



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA

### **ST. MARK CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2019 STAFF LOUNGE**

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#### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – Prayer was led by Mr. Romano  
Roll Call – Regrets – Mrs. Diadamo, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Psiloyenis, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Delano, Mrs. Pucci, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Solomita
2. Approval of Agenda - Approved by Mrs. Watt. Seconded by Mrs. McMaster.
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of January 29, 2019 – Approved by Mrs. Bunker. Seconded by Mrs. Golini.

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. St. Mark Student Council report – Nothing to report

#### **C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK – Employee Hiring and Selection (Teachers) Policy (203.1) and French Immersion Policy – Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students (301.1). If you are interested in providing feedback, please forward comments/questions to Mr. Ward by March 19, 2019.**

#### **D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Presented by Mr. Ward. Please see attached.**

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report – Nothing to report.
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – Nothing to report.
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Please see attached.

#### **E. OAPCE REPORT – The new OAPCE member representing St. Mark is Mrs. Swart.**

#### **F. STAFF REPORT – Presented by Ms. Wilson.**

#### **G. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

1. **By-Laws** – We continue to monitor the pick-up and drop off routines at the front of the school.
2. **Community Outreach** – Nothing to report.
3. **Fundraising** – Next meeting will be held in March. Fun Fair date is being discussed.
4. **Graduation** – Prices for balloons, pictures, etc. are being collected.
5. **Hot Lunch/Milk** – Presently making up dates from missed milk dates due to the cancellation of buses/system closure.
6. **Church Fundraising** – Nothing to report.
7. **Safe Schools** – Student Senate Initiative regarding the researching of Saint Mark and what the Mountain Lion represents is underway in the intermediate grades.
8. **School Nutrition Act Council (SNAC)** – Snack “Corner” is working well. Students come down to the front foyer whenever they need a snack - new items include carrots, cheerios, yogurt tubes, etc.

#### **H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –**

- Mr. Ward distributed the Volunteer Sign Up for Shrove Tuesday to parents.

Discussion about new high school scheduled for 2021. Mrs. Watt wondered what the NCDSB's plans are in the coming years to 'compete' with the other school board. Mr. Ward mentioned that the board is aware and plans are in the works.

- I. **NEXT MEETING** – Scheduled for **March 26, 2019.**
- J. **CLOSING PRAYER** – led by Mr. Ward.
- K. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. DiBartolomeo	Mrs. Giammarco	Mrs. McMaster
Mr. Janca	Mrs. Watt	Mrs. Golini
Mrs. Seca	Mrs. Bunker	Mrs. Manchuk
Ms. Wilson	Mr. Romano	Mr. Ward

**19-02-26 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School  
Principal's Report**



**Catholicity**

**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!

**Lenten Food Drive:** In collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, St. Mark School will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for families in need in the Town of Lincoln area throughout the Lenten season this year.

**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**

**Term One Report Cards:** The term one report cards were sent home with your child(ren) on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please take the time to read over the report with your child(ren) and set attainable goals for term two. Interviews are 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 took place on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>~31<sup>st</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Brock University.

### **School Climate**

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

**Shrove Tuesday:** 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. A special thank you is extended in advance to the parents who are able to give of their time to cook pancakes for the students this year. It is a beautiful way to demonstrate to students the importance of helping others throughout Lent.



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