



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**February 24, 2021
Virtual Meeting – Google Meet**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. James Catholic School Council, held on February 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		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 Stephen Bruzzese		γ	
OAPCE Representative	Mrs. McLachlan-Petraroia	γ		
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Mrs. Roy			γ	
Mrs. McLachlan-Petraroia		γ		
Mrs. Bowman		γ		
Mrs. Harte		γ		
Mrs. Dzugan		γ		
Mrs. Howe		γ		
Mrs. Metler		γ		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by
Seconded by

THAT the St. James Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. James Catholic School Council Meeting of February 24, 2021.

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 September 23, 2020

Moved by
Seconded by

THAT St. James Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. James Catholic School Council Meeting of November 25, 2020 as presented.

B. PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORT

No presentation/report

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Policies Under Review

- [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

Information Released by our IT Department

As Chromebooks continue to be a key device for staff and students, IT Services wants to provide important dates around vendor AUE (Auto Update Expiration). AUE is the policy whereby Google ensures a device receives regular software and security updates. When a device reaches AUE, these updates are no longer provided, meaning; after the AUE date is reached, existing and future policies may not work as intended, and technical support will not be provided.

The following first and second generation deployed models in our system will be affected

Lenovo N21 Chromebook	Sep 2021
Lenovo N22 Chromebook	Jun 2022
Lenovo N23 Chromebook	Jun 2022

February 12 PA Day

The Professional Activity Day on Friday, February 12, 2021 included multiple sessions related to learning about ABA strategies for students. This included two sessions called “Navigating Tricky Situations Through the Lens of ABA and Mental Health” led by the Mental Health Lead and ABA Lead. The focus for educators and support staff was confidentiality, ethics, trauma triggers and social media boundaries with students. The Professional Activity Day also included 23 sessions related to learning about equity, inclusion, anti-discrimination and anti-racism. We completed our day with NCVLE workshops geared towards the better understanding and navigating through the NCVLE site.

Pathstone Mental Health Walk-In Services

Effective Monday, February 22, 2021 Pathstone Mental Health's eight walk-in sites will be available for students to access single-session walk-in services. The Port Colborne and Fort Erie sites will re-open when Niagara moves back into the Red Zone.

NCPIC

The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee-Lenten Video

At the January 7, 2021 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, the committee approved that a Lenten video on the meaning of Lent and the importance of Reconciliation, be created by Fr. Paul MacNeil. The Lenten video, and activities and resources in consultation with Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader would be posted on the Board website and various social media links for parents to access throughout Lent. The Lenten video, activities and resources will be available on the Board website under the [Niagara Catholic Virtual Chapel](#).

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee



NCPIC 2020-2021 Meeting Dates: Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

March 4, 2021-Virtual Meeting

May 6, 2021

D. OAPCE REPORT

There is no OAPCE report

E. STAFF REPORT

Technology

We have four (4) classrooms that do not have SmartTVs as of yet. They are working off of Epson ceiling mount projectors which are devices that project through a laptop onto the whiteboard. These Epsons are beginning to act up and will not last much longer. We cannot replace Epsons as the Board is no longer supplying them and we will have to switch over to the TVs. Interactive Smart TVs are currently \$4,600.00 - \$7,000.00 each, with an installation charge between \$800.00 - \$1,000.00.

Kindergarten Registration

As of right now we have 11 students registered for Kindergarten Year 1 for this coming September. On-line registration is available 24/7 through the Board's website. Our first virtual open house that took place January 27th was successful – and unique. Thirteen families joined in virtually, either for the morning session or the afternoon session. I started off with a prayer, introductions and a video, presentations by the K-team were made and questions were answered. One family immediately signed up after the presentation.

We hope to have our Kindergarten Night at the end of May where families can come into the school and visit the classrooms.

Transition to and from virtual/in-class

Three students have moved from virtual to in-class this month. Once child has moved into virtual as well. For the most part, St. James Catholic has been very stable with those leaving and coming.

Father Stephen

Father celebrated a virtual Ash Wednesday Liturgy with us and the staff and students of St. Denis Catholic. Ashes were distributed by sprinkling them on the children's heads.

Sacraments

Waiting to hear back from Father as to how First Reconciliation and Holy Communion will roll out. Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Some of the children who are now in Grade 3 have yet to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. I reached out to St. Denis Parish at the beginning of the school year and was told that families would be called by the church. I will reach out again.

Ontario Catholic School Kindergarten Program

Religious Education for Kindergarten

This document is founded upon the content and structure of the Ontario Ministry of Education document, The Kindergarten Program (2016). It is intended to complement the Ministry document to articulate the Catholic dimension of the Kindergarten program in Ontario Catholic schools
iceont.ca

<https://iceont.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Ontario-Catholic-Kindergarten-Program-FINAL-DRAFT-19-09-12.pdf>

Kindergarten teams will receive a hard copy in the next few weeks and should have access to the entire resource in the NCVLE shortly after March 15th

Wednesday Lunches

Starting March 10th: Pizza, Sub, Pasta, Pita, Pizza (takes us to the break)

Grade 8 Graduation

Currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Club Roma has already been booked. Awaiting Public Health's regional mandates.

Suggestions were requested such as booking an outdoor venue. Since a yearbook will not be created, a request was also made for a videographer who could come in to record messages from Grade 8 students. A few option plans can be created, however everything is based upon Public Health and the criteria set forth by Niagara Catholic. Graduation 2021 will take place in June.

F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Fund Raising – Mom's Pantry Diane Lamb, also farmtotablefundraising.ca

Yes, CSC would like to go ahead with this fundraiser. I will contact Diane Lamb

G. NEXT MEETING

June 2, 2021 **two weeks earlier than stated due to report card writing

H. ADJOURNMENT

7:10 p.m.

I. CLOSING PRAYER

- Please let us all say the Hail Mary