



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA

**ST. MARK CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2018
STAFF LOUNGE**

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – led by Mr. Romano
Roll Call – Regrets – Mrs. Psilyonis, Mrs. Marois, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Khory, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Twardawa, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Manchuk, Ms. Wilson,
2. Approval of Agenda – Approved by Mrs. Thompson. Seconded by Mrs. Giammarco.
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest -none
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of November 27, 2018 – Approval of minutes deferred to next meeting.

B. PRESENTATIONS

St. Mark Student Council report – presented by Mr. Ward (see attached).

- C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK** – No policies for vetting. School Calendar for 2019-2020 school year was discussed by Mr. Ward. Having a PA day on the Friday of the break was an advantage discussed by council members.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – presented by Mr. Ward (see attached)

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report – Policies being vetted
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – Next meeting will be on February 6, 2019 at Club Italia in Niagara Falls at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Pathways Speaker Summit Truths Revealed which is at 6:00 p.m.
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – will be presented next month.

- E. OAPCE REPORT** – Need a parent liason between OAPCE and St. Mark Catholic School Council. Call out to members. Anyone interested is to see Mr. Ward. If there is no interest, Mrs. DiBartolomeo or Mrs. Giammarco will assume the role.

- F. STAFF REPORT** – Reported in Principal Report.

G. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. **By-Laws** – nothing to report
2. **Community Outreach** – nothing to report
3. **Fundraising** – will meet at the end of February regarding Baskets and Fun Fair Fundraisers. Anyone who would like to assist with either fundraiser or other possible fundraisers, please email Mrs. Watt directly.
4. **Graduation** – nothing to report
5. **Hot Lunch/Milk** – nothing to report
6. **Church Fundraising** – The Ham Roll is approaching.
7. **Safe Schools** – met in December. Mr. Ward presented a new change to drop off in the mornings: Staff is now parking in either the far parking area near the church or the first area closest to the school, leaving the middle section for drop off each morning for parents. New markings on the pavement will occur in the summer months.

8. **School Nutrition Act Council (SNAC)** – each student received a healthy popcorn snack last week. Students now have new options at the “Snack Corner” – yogurt tubes available in the main foyer and are “on ice”. These are in addition to fruit and granola bars.

H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS - none

I. NEXT MEETING – our next meeting will be on February 26, 2019.

J. CLOSING PRAYER – led by Mr. Ward.

K. ADJOURNMENT – meeting was adjourned at **7:01 p.m.**

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. DiBartolomeo	Mrs. Giammarco	Mrs. Thompson
Mrs. Kay	Mrs. Petrovic	Mrs. McMaster
Mrs. Jelic	Mrs. Patterson	Mr. Janca
Mrs. Golynski	Mrs. Watt	Mrs. Swart
Mr. Romano	Mr. Ward	

**19-01-29 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School
Principal's Report**



Catholicity

Family Advent Mass: On Saturday, December 15th, at 5 p.m. the St. Mark Community hosted the annual Family Advent Mass. It was a wonderful Mass as over 30 students were involved in the Mass through the Choir, Gift Bearing, Altar Serving or Reading! This was a beautiful way to strengthen the Triad of Home - School – Church.

Advent Food and Toy Drive: Throughout the weeks of December 3rd - 14th, 2018, our St. Mark Grade Eight classes organized the collection of toys and food to share with those in need this Advent/Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday: Shrove Tuesday is March 5, 2019, all students will receive a morning snack of pancakes, if you are available and can help cook pancakes that morning please sign up at the office. Ash Wednesday liturgies will take place in the gymnasium on March 6, 2019. The Primary/Early Years liturgy will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the Junior/Intermediate liturgy will begin at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome!

Student Achievement

Math: Dreambox is up and running in each of the grade two to eight classes. Staff have logged in their students and the on-line program is in use. Staff will monitor the usage and we will determine if this program beneficially augments the mathematical instruction and learning in the classrooms.

Term One Report Cards: The term one report cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on Thursday, February 14th, 2019. Please take the time to read over the report with your child(ren) and set attainable goals for term two. Interviews will be initiated by either the parent or the teacher and will take place in person or by telephone.

Science Fair: The St. Mark Catholic School Science Fair will take place on Friday, February 1st, 2019. Students in grades 5 and 7 will be participating in this wonderful activity. Brock University students have signed up to adjudicate our students on the morning of February 1st, and the fair will be open to the community in the afternoon. The top projects will be invited to the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Brock University on the weekend of March 29th-31st, 2019.

School Climate

Primary Family Movie Night: On Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m., the St. Mark Student Council hosted the movie *The Star* for all primary students and their families. It was a great night as over 100 people attended the event!

St. Mark Teams & Clubs: St. Mark School continues to be a busy place, we have Basketball, Athletics, and Battle of the Books teams practicing. In addition we have PALS, chess, dance, choir, art, robotics, ukulele and science fair clubs running.

Gingerbread House Making Nights: We hosted two very successful Gingerbread house Making Evenings on Monday, December 3rd, and Wednesday December 5th. Over 250 people attended these events as they were two great community building evenings!



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Student Council Report – 19-01-29

Good Evening,

Thank you for the support with our Advent Food and Toy Drives and the Primary Family Movie Night. We appreciated helping make these events a success!

We will be serving as the front door welcoming committee for the Science Fair on Friday, February 1st and will assist with the Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast.

We are enjoying the process of being involved in the Student Council this year.

Thank you.