



**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDER KUSKA K.S.G. CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, November 14, 2022  
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Catholic School Catholic School Council, held on Monday, November 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Sara Ivicic.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Wood.

**2. Roll Call**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		P	A
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Moscato Francesca Wood	x	x
Teacher Representative	Elena Gallo		x
Chair	Sara Ivicic	x	
Co-Chair	Ashley Steele-Durk	x	
	Michelle Von Possel	x	
	Judy McFaul	x	
	Lisa Bouchard	x	
	Sandra Passero	x	
	Martha Barnes	x	
	Belinda Ravazzolo	x	
	Jessica Pychel	x	
	Jen Danylko	x	
	Rachel Falvo	x	
	Jennifer Lee	x	

	Meagan Hominuk	x	
	Tina Goupil	x	
	Gbenga Iroko (online)	x	
	Bianca Hernandez (online)	x	
	Jessica Mohsen (online)	x	
	Tasha DeDonato (online)	x	
	Charline Design (online)	x	

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Rachel Falvo

Seconded by Ashley Steele

**THAT** the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council approves the Agenda of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of November 14, 2022.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Disclosure of Conflict Interest**

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

### **5. Approval of Minutes from the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting on October 3, 2022.**

Moved by Jessica Pychel

Seconded by Jennifer Danylko

**THAT** Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council approves the Minutes of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of October 3, 2022 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **B. POLICIES FOR VETTING - FEEDBACK**

[\*\*Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy 201.2\*\*](#)- feedback due to Anna Pisano by November 23 @ 12:00 pm

[\*\*Volunteer Recognition Policy 800.4\*\*](#) - feedback due to Anna Pisano by November 23 @ 12:00 pm

[\*\*Student Trustees Policy 100.4\*\*](#) - feedback due to Anna Pisano by December 21 @ 12:00 pm

## **C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **1. Parent Engagement activities**

November 11- Remembrance day liturgy

December - CSC Pasta lunch for students on hold for now.

- CSC members would still like to do something, given that fundraising initiatives were limited in the last couple of years due to covid, money isn't available to fund a lunch at this time. We will plan to put some money aside this year to fund a student lunch for next

year.

December 6 - Kuska Christmas Fun - ideas shared:

- cookie decorating
- gingerbread house decorating
- movie night (decided no because of excess screen time)
- scavenger hunt (majority in favour of this idea)

Scavenger hunt ideas- tiered clues to appeal to all age groups, classes could come up with a clue each, students will get card punched once they solve the clue, the clues should be spread out and possibly outside to avoid congestion in the front of the school, include the choir, art up in the gym, hot chocolate and cookie decorating, visit with Santa

- decide committee leads - Sara, Jessica P, Martha and Jessica M.
- Questions raised about the whereabouts of Santa costume that was purchased by Council in the past, along with decorations/back drop

February 15 - Ice Dogs game - more details to be shared in the new year

- Shrove Tuesday was mentioned, Mrs. Wood said it will depend on health/covid regulations at that time. A decision will be made closer to the date.

June 6 - Family BBQ

- raffle baskets
- invite new Kinder families
- Kinder meeting prior to BBQ beginning
- opportunity to recruit new CSC members
- Discuss further at next meeting

## **2. Plans for Big Box collection/distribution**

- CSC members to come in Monday, November 21 at 1:00 pm
- classroom teachers will gather all returned boxes in their classrooms
- CSC members to collect boxes and list from classroom teachers
- CSC members to cross reference list of sales with returned boxes
- CSC members to tally totals for each type of card box

## **3. Portable/Pathway Update**

- Facilities has been out to do a site inspection for both

## **4. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report**

- these meetings are open to anyone and also livestreamed
- Livestream link and minutes are posted under the Board > Meetings > NCPIC tab
- next meeting is January 12, 2023

## **5. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report**

- these meetings are open to anyone and also livestreamed
- last meeting was October 25, minutes are not yet posted
- Livestream link and minutes are posted under the Board > Meetings > SEAC tab
- next meeting is December 7, 2022

**6. Catholic School Council Financial Report** - no additional funds to report as our fundraiser has not closed yet

- Mrs. Favro requested a full financial report and bank statement at the next meeting, citing this has been shared in the past
- Mrs. Wood, as well as Council members stated that specific finance information was shared at our last meeting
- Mrs. Favro stated that her request be specifically noted in the meeting minutes
- Mrs. Wood stated that Mrs. Favro's request for financial information to be shared was not an unusual request and Mrs. Wood indicated the topic on the evening's agenda and that it is included in every meeting agenda, as outlined by the Board
  
- Council members asked how Big Box fundraising money would be spent, Mrs. Wood stated that it would be going towards technology.
- Council members questioned how that decision was made. Mrs. Wood stated that the suggestions from the first Council meeting were to put the money towards outdoor recess equipment, gym equipment and technology.
- Mrs. Wood stated that Mr. Moscato and herself, as the administrators, make the final decisions in the best interest of the whole school; that the Council is an advisory committee and that the Council suggestions are taken into consideration.
- Mrs. Wood also stated that since her and Mr. Moscato made the decision to spend \$4000 of the school budget on gym/outdoor equipment, that they decided to use the Big Box fundraiser earnings for technology, as was stated in the school newsletter
  
- Mrs. Dunham asked if the fundraiser makes a lot more than expected (eg. \$15,000) can some of the money be re-routed to another area of need
- Mrs. Wood stated that she is unsure what the policy says about changing how the money is spent once the purpose has been publicly stated, but that she would look in to it for the next meeting.

#### **D. OAPCE REPORT**

- upcoming webinar on November 26 @ 9:30 am
- link found on OAPCE website to register
- focus will be on Catholic Virtual Ontario, their new website, student voice videos and various Catholic online resources

#### **E. STAFF REPORT** - info below shared from Mrs. Gallo's notes

October 4- Journey retreat

October 6- Track and field

October 7- Holy Childhood Walk a thon

October 11- lock down drill

October 14- School Mass

October 18- Family of Schools Cross Country

October 19- Grade 7/8 went to Canada's Got Talent

October 25- Cross Country Board Meet

October 26- Pizza Day

October 30- ND Pilgrimage Grade 8 invitation

October 31- Halloween Activities

November 1- Chaplain Visit: All Saints Day

November 2-All Souls Day/Take your kids to work/Big Box went home

November 7-Treaties Recognition Week

November 8- Indigenous Veterans Day/ ND FOS Volleyball

November 11- Remembrance day Prayer service  
November 13- First Communion Rite Mass  
November 14- Safety Village Grade 1, ½, ½ FI  
November 18- Picture Retakes/ BigBox ends  
November 21 Progress Reports/ Safety Village Grade 1 FI, 2 FI, 3FI  
November 22- Safety Village Grade ⅔, 3  
November 23- Pizza Day  
November 24- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
November 28- Joy Day

Please continue to view posts about School happenings on Twitter or Instagram

**G. AGENDA ITEMS -DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- used clothing drive                      - Grad                                      - raffle baskets
- Spring fundraiser                        - grants

**H. NEXT MEETING** - February 6, 2023

**I. CLOSING PRAYER** - Mrs. Wood

**J. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:08 pm  
Moved by Sandra Passero  
Seconded by Lisa Bouchard