



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES**  
**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
April 18, 2023  
School Library

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council,  
held on April 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tim Atkinson

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by T. Atkinson

**2. Roll Call**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	T. Atkinson	√		
Co-Chair	S. Bays	√		
Co-Chair	M. Bowker	√		
Teacher Representative	A. Filice	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	H. Humphreys	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative	M. Bowker	√		
Kathleen Ciccotti		√		
Melanie Harris		√		
Breia Merla				√
Marlies Nanninga		√		
Andrea Piché		√		
Sarah Veld			√	

**Minutes of the Meeting taken by H. Humphreys**

**ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – Mr. Atkinson
2. Roll Call - *done*

## **B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report – n/a
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – n/a

## **C. Catholicity**

1. Sacraments: Grade 8's received Confirmation on March 9<sup>th</sup>. A great service. 2 students who were not being confirmed showed up for the mass to support their classmates. First Holy Communion for our Grade 2's will occur on Sunday, May 7 at 3pm
2. The Grade 8's organized and ran a Stations of the Cross prayer service in the gym. Every period and a couple of classes attended to keep the numbers small.
3. Catholic Education week is coming up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a mass at the school on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Other activities are being planned for the week.

## **D. Student Achievement**

1. Our Empower reading program has recently reached the half-way point. The success of this program is amazing and the jumps in the students reading level is huge. Mrs. Penner is doing a wonderful job with them.
2. Lexia is another reading support we have here. Our numbers with this program is also showing remarkable gains. With our success and commitment to using this program, we have been given more than our allotted amount of licenses.
3. Science of Reading is now in full swing in our K – 2 classes. Teachers have been receiving ongoing training on this resource, and we have purchased 5 complete kits for our staff.
4. Math-Up continues to be the driving resource for our Numeracy program.

## **E. School Climate**

1. We had a West Wing handball tournament which was a lot of fun. The junior boys and girls really enjoyed competing against other schools.
2. We recently went to a chess tournament in Niagara Falls. The junior team finished 5<sup>th</sup> and our intermediate team won the gold medal. They now compete in the board tournament on the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Seaway Mall.
3. Five of our students went to an Accessibility workshop where they heard from a quadruple amputee, The Unstoppable Stacey, and all they she has accomplished in her life. They also attended 2 workshops addressing this important issue.

## **F. School Climate**

### **1. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Holly**

- a. Posted Nutrition Program on School Cash and have raised \$390 in donations from families to date.
- b. We are still waiting for delivery of 30 Chromebooks for a total of \$13,322 to be paid once delivered.

## **G. SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. Fun Fair committee led by Andrea Piché
  - Andrea will start a WhatsApp group to keep everyone in the loop
  - Holly to book Niagara Inflatables Obstacle Course\
  - Tim to book Knights of Columbus to do all barbequing
    - And buy drinks
  - Committee to ask for donations from local merchants

**H. NEXT MEETING** – May 30 @ 4:00 pm – Fun Fair Committee

**I. CLOSING PRAYER** – Mr. Atkinson

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** 6:55 pm