



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 23, 2020  
Virtual Meeting – Google Meet**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. James Catholic School Council, held on September 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jackie Watson

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

- Prayer for Catholic School Council was said by all

**2. Roll Call (after election)**

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Treasurer	Jackie Watson	γ		
Vice-Principal/Secretary	Jackie Watson			
Chair	Mrs. Wheeler-Bigford	γ		
Co-Chair	-----			
Teacher Representative	Mrs. McInerney	γ		
Non-Teaching Representative	-----			
Student Representative	-----			
Parish Representative	Father Ben Weber		γ	
OAPCE Representative	Mrs. McLachlan-Petraroia	γ		
<b>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>				
Mrs. Roy		γ		
Mrs. McLachlan-Petraroia		γ		
Mrs. Bowman		γ		
Mrs. Harte			γ	
Mrs. Dzugan		γ		
Mrs. Howe		γ		

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Mrs. Wheeler-Bigford

Seconded by Mrs. McLachlan-Petraroia

**THAT** the St. James Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. James Catholic School Council Meeting of September 23, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the St. James Catholic School Council Meeting of June 12, 2019**

Moved by Mrs. Wheeler-Bigford

Seconded by Mrs. Howe

**THAT** St. James Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. James Catholic School Council Meeting of June 17, 2020 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**Elections took place. Mrs. Wheeler-Bigford volunteered to be Chair for this school year. She was acclaimed. All other parents present will be included in this year's CSC for St. James Catholic. St. James Catholic School Council By-Laws for the 2020-2021 school year were reviewed.**

**C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Policies Under Review**

Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2020

- Dress Code-Secondary Uniform Policy (302.6.6)
- Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy (302.6.10)
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7)
- Accessibility Customer Service Policy (800.8.1)
- Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)

**Sacraments:** Father Ben will be arranging times in which our students can receive this year's Sacraments based upon the recommendations from Public Health in regards to gatherings. Father will also help to support those students missing Sacraments due to school/church closures last year. Father is willing to meet with classes virtually and to try virtual masses.

**Fall Sports and Clubs:** On hold right now.

**School Pictures:** Individual school pictures will be taken. No class pictures this year (to date).

Will speak with Darren from Gregory Olsen in regards to Graduation Pictures being taken in conjunction of individual pictures.

**Chromebooks:** Purchased 28 so far. Will purchase 25 or so more. Also need to purchase tablets for D2L Brightspace, student portfolio work.

Order will be placed for the purchase of more technology by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Apparently there is a world-wide shortage of chromebooks and delivery dates are months away.

**Hydration Station:** Purchased and is at the Board office. Waiting for installation.

**Halloween:** Waiting for direction from NCDSB.

Direction was received from NCDSB Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of costumes, Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> will be Black and Orange Day.

**Fundraisers:** No handling of cash, paper, boxes. No entry into schools.

Perhaps to place fundraisers on hold right now?

Will investigate a list of vendors/restaurants who would be willing to give us a % of sales generated by the St. James Catholic Family Community. No product would come into the school, no handling of paper would be required. Community members would simply financially support that business on a day set for St. James Catholic, and we would share in a % of the profits made.

A list of vendors/restaurants will be generated and sent out to families once information is received.

As a staff, we have been spending a tremendous amount of time focusing on the new protocols and expectations put in place within the school, such as cohort grouping during recess, one way directional arrows in the hallways and distancing stickers while waiting in line. We are focusing on the health and mental well-being of both our students and staff as we have been away for close to six months. The assessing of possible academic gaps will be ongoing within the classrooms.

We are still following through with the Health and Safety mandates of fire alarms, hold and secures and lockdowns – all while maintaining social distancing and safety during COVID-19.

MathUP has just been purchased for Grades 1-8. This digital resource created by Marian Small complements the new elementary math curriculum that was released this year.

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

#### **E. STAFF REPORT**

- Terry Fox walk all this week. Perimeter of back yard based on Grade (Grade 8 - 8x's)
- September 30<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day and Rowan's Law day
- Students have been phenomenal with re-opening expectations with a few reminders

#### **F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **G. NEXT MEETING**

November 25, 2020; February 24, 2021; June 16, 2021

With the ability to call more meetings or rearrange dates once permission is given to proceed

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **I. CLOSING PRAYER**

- Please let us all say the Hail Mary

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by ---

Seconded by ---

**THAT** the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the St. James Catholic School Council be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

#### **E. CLOSING PRAYER**

- The Hail Mary was led by all