **Graduation** – no report

5. **Hot Lunch/Milk** – all make up dates for pizza milk have been addressed.
6. **Church Fundraising** – Mrs. Williams mentioned that the Ham Roll will be on April 13th. May 11th will be the Plant Sale.
7. **Safe Schools** – no report.
8. **School Nutrition Act Council (SNAC)** – Mrs. Manchuk explained that the “Snack Corner” continues to run well. A representative from Niagara Nutrition Partners visited the school and met with Mrs. Manchuk. The representative stated that the program is running smoothly.

H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Educational Reform – Mr. Ward – The province is looking to lower educational spending by 2021. Some changes in elementary schools could include changes to class sizes, implementation of more blended classes (split grades), and hiring freezes. Mr. Ward will continue to update council members about proposed changes as we are informed.
2. Possibility of changing CSC meeting time or date –Mr. Janca is unable to attend council meetings due to a new position. Mr. Ward opened up a discussion to council members. Possibilities included a rotating schedule, a revised CSC meeting day for the 2019-2020 school year, a virtual meeting, a CSC hub, etc. Some members mentioned that they appreciate the meetings being on the same day of the week to accommodate their schedules for their children’s sports. Mr. Ward will report back next meeting on this issue
3. First Holy Communion – Mrs. Swart brought up a question about First Holy Communion Pictures. Being that the grade two students will receive the sacrament over the course of 9 masses, will there be a group photo of the candidates? Mr. Ward informed council members that St. Mark staff plan on taking pictures at each mass, and then designing a collage or composite for parents and for the yearbook submission.

I. NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for April 30, 2019.

J. CLOSING PRAYER – led by Mr. Ward.

K. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Giammarco	Mrs. DiBartolomeo	Mrs. Golynski
Mrs. Patterson	Mrs. Khory	Mrs. Psiloyenis
Mrs. Kay	Mrs. Seca	Mrs. Williams
Mrs. Corbett	Mrs. Swart	Mrs. Golini
Mrs. Watt	Mrs. Manchuk	Ms. Wilson
Mr. Romano	Mr. Ward	

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Principal’s Report**

Catholicity

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday: Shrove Tuesday was March 5, 2019, all students received a morning snack of pancakes. Ash Wednesday liturgies took place in the gymnasium on March 6, 2019. The Primary/Early Years liturgy took place at 9:45 a.m. and the Junior/Intermediate liturgy took place at 10:45 a.m. It was a beautiful way to begin the season of Lent.

Lenten Food Drive: In collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, St. Mark School is collecting non-perishable food items for families in need in the Town of Lincoln area throughout the Lenten season this year. Thank you for contributing.

Sacramental Preparation: The dates for the sacraments have been confirmed by the parish and the diocese, Confirmation will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and First Communion will be held at each of the three masses over three weekends from May 11/12 to May 25/26, 2019.

Student Achievement

Science Fair: The St. Mark Catholic School Science Fair took place on Friday, February 1st, 2019. Students in grades 5 and 7 participated in this wonderful activity. The top ranked projects have applied to the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Brock University on the weekend of March 29th-31st, 2019. Students will be notified by the N.R.S.E.F. committee on or before March 8, 2019 if they will be participating in the Regional Fair.

Heritage Fair: Students in grades 4 and 6 will be participating and students in grade 5, 7 and 8 will be invited to participate in the St. Mark Heritage Fair on Friday, April 5th, 2019. Brock University students will assist with the adjudication process from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and there will be a public walk through in the afternoon from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. The top projects will be invited to the Niagara Catholic District School Board Heritage Fair on Thursday April 25th, 2019 at Brock University.

School Climate

St. Mark Teams & Clubs: St. Mark School continues to be a busy place. We have Handball, Chess and Battle of the Books teams practicing. In addition we have PALS, dance, choir, art, ukulele and Heritage Fair clubs running.

School Climate Survey: In accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Education School boards must conduct anonymous school climate surveys of students, staff, and parents at least once every two years. "This year, these surveys must include questions on bullying/harassment related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expressions, as well as questions on sexual harassment." This year's administration of online school climate surveys will invite the following participants from all Niagara Catholic elementary schools: students in grades 6 and 7 only; all staff; and, all parents/guardians. The time frame to complete the online school climate surveys is from Monday, April 8 to Friday, May 3, 2019. Grades 6 and 7 teachers will support student completion of the survey during class time.

Social Networking Safety: Save the date of Thursday, June 6th, 2019 as St. Mark is proud to welcome Paul Davis to speak to our students, staff and parents about Social Networking Safety. Paul Davis is an authority on social networking safety and is an engaging speaker who is sure to connect with everyone present! Further information will be forwarded to the community in the coming weeks.