



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
STAFF LOUNGE
6:30 P.M.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer, Roll Call, Disclosure of Interest
2. Approval of the Agenda – **Approved by Mrs. Thomson, Seconded by Mrs. Corbett**
3. Approval of Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of June 19, 2018
Will be on website tomorrow.
Election of Chair for 2018-19 **Mr. Ward began the meeting by asking for nominations for Chair/Co-Chair of the St. Mark CSC 2018-19. Mrs. Giammarco and Mrs. DiBartolomeo were acclaimed as new Co Chairs and acted as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

B. PRESENTATION(S)

1. St. Mark Student Council report
No council set yet – will be here for next meeting. -Student council will take place on October 9th from 3-4 p.m

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Refer to Principal's Report by Mr. Ward (attached)

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – **October 25th Faith Formation Day at St. Alfred Catholic Parish – for new chairs. November 2nd meeting at the CEC.**
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – **meetings at the CEC on the first Wednesday of the month – October 3rd is the next month.**
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – **see June report**
4. Staff report – **nothing to report**
5. NCDSB Policies – **CSC Policy change – adding a point that there needs to be an annual Faith Formation for members. St. Mark CSC is in support of the amendment to the policy.**

D. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) REPORT

-nothing to report

E. STAFF REPORT – nothing to report

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – parking for parents & kids safety – directional signage –

Mrs. McMaster, Mrs. Watt, Mr. Janca

2. Community Outreach – nothing to report – Mrs. Swart/ Mrs. Ruggieri (CO-CHAIRS)
 3. Fundraising – Mrs. Bunker, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Denhoed, Mrs. Watt, (CHAIR), Mrs. Khory, Mrs. Klein-Hart, Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Pucci, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Janca, Mr. Curry
 4. Graduation Mrs. Swart, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. McMaster (CHAIR), Mrs. Seca, Mrs. Ruggieri, Mrs. Giammarco, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Williams
 5. Hot lunches/milk – Mrs. Bunker, (CHAIR), Mrs. Denhoed, and Mrs. Corbett
 6. Church Fundraising – Mrs. Williams (CHAIR)
 7. Safe Schools – Gym door wrap (looks amazing!) Mrs. Psi (CHAIR), Mrs. Swart, Mrs. Watt,
 8. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – Mrs. Corbett, (CHAIR), Mrs. Diadamo, Mrs. Kay
- *** Mr. Ward will add a note to the newsletter about the snack program.

G. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1. Staff Appreciation Breakfast June 29th, 2018 – Great Success & the faculty were so grateful! Thank you to all that participated & special thanks to Monica Giammarco for helping cook on the morning of the event –
2. BBQ nite – messages sent to all families regarding event
3. Table for Parent Council – parents signed-up showing interest to participate with volunteering and/or Parent Council

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selection of Chair/Co-Chairs of Parent Council 2018/2019 completed
2. Selection of Chairs/Co-chairs for all sub-committees – completed
3. Sign-up for all sub-committees – completed
4. Swiss Chalet Soup Hot Lunch –Mr. Ward to follow up.

I. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –

Mr. Ward spoke to the new Health and Physical Education document – going back to the 1998 curriculum. Still going to teach many of the expectations through the Fully Alive Program (Religious Ed).

Mr. Ward spoke to the EQAO Results in mathematics and will report back next meeting once the data have been analyzed more fully.

Mr. Ward spoke about the Ministry's Fundamentals of Math. He passed out parent guide and will also email to parents. Focus on Number Sense (building a foundation). Numeracy Coach will be assisting staff and students starting later this month. (Specifically grades 4 and 7). He is considering a possible purchase of Dream Box. (Free site – Prodigy).

Mr. Ward to bring in Curriculum expectations/documents for Numeracy to show the continuum to school council.

Math Corner for Newsletter – Mr. Ward will submit.

J. NEXT MEETING: October 30th, 2018

K. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER – Adjournment – at 7:36 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Palumbo	Mrs. Thomson	Mrs. Anders
Mrs. Diadamo	Mrs. Kay	Mrs. Bunker
Mrs. Corbett	Mrs. McMaster	Mrs. Williams
Mrs. Golini	Mrs. Jelic	Mrs. Seca
Mrs. Watt	Mrs. Ruggieri	Mrs. Klein-Hart
Mrs. Khory	Mrs. Pucci	Mrs. Denhoed
Mrs. Psiloyenis	Mrs. Solomita	Mrs. Swart
Mr. Janca	Mrs. Giammarco	Mrs. Manchuk
Mr. Ward	Mr. Romano	Mrs. DiBartolomeo
Mr. Curry		

18-09-25 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School
Principal's Report



Catholicity

N.C.D.S.B.: We are entering into the first year of the three year theological theme of “*Seeds of Faith: Mass, Mercy, Mission.*” To be “Seeds of Faith” is to embrace the diversity in our schools – to care for and support those who are struggling while upholding and encouraging others in their success.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our Gr. Eights and St. Mark Student Council will be organizing the collection of food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive, throughout October 1st - 4th, 2018.

Family Advent Mass: On Saturday, December 8th, 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!

Student Achievement

E.Q.A.O.: We received and have started to analyze the E.Q.A.O. summary data. The St. Mark results are as follows: Grade Three Reading 76%; Writing 82%; and Mathematics 54%; Grade Six Reading 76%; Writing 72%; and Mathematics 26%. We have just begun analyzing the I.R.R. data that will further help to understand these data and to help shape the foci for our instruction in the 2018-19 school year.

Using Data to Drive Assessment: The staff and administration of St. Mark are in the process of completing our Annual School Improvement Plan that will guide our educational direction throughout this coming school year. The St. Mark staff will utilize the data collected from the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments, the Diagnostic data (OCA/DRA/Obs. Survey.), and classroom data to help drive their instruction to improve student achievement. There will be three main foci for St. Mark School for the 2018-19 academic year – Mathematics, Science, and Technology.

Technology in the Classroom: We are looking to augment the technological equipment that we currently have at St. Mark to allow for the largest increase in student achievement. One Hundred Chromebooks were purchased last year and another technology purchase will be made this year, which may include Math programs and microscopes.

School Climate

Open House/B.B.Q.: On Thursday, September 20th, 2018, we welcomed families to the school for our Open house. Approximately 500 people came out to tour the school, their children’s classrooms, and learn more about the educational program that the students at St. Mark will receive this year. In addition, the Knights of Columbus provided a B.B.Q. for all families. Thank you to all parents for your support of this event!

Terry Fox Walk: On Friday, September 28th, we will take part in the annual Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research. All classes will participate in the walk as we work together to raise money for cancer research. Thank you for your continued support!

Student Council: We will be electing students from gr. 7 to complete our Intermediate Student Council to allow us to enhance and encourage student voice. Our first meeting of the Intermediate Student Council will take place on Tuesday, October 9th, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Hallowe’en Dance-a-thon: The Student Council will be organizing a Hallowe’en Dance-a-thon for the students of St. Mark. This activity will serve to increase school spirit, raise funds for Technology equipment and St. Helen Church, and allow this year’s Student Council to take on a leadership role within the school. This will be an out of dress code day for all students – as they are invited to wear either a school appropriate costume or orange and black clothing in the spirit of the day.



““Seeds of Faith: Mass, Mercy, Mission”

“The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through its charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.”

