



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

St. Patrick Catholic School Council
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Virtual – 6:00 pm
Minutes



Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/gwk-vrbe-jpm>

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1. Prayer- Mr. Venzon started with a prayer

God, the source of every good gift.

Let us pray that all of us will experience a sense of warmth and welcome, and that there will be a rich sharing of ideas, talents and enthusiasm as together we go about our work of helping our children to grow and learn.

Help us recognize your presence in one another. Inspire us to listen with attention and patience, to share with courage and generosity, and to welcome the ideas of all.

May this meeting help to build our community and increase our confidence in ourselves and our school.

Amen

2. Role Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal	Mr. Venzon	X		
Chair	Mrs. Loeffen		x	
Co-Chair(s)	Mrs. Gross	X		
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Gillespie		x	
Community Representative	Mr. Capercione	X		
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Mrs. Alexander		X		
Mrs. Maltman		X		

Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Tyminski	X		
Mrs. Zlomislic	X		
Ms. Honsberger	X		
Mrs. Sibbald		X	
Ms. Eckert		X	

3. Chair Report

i) Fundraising Update

Lottery Calendar of prizes for May, 2021.

Mr. Venzon will send an email to all families letting them know that this will be our main fundraiser for this year, as we will not be having Fun Night, Trivia, etc. This email will ask families for any donations in the form of gift cards of \$25.00 or more from local businesses. These donations of gift cards will be collected until March 12th.

Next, we will see what cards come in and backfill any needed cards to fill calendar with each day \$25.00 card draw, and bonus days that include more than the 1 card prize... (we can discuss and decided what this will look like once we get all the cards).

We will then ask our families to sell calendars to people they know... maybe a goal of 10 sold per family. We can sell calendars from March 22 until the end of April.

Calendars will be posted somewhere for families to see (need to decide on best place). Winners will be contacted.

Draws will begin on May 1st... Winners names may be drawn more than once, so there are 31 chances to win. We will see what bonus days we can include. Each calendar would have a number, and families could send Mr. Venzon an email with Calendar # purchased and name. Each family collects from people who buy, and then the family makes the payment on School Cash Online.

4. Principal's Report

- i) Policies for vetting - 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

- [Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy \(302.6.8\)](#)
- [Student Expulsion Policy \(302.6.5\)](#)
- [Employee Workplace Harassment Policy \(201.7\)](#)
- [Employee Workplace Violence Policy \(201.11\)](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Jennifer Pellegrini](#) by March 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

- ii) Report Cards- Available on Parent Portal the week of Feb. 22nd - Interviews at the request of teacher or parent
- iii) Kids Helping Kids Update
-we sold Valentine's hearts and Smencils and raised over \$400.00 for Kids Helping Kids Donations to the Niagara Children's Center and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.
- iv) Permission Click information re: COVID-19 - staff complete daily
- v) New Technology Purchases + Update- Smartboard in Gr. 1 /2. Mr. Venzon explained how Chromebook are utilized in the school, with numbers per class, and per student. He discussed programming and the importance of balancing students technology with other learning tasks such as pencil paper.
- vi) Covid-19 Safety protocols and procedures & Daily Screening for Families -

You can screen your child or yourself by taking the [COVID-19 school and child care screening](#).

- vii) March /(April) Break- April 12-16
- viii) NCPIC - Information available on [niagaracatholic.ca](#)
- ix) SEAC - Information available on [niagaracatholic.ca](#)
- x) School Improvement - Example from MathUp School
- Mr. Venzon talked about the staff meeting today and the need to promote problem solving and critical thinking in kids. "Old-school" teaching with worksheets that promotes rote memorization of facts is not as valuable in Math, for example, when working with numbers. Mr. Venzon presented 2 examples of MathUp School Improvement. The first was an organization template for kids to work on additive decomposition and the second was related to multiplicative decomposition.

5. Treasurer's Report



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Financial Statement

General Fundraising

Fundraising Activities Balance

General Fundraising			6,416.93
Overall Totals			6,416.93

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 30th, 2021