



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Anthony Catholic School Council, held on March 23 2021 at ___ 6:00 ___
PM.

The meeting was called to order at _6:04 PM by L. Spadafora –

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Lori Spadafora

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliation	Present	Regrets	Absent
Julie Sestili	Chair – 2020 - 2021	x		
Lori Spadafora	Secretary/Treasurer-Principal	x		
Melissa Turcotte	Recording Secretary	x		
Amy Tiller	Teacher Representative	x		
Cindy Marcheterre	Non-Teaching Representative			x
Susan Pingue		x		
Dayna Dounes-Berry		x		
Cecilia Hardy				X
Michelle Winsor		x		
Patricia Misiura		x		
Carri Oresar			x	
Myles Belding		x		
Tia Belding		X		
Ronald Weekes		x		
Ferney Detouche-Weekes		x		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Daya Berry

Seconded by: Amy Tiller

THAT the St. Anthony Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Anthony Catholic School Council Meeting of March 2021.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

The following members declared that they are employees of Niagara Catholic; Michelle Winsor, Sue Pingue, Cecilia Hardy

B. PRESENTATIONS - none

C. LIST OF SUBCOMMITTEES

D. CHAIR'S REPORT –

E. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – L. Spadafora

Hot lunches and treats:

*Ice cream and popcorn - going well. Not weekly due to sanitization

*Hoping to use the money for Graduation

Graduation:

*Graduation looking to be the last week of June - still working out the logistics.

*Going to do the same thing as last year for all of them, but going to do what we can to honour our grads as best we can. We may do it outside or inside depending on what zone we are in. Depending on restrictions we will invite staff as best we can.

Purchases:

*20-30 Chromebook books lost due to remote learning - damaged, wear and tear, keyboards broken, screens smashed. All of our classrooms have Smartboards or Espon projectors and white boards.

- Ordered 30 additional Chromebooks - hopefully coming in later this school year or in September. We have approximately 200 Chromebooks in the school at this time.

*We have purchased new sensory items as the Sensory Room has not been updated in years. There was some wear and tear on some equipment that needs to be updated. Money spent to add mats to aid with sound and to equipment to satisfy our students' sensory diet.

*Working with D'Angelo's Printing on our new sensory path - a bit of trial and error to fix the path as the tiles we placed the path on didn't work well.

*Equipment has been purchased for outdoor play - each class has their own bin consisting of chalk, various balls, skip ropes.

*Four classes who have received the most compliments for behaviour at recess: Mrs. Brgan, Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Gerden and Mr. Lukacs. These classes bumped up their behaviour.

*Virtual Transition is happening on April 6th, final day to request is March 24th. St. Anthony has always gained more students back than students they have sent to Virtual.

*Teacher Feedback - students are following the protocols even as they change. Students are happy planning outside, even with masks on when they can not social distance, they are adjusting well.

*The playground is off limits for now. Rather equipment and the field is being used for physical activity.

*Teachers bring the students outside for DPA.

*New windows in the 2009 areas of the school. (All the blue ones are being replaced because they crank out) The office windows, library, Kinder Rooms and Grade 1 room on the south side of the school. These windows should be replaced this summer into sliding windows instead of crank open.

*New bike rack came in. It's near the front of the school by the fire hydrant.

*Finances - Christmas money and Dance-a-thon money - used for technology. approx. \$7000 for 15 Chromebooks. We used school generated funds and the school budget to purchase the 30 chromebooks.

*No fundraising money from this year has been used. We can use it for next year.

*Julie inquired about fundraising - Club Roma \$15 a meal - school would make \$7 a meal. Last names and a pick up time is all they need. Happening this Friday for Julie's daughter's soccer team. Pick up times are between 4-6pm. They offered a family meal for \$50 so you save \$10 off. Julie will email us to let us know how it goes. We could set it up on School Cash Online. We'll check the school calendar for conflicts, April 30th could be a good date and give us enough time to get organized.

*Dana Berry - brought up the parent notification that went out today about French not being in Grade 1-3 starting next year. French will begin in Grade 4 starting in September 2021.

*approx 21 students enrolled in Kindergarten for next 2021-2022 School Year.

*The Church should be sending out information regarding First Communion. April 10/11 is for Reconciliation and is being organized with lists sent out. Deanne from the church is hoping to send out information for First Communion right after this. It's taking place in May. We do not have information for Confirmation yet either but this normally takes place in June. Easter Mass will be taking place after Easter weekend.

F. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – N/A

G. SEAC REPORT – N/A

H. STAFF REPORT –

Nutrition program- Just received a cheque from Niagara Nutrition Partners. We still have the donation opportunity on School Cash Online. We have had lots of fruit options: pears, apples, bananas and clementines. Yogurt tubes, apple sauce, Cheese strings, carrot muffins, banana oatmeal muffins. All bins come with tongs and snacks are individually packaged. Good system of following the protocols for the Nutrition Program.

Mrs. Tiller - Kids are happy, Spring Bingo is online this Friday - the kids love it. They are enjoying the Kahoots as well. - Trying to bring some activities similar to our Friendship Friday activities but in our own classes.

I. Agenda Items –

J. NEXT MEETING: April 27

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Sue Pingué

Seconded by: Julie Sestili

THAT the March 23 2021 meeting of the St. Anthony Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED :

This meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

CLOSING PRAYER: L. Spadafora