



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 07, 2022

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	Mrs. L. Szabo		✓
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	✓	
	Mrs. A. Tomkins	✓	
	Mrs. R. Musani	✓	
	Mrs. A. Hannah	✓	
	Mrs. Alicia J	✓	
Regrets	Mrs. Z. Gunn		✓
	Mrs. Andrew MacKay		✓
Absent			
	Mrs. E. Salverda		✓
	Mrs. M. Aqualina		✓
	Mrs. L. Belcastro		✓
	Mrs. A. MacPherson		✓
	Mrs. V. Forsyth		✓
	Mrs. D. Weltz		✓
	Mrs. F. Trombetta		✓

3. Approval of Agenda - **Approved**

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - **None**

B. PRESENTATIONS - None

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

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

- [Bottled Water Policy \(701.5\)](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship Policy \(400.6\)](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Policy \(NEW\)](#)
- [School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy \(500.1\)](#)
 - New guideline -25
 - Too cold for kids - still not dressed well
 - Use our discretion for sending them out.
- [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.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- *On the Calendar*
 - ✓ Science Fair – Feb. 9
 - ✓ 100th Day of School–Feb. 10
 - ✓ Report Cards Sent Home–Feb 13
 - Will be electronically available
 - ✓ Valentine's Day (Red & White)–Feb. 14
 - Alternate dress code day
 - ✓ Kindergarten Open House & Registration – Feb. 15
 - ✓ Jersey Day–Feb. 16

- **Any jersey**
 - **Dress code pants required**
- ✓ PA Day–Feb. 17
 - **Hosting 2 schools (St. Mark and St. Joseph)**
 - **Science curriculum/Math/Tech presentation**
 - **Collaboration and working alongside other grade partners/schools.**
- ✓ Family Day Holiday–Feb. 20
- ✓ Shrove Tuesday / Crazy Hair–Feb. 21
 - **Pancakes**
 - **Dress code in effect**
- ✓ Ash Wednesday / Pink Shirt Day–Feb. 22
 - **Dress code pants required**
 - **Father Chris to come for Prayer service 11:15 (K-3) and 12:15 (4-8)**
- ✓ Hat Day / Feb. 23
 - **Dress code in effect**
- ✓ Dance-a-thon–White Out Day–Feb. 24
 - **Suggested wearing white during the day**
 - **Older kids will mentor the younger**
 - **Older kids to have an hour after classes have been through**
 - **Fundraiser**
 - **Student Council selling glow-in-the-dark items/Getting some disco balls and maybe black light.**
- ✓ Grade 8 Grad Photos – Mar 7
- ✓ MADD Presentation / Grade 7/8–Mar 8
- ✓ March Break–Mar 13-17
- ✓ Lenten Reconciliation / Junior Girls Handball–Mar. 21
 - **Father Chris will proceed with reconciliation over a few days**
- ✓ Junior Boys Handball–Mar. 22
- ✓ Earth Hour / Lenten Reconciliation–Mar 24

- ✓ First Reconciliation-Grade 2–Mar 28
- ✓ Grade 8 fundraiser - popcorn to sell for graduation
 - Cash online on Thursday \$2/bag
 - School will profit approx \$1/bag
 - Grade 8's will run it
 - Will begin Mar 2, 2023 -
 - 8's will deliver to each class
 - Choose one flavour, for now
 - Several flavours and sizes for the future

5. Chairperson Report (Mrs. Poletto)

- Shrove Tuesday
 - Begin 8 am and deliver around 9 am
 - Meeting with volunteers to help serve (Vicky Forsythe)
 - Have pancakes sent to class
- Krispy Kreme
 - April 12th in pick up day
 - Email to send for volunteers
 - A few weeks in advance to prepare
 - Buy a dozen for \$6; sell for \$12/dozen
 - Caped at 800 dozen
 - No cap for families to order
 - May bring home or pick
- Year End Party
 - June 8, 2023 BBQ
 - 3 BBQ's going
 - Kelly Duliban to lead
 - Musician booked - chat with Joe T
 - Possible Ice cream truck
 - A few more food trucks
 - Looking for vendors
 - Menus possibly to be shared with families
 - Firetrucks possible or Dads to BBQ
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Pre-order (Hot dogs/Hamburgers)
 - Need volunteers - let K. Dullban know
 - Gift baskets
 - Face painting
 - Focus on volunteers
 - Bouncy castles
 - Age-appropriate and grade levels (gym)

- Blackstones - tentative - music

6. **Catholic School Council Financial Report**

2022-2023 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$7,322.98	
Creative Playgrounds		\$1,293.85
Paul Davis (Portion)		\$347.50
Christmas Banner (Parade)		\$300.56
Fielding Winery (Different option)	\$2,956.44	
Parade Expenses (significant community event)		\$326.48
Chromebooks (bought 50)		\$5,000.00
Totals	\$10,279.42	\$7,268.39
Balance	\$3,011.03	

7. **Parish Report**

✓ Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner **(CWL/Knights of Columbus)**

- Children's liturgy - Mrs. Noseworthy leading

8. **Hot Lunch Report (Mrs. Hutton)**

- Pizza will only be sold via cash online
- Council is selling pizza during the 2nd break, kids are eating all their lunch during the first break

- **Teachers will be given a list of student orders the day before**
 - **We will not sell individual slices**
 - **Lunches - planned for the rest of the year**
- ✓ Chatting with A&W - Chicken options (reached out to Mrs. Hutton)
 - **A&W reaching out to be a food vendor for hot lunch, possibly selling apple pie and chicken sandwiches (300 sandwiches, possibly deliver)**
- ✓ Subway -
 - **Council cannot offer eggs subs because of student allergies**
 - **Subway only uses deli meat for subs - not a healthy choice**

F. STAFF REPORT

- - We welcome, Christina Novakovich - New teacher from another board has experience
- **Science fair project 7-8's open to other class**
 - Make it fun for kids and excited for science
 - Parents welcome - Joe to send out message
- **KHK - Week 13-24 Feb**
 - All kids welcome regardless of donation \$5 which will be available on cash-on-line
- **Using Mathups (k-8)**
 - Being used board wide and several PD session has been facilitated to staff
 - Conceptual understanding vs algorithms (trying to move away from algorithms)
 - Show kids what numbers mean
 - Decomposition - open number line
 - Moving into multiplication/division
 - A request was proposed to hold an info for parents to understand new methods and help their kids at home

- PD has also been given on new primary literacy strategies - sound walls
 - Teaching decodable sounds and sequences
 - Reading decodable books
 - UFLI
 - System purchase
 - Science of reading
 - New English Curriculum being developed
 - Mrs. Flemings opens the library to students during increment weather and creates a safe reading space

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Fundraising**
 - *Looking into new instrument and viable housing options*
 - *Perimeter of the pavement -is poor, will try to re-seed (Hydro-seed)*
 - *No fertilizer allowed*
 - *Salt destroys the grass*

H. NEXT MEETING: April 4 6 pm

I. CLOSING PRAYER

J. ADJOURNMENT - 19:15