



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Meeting Minutes**  
**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
December 10, 2019  
Staff Lounge

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**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer - Ward
2. Roll Call (attendance is at the bottom)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of October 29, 2019. – with edition of the date.

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. St. Mark Student Council report –

Good Evening,

We would like to thank you for your support with our Dance-a-thon project. We had a great time organizing and facilitating the event on Thursday, October 31st. The event was hugely successful in both the amount of money that was raised and the amount of fun that the students had!

We served as the front door welcoming committee for both the parent teacher interview night and the two Gingerbread House making nights.

Our current projects are the Advent Food and Toy Drives, the Breakfast with Santa and the Primary Family Movie Night. We look forward to helping make these events a success!

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

Thank you.

- C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK** – we reviewed the following 7 policies. Please submit any additional comments to Mr. Ward by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Concussion Policy (303.1)

Employee Workplace Harassment Policy Policy (201.7)

Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)

Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)

Naming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel Policy (100.15)

Sexual Misconduct Policy (201.13)

Student use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Policy (NEW)

**D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Catholicity**

**Family Advent Mass:** On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. the St. Mark Community will be hosting a Family Advent Mass. We see this as a way of helping to strengthen the Triad of Home - School – Church. All are welcome!

**Sacramental Preparation:** The dates for the sacraments have been confirmed by the parish and the diocese, Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 30, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and First Communion will be held at each of the three masses over two weekends in May 2020.

**Advent Food and Toy Drive:** Throughout the weeks of December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, our St. Mark Intermediate and Junior Student councils are organizing the collection of toys and food to share with those in need this Advent/Christmas season.

## **Student Achievement**

**Science Fair:** The St. Mark Catholic School Science Fair will take place on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Students in grades 5 and 7 will be participating and students in grade 6 and 8 will be invited to participate in this wonderful activity. Students are currently choosing topics and will be working on their scientific method and experimentation throughout the coming months. We host an after school Science Fair club for those students in grade 5 and 7 who would like to participate.

**Math:** Staff received a training session in the MathUP program initiative at the P.A. Day on November 15, 2019. We look forward to watching the growth in our students' mathematical thinking throughout this school year.

## **School Climate**

**Gingerbread House Making Nights:** We hosted two Gingerbread house Making Evenings on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Over 300 people attended these events as they are two great community building evenings!

**Family Movie Night:** On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., the St. Mark Student Council will be hosting the movie *The Grinch* for any and all primary students and their families. It promises to be a great night!

**St. Mark Teams & Clubs:** St. Mark School continues to be a busy place, we just finished up Volleyball and will be starting Basketball. In addition we have PALS, chess, dance, choir, art, and Science Fair clubs running.

**Breakfast with Santa:** On Saturday, December 14, 2019 we will be hosting our first Breakfast with Santa in our School gymnasium. The local Knights of Columbus will be providing breakfast and the St. Mark Student Council will be serving and cleaning the tables in between the two sittings. We have ~80 people signed up for the first sitting (8:30 – 10:00) and ~100 people of the second sitting (10:30 – 12:00).

**Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon:** Once again this year, the Student Council organized their Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon for the students of St. Mark. This activity served to increase school spirit, raise funds for more technology equipment and our Church, and allowed this year's Student Council to take on a leadership role within the school. The funds raised for our school were in excess of \$7000.00. Great job Mountain Lions!

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report

**E. OAPCE REPORT – no correspondence**

**F. STAFF REPORT – none**

## **G. SUBCOMMITTEE SIGN UP**

1. By-laws/Policy – no report
2. Community Outreach – no report
3. Fundraising – Fun Fair date is set for Thursday, June 11, 2020 and we discussed three possible future fundraising activities: Fielding Winery; Da Bomb; and DFS Canada. The committee will bring one idea to council in the spring.
4. Graduation – date is set for Monday, June 22, 2020.
5. Hot lunches/milk – no report
6. Church Fundraising – no report
7. Safe Schools – Met in December – no report
8. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – no report

**H. AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. NEXT MEETING – January 28, 2020**

**J. CLOSING PRAYER - Ward**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

## **In Attendance**

Monica Giammarco

Anne Watt

Laura Kay

Paula Jubenville

Bonnie Manchuk

Christine Patterson

Steve Ward

### Regrets

Tim Atkinson

Wendy Wilson

Rebecca Williams

Sabrina Golini

Jacqueline Swart

Kerie Klien (Hart)

Alison Hurtubise

Stephanie Bunker

Lilla Pucci

Abby Nicolazzo

David Curry

Mary Jane DiBartolomeo