



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

January 23, 2024
Classroom

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council, held on
January 23, 2024 at 6:30. The meeting was called to order at **6:35 pm**

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. DellaSmirra

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Absent
Principal/Secretary/Treasurer	Maria Ruggi Dietsch	X	
Chair	Heidi McKenna	X	
Co-Chair(s)			
Teacher Representative	Laura DellaSmirra	X	
Non-Teaching Representative	Patricia Humphries	X	
Student Representative			
Parish Representative			
Community Representative			
OAPCE Representative	Heidi McKenna		

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS

Ashley Jones	x	
Kelsie Pietz	x	
Sandra Woronchak		
Scott Woronchak		
Also in attendance		
Danielle Fauvell-online	x	
Colleen McMillan -online	x	
Elizabeth McDonald -online	x	
Bensi Sebastian -online	x	

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Ashley Jones
Seconded by Kelsie Pietz

THAT the St. Andrew Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council Meeting of January 23, 2024.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Conflict Interest

No disclosures of conflict of interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council Meeting of

November 28, 2023

Moved by Ashley Jones
Seconded by Kelsie Pietz

THAT St. Andrew Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council Meeting of November 28, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS -none for this meeting

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the [Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy \(100.5\)](#) review process.

To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

- [Code of Conduct Policy 302.6.2](#)
- [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy 800.7](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. February 21, 2024

-[Maria explained how to access each policy to view](#)

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

St. Andrew Catholic School
Financial Statement
Tuesday, April 8, 2024

School Generated Funds

Fundraising General	136.00
Technology	<u>1061.00</u>
Total Funds Available	1197.00

Hot Lunches 2300.00

Graduation (736.49) Hoodies/composites

Fundraising for technology for the classroom, computers/Chromebooks approx \$420 each, classroom technology is becoming old and repairs are being made. Money is in hot lunches, but we've purchased items for pasta lunches, The order from Costco approx \$360 and will cover 2 pasta lunches. We have a shortfall in our graduation fund, waiting for payments for hoodies and composites to come in.

Upcoming Events:

- **February is Black History Month-**

Janet Madume from Welland Heritage Council Presenting on Black Resistance

3 Presentations, Gr 1-8, broken into 3 presentations, will be done in story form

Week 2 Kindergarten students will work on Garrett Morgan's story and activity with traffic light; Primary will be learning about Mae Jemison: First African American Woman in Space- STEM activity- building a Rocket Ship; Junior students will be learning about the Underground Railroad and completing an activity "Freedom Quilt", Intermediate students will complete a Black History Research Project.

Week 3: Students throughout the school will learn about Martin Luther King Jr., and each student will complete a blackline master "My Dream Is....." This will be displayed in the front entrance.

Week 4 Celebrating Black Artists followed by an ART show. Each class has chosen a Black Artist, and they will create a piece of Art inspired by that Artist. All Art will be displayed in the gym, and parents will be invited to come in on Thursday, February 29th

- February 8, 2024- Kindergarten Open House- 9:00 am to 6:00 pm for new registrations
- Basketball- Teams have been chosen, and they are practicing during lunch
- Chili Day- February 9, 2024- \$5.00 for a bowl of chilli and a bun
- Pasta Day- February 22, 2024 - moved to Thursday, along with all food days throughout Lent
- Student council helps inform staff/principal of ideas for hot lunches, we are lucky to have Teresa to make pasta and other hot lunches.
- Kids Helping Kids- February 12-23- many fun activities to promote awareness and raise money for Niagara Children's Centre and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.- Raffle Baskets to raise money for KHK. will be available cash online.
- February 12, 2024-Term 1 Report Cards will be posted to the Parent Portal IEPs and Alternatives will be sent home Paper copies are available to anyone that requests
- February 13, 2024- Shrove Tuesday- pancakes served to the whole school there will not be breakfast club this day because pancakes will come to each class // out of uniform red and white to celebrate Valentine's Day//
- February 13, 2024 - Valentine's Day activities- Cookie Grams will be on sale everyone will receive a cookie gram/if one was not purchased the school will provide it for the students //KHK week info and activities will come out on the newsletter
- February 13, 2024-Grade 6-8 will attend a Notre Dame Hockey Game-Free asked to wear green/buses are being provided to the Welland Arena
- February 14, 2024- Ash Wednesday- Mass at 9:15 am at the church parents are invited to join
- February 16, 2024-P.A. Day- no school for students math focus done for staff
- February 19, 2024- Family Day- no school
- Feb. 26 & 27 Dental Screening for all students- email was sent out last week email has

- been sent out/opt out if needed
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day - Anti-Bullying Awareness
- Spirit Wear- Contacted Big Bear, choose 8-10 products that we want to carry. Choose product colours company provides to many NC schools, will send purchase by mail or can be picked up in NF/reasonable pricing, good quality, quick turnaround/has polo as an option//looked at past items from previous years//if you have suggestions please send to Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch/ our colours are green and yellow//Heidi-suggested blue hoodie with school colours//need to look at keeping it different than the Grad hoodies to keep it unique//Colleen said the grey hoodies have lasted many years compared to the blue hoodies in the past//Big Bear will provide different price points//Ashley has a logo to share//Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch is looking into getting a jaguar logo for the front entrance to clean and freshen it up
- Fundraising Ideas: Raffle- cash or chromebook/tablet
- Purse bingo at the school in the past was profitable, is a lot of work/need lots of volunteers to make it successful/if serving alcohol need Smart Serve/if we are going ahead with this we should plan for the next school year, possibly the fall//ran it like a stag and doe//the money was made on buying extra sheets, raffles, drinks, purses were purchased at a discounted price // if going forward will need to make a committee for planning
- Possible fundraiser is a cash prize lottery/everyone is able to participate-affordable for most, we have a lottery licence // we would have to look at the amounts for the prizes based on our school//there is work to monitor the return of tickets/can have incentives to have tickets returned & sold
- Taekwondo a possible fund raiser/comes into the school, provide 1 lesson, then students can buy classes for 4 for \$20 // money goes back to the school// Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch has a contact if interested//no minimum amount of participants to make this work//council finds it a good idea to pursue
- Colleen: Cobbs bread fundraiser is popular, not sure of the return back to the school//you get a card \$25 for 12 loaves of bread//will need to investigate what the school will make from it//you can't get 2 loaves a day but you can use the card all in one month, will have restrictions attached
- Need to purchase a tv-80 inch, looking for anyone who can get a discount, also we need a carpet for the library

E. OAPCE REPORTS

F. STAFF REPORTS

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING **Apr 9, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.//looking at in-house meeting, those that can't come can join online**

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by **Laura DellaSmirra**

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ashley Jones

Seconded by Patricia Humphries

THAT the January 23, 2024 meeting of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council be adjourned. **CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.