



Minutes

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer- Mr. Y. Leheta
2. Roll Call

Catholic School Council Membership			
		Present	Absent
Principal	Mr. J. Tornabuono	✓	
Vice Principal	Mr. Y Leheta	✓	
Chair	Mrs. K. Poletto	✓	
Teacher Representative	Jennifer Nosewothy	✓	
Student Representative			
Parish Representative			
Community Representative			

OAPCE Representative			
Parent/Guardian Members			
	Mrs. V. Stephenson	✓	
	Mrs. S. Harkin	✓	
	Mrs. G. Hutton	✓	
	Mrs. K. Duliban	✓	
	Mrs. J. Ewing	✓	
	Ms. A. Tomkins	✓	
	Mrs. N. Wallace	✓	
	Mrs. V. Forsyth	✓	
	Mrs. Wertz	✓	
	Mrs. Rachel Telford	✓	
	Mrs. Meaghan Valeri	✓	
	Mr. Jordon McClanahan	✓	
	Mrs. F. Trombetta		
	Mrs. A. MacPherson		
	Mrs. Z. Gunn		

	Mrs. MacKay		
	Mrs. M. Aqualina		
	Mrs. Musani		
	Mrs. Tompkins-Jovanovic		
	Mrs. Melissa Reale		
	Mrs. A. Hannah		
	Mrs. A Tompkins		
	Mrs. E. Salverda		
	Mrs. L. Belcastro		
	Miranda Mataseje		
	Mrs. M. Aqualina		
	Mrs. Musani		

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3. Approval of Agenda
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

B. PRESENTATIONS

- Knowledgehook – Mr. Leheta
 - Presenting the benefits of knowledge hook
 - Knowledge Hook Tutorial
 - Knowledgehook - Getting Started
 - Focused on student achievement
 - Discussion about our consulting help and Do the math - Tier 3 (Orsini to help them get the math)

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

- **Policy vetting complete**

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

- [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6](#)
- [Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6](#)
- [Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. December 13, 2023

- [Employee Hospitality Policy 201.14](#)
- [Student Transportation Policy 500.2](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. January 23, 2024,

- **To look into transportation policy - New school boundaries**

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- EQAO Results
 - Review of results and provincial standards
 - Compared to our school board - compare well, not including GTA
 - DSBN ranks higher than other boards in the province
 - Compared to the Smithville public

- A review of strands and grade
 - Math needs to be improved, and significant emphasis from the ministry (resources and financial support)
 - Emphasis on Math is a Ministry mandate
 - PA days focused on Math resources
- Advent Angels
 - Angels program - Unwrapped gifts are purchased by families - gifts are donated to community cares
 - Look in-house for families in need of gifts
- Blessed Trinity Attendance Review
 - School board approved the side for new school in Beamsville, especially st. Mark.
 - The new school to feed into Blessed Trinity HS and which boundaries will be affected.
 - St. Martin's boundaries are status quo
 - Looking for feedback from the committee to get input into boundaries - provincial guidelines
 - Looking at options B
 - Our out-of-bound students need to re-apply to be grandfathered in
 - The legacy piece for older students
 - September 25/26 - possible delays
 - Westniagara Public HS has affected our local bussing
- On the Calendar
 - Pasta Day – Nov 28
 - AP at Blessed Trinity – Nov 30
 - Grade 7/8's to attend to be exposed to the benefit of AP classes
 - Advent Prayer Service – 11:30 (Gr. 4-8) & 12:15 (K-3)pm
 - Hosted by Mrs. Hayward's grade 4 class on Monday, December 4, 2023, with Father Chris
 - Confirmation at 11 am – Dec 9, 2023.
 - Rehearsal the day before - 11:30 am approx.
 - Junior Basketball Tournament at St Martin – Girls Dec 11 / Boys Dec 12
 - Hosting - Mr. Orsini - Covenor
 - Grade 5 & 6 Field Trip – Dec 13, 2023.
 - Grade 5-6 classes attending - Descendant the musical at the Greg Frewin Theatre
 - Public Meeting at Blessed Trinity – Dec 13
 - Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal – Dec 18
 - Christmas Concert – Dec 19, 9:30 am & 12:00 pm
 - two shows - will ask parents to view the younger kids earlier
 - Grade 7 & 8 Field Trip – White Oaks Dec 20-22
 - Will be broken into grades
 - Last Day of School in 2023 – Dec. 22, 2023.
 - Classes Begin – January 8

- NSTS Presentation – Bus Safety January 11, 2024.
- All students
- Blessed Trinity Open House – January 18, 2024
- All welcome
- PA Day – January 19, 2024

3. Chairperson Report (Mrs. Poletto)

- West Lincoln Santa Claus Parade Wrap Up
 - Well done to all, the float was smoother
 - Handing out joy cards and collecting donations was a challenge
 - Parade committee asking for the size of participation and meeting spots
 - Kids loved the float and Parade
 - Collected approx. 70 items for donations
- Jingleathon
 - Vicki Forsyth to head the committee
 - Have something on the 21st - ornament k-5 decorations Dance, Thursday, December 21, 2023.
 - Ask BT culinary to make cookies for the event
 - Milk and cookies Joe Tornabuono - to chat with BT culinary Dept.
 - Dance for kids
- Krispy Kreme 2024

Book it a year in advance - May 2nd (\$12)

3. Catholic School Council Financial Report

- Bingo
 - Food was less than great
 - Legion - too small
 - Did not make money off Alcohol
 - Look at different venues
 - Keep it local - possibly cater the event
 - \$5000 was sponsor donation
- Computer
 - Purchase of computers in classrooms
 - Tablets for Kindergarten - math centres - purchased
 - Internet-based technologies

2023-2024 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$9,112.37	
Bingo Proceeds	\$7320.27	
3 Chromebooks (Amazon)		\$611.04
10 Chromebooks (Staples)		\$2,274.02
Parade Expenses		?
Tablets (Kindergarten) Delivery this week		\$ 2531.04
Totals	\$16,432.64	\$5,416.10
Balance		\$11,016.54

4. Parish Report

- Poinsettia (CWL)
 - 74 plants through cash online
 - To picked up Dec 1, 2023 4-7 pm at the church - near overhang
- Winter Coats (KOC)
 - Snow suit campaign
 - Purchased approximately 15 suits and KOC paid for them

- Christmas Mass
 - Prayer service Monday December 4, 2023
 - The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve
 - Mass 10:00 am. (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
 - Vigil Mass for Christmas at 5:00 pm.
 - Anticipated midnight Mass 10:00 pm
 - Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am.
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 - 5. Hot Lunch Report (Mrs. Hutton)
 - Grade 5 - volunteers for hot lunch
 - 9-10 students to deliver food
 - Some shortage of food and milk - Keep doors locked

E. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Fundraiser ideas:

- Euchre - meet new people
- Band to play
 - Need a permit to have gym/smart serve/licences
- Social events to bring the community together
- **Possible Community Social – Euchre Tournament at St. Martin?**

F. NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2024

G. CLOSING PRAYER

H. ADJOURNMENT

