



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting Minutes
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Date: February 6, 2023
Location: OLMC Library
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Lennox

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

led by Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch

2. Roll Call

		Present	Excused	Absent
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP				
Principal	Jay Lennox	X		
Vice-Principal	Maria Ruggi Dietsch	X		
Secretary/Treasurer				
Chair	Laura Thomas		X	
Co-Chair	Nicole Romanelli	X		
Community Rep.				
Special Needs Rep.				
Teacher Representative	Michelle Comrie	X		
Non-Teaching Representative				
Student Representative	n/a			
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Lindsay Moraes		X		
Jenn Leishman		X		
Kendal Tran		X		
Lindsey Barton-Horton		X		
Caitlin Haubrok			X	
Krista Rye		X		
Rose Mazza				X
Tibor Szabo				X
Catalina Dima				X
Joseph Almario				X

Karen Terzol			X
Titty Caleb			X

3. Approval of the Agenda

THAT the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council Meeting of ***February 6, 2023***.

Moved by Kendal

Seconded by Lindsay M.

- **CARRIED**

4. Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest were declared.

5. Approval of Minutes

THAT the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council approved the Minutes of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council Meeting of November 7, 2022 as presented.

Moved by Kendal

Seconded by Lindsay M.

- **CARRIED**

6. Policy Approval

- a. [Student Trustee Policy AOP 100.4](#)
- b. [Student Trustee Policy 100.4](#)

7. Policy Vetting

- [Bottled Water Policy \(701.5\)](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship Policy \(400.6\)](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Policy \(NEW\)](#)
- [School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy \(500.1\)](#)
- [Student Senate - Elementary Policy \(100.6.2\)](#)
- [Student Senate - Secondary Policy \(100.6.1\)](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by February 23, 2023 - 12:00 p.m.

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Fundraising Events:

- a. Box Cards - begin selling March 29 - April 12 closing Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch to contact vendor.
Pick up will be after school from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- b. Quilt was donated- Possible sales to begin on Open House or Parent Teacher interview to have it on display and sell tickets
- c. Alternative Hot Lunch- Swiss Challet, Pasta with sauce or Pasta with butter, subs, pita,

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report - N/A
- b. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report - N/A

- c. Black History Month-Teachers/Students are participating in various activities focusing on Canadians
- d. Report Cards: Available via the Parent Portal the week of February 13, 2023
- e. Kindergarten Open House - February 15, 2023; 9:30 am - 6:00 pm- for all new families registering for September 2023
- f. February P.A. Day - February 17, 2023- Focus on Math, Science and Keynote speaker Dr. Callegher
- g. Kids Helping Kids - February 13 - 24- only one week of activities: Crazy Hair Day, Backwards Day, Red & White Day, Jersey Day Next year look at Hat Day
- h. Shrove Tuesday- February 21, 2023 - Pancakes - IHOP donating 1500 pancakes with a \$1000 donation to a charity
- i. Ash Wednesday- February 22, 2023 - Father to come to the school
- j. Pink Shirt Day - February 22, 2023 Anti bullying
- k. Reconciliation at school- March 1, 2023- 9:30 am for Grade 3-8
- l. [Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Benefit Gala](#) - March 3, 2023
- m. March is Nutrition Month - Big Crunch, Milk & Cookies, Fruit Tray Day (Zehrs), Frozen Yogurt Treat

E. STAFF REPORTS-Ms. Comrie

- a. Grade 8 students- Skilled Trade presentation & Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Presentation
- b. Welcoming students from France- Exchange Program
- c. 100th day of school Friday, February 10th
- d. Kids Helping Kids week- Kids are excited
- e. Dental Screening
- f. Basketball- Won the championship, moving to the Board Championship
- g. Handball beginning intramurals and Team

F. PARISH REPORT

- A. Ash Wednesday Services -in school gym- 3 sessions
- B. First Reconciliation- Wednesday, March 8, 2023- 6:30 at St. Thomas More
- C. First Communion- Saturday, May 13, 2023- 11:00 am at St. Thomas More
- D. Confirmation- Friday, April 28, 2023- 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More
- E. The St. Thomas More Children's Liturgy Team will be presenting a Good Friday Children's Skit at the Good Friday Service. All children are welcome to participate. Practices will commence in mid February. If your child is interested please register with Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca.
- F. Parish Bingo- February 1, 8, 15 (8:00 p.m.) March 1, 8, 15 (8:00 p.m.) Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall

G. OAPCE Report

H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS;

- Plan for Hot Lunch Days in April
- Graduation- Tuesday, June 20th

I. NEXT MEETINGS;

Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 (if needed)

All meetings at 6:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary school information centre

J. ADJOURNMENT

- **THAT** the February 6, 2023 meeting of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Council be adjourned.
- Moved by Nicole
- Seconded by Lindsay M.
- **CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

K. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch

THANK YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR TIME, PASSION AND DEDICATION TO OUR OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY FAMILY...YOU TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.