



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES ST. ALFRED CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 25, 2023 School Library – 6:00PM

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – led by Mr. Bishop
2. Roll Call – Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Worden, Mrs. Vander Meer, Mr. Wood, Ms. Gill, Mrs. Wus, Mr. Asazabor
3. Approval of Agenda - Approved
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None

B. PRESENTATIONS

None

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

- <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Board-By-Laws-Policy-100.1.pdf>
- <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Trustee-Electronic-Meetings-Board-and-Committees-Policy-100.8.pdf>
- <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Admission-of-Elementary-and-Secondary-Students-Policy-301.1-1.pdf>
- <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Community-Use-of-Facilities-Policy-800.2.pdf>

Mrs. Wus offered feedback with regard to community use of facilities. She had questions around why music teachers are no longer able to offer lessons during the school day in the school when other boards offer the same opportunity, as well as a comment about how inconvenient it was to receive this information once school had already started and lesson arrangements had been made.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Update of Catholic School Council By Laws – The by-laws will continue the same as last year, with four members of the council.
2. Election of Catholic School Council Chair / Co-Chairs – Patty Vander Meer was acclaimed as Chair
3. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report
4. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
5. Catholic School Council Financial Report – All funds will be spent on technology and transportation during the upcoming school year
6. Opening School Year Report – Enrollment has increased, staffing increases – We have had an increase in enrollment, which has resulted in an additional kindergarten and junior classroom. This increase has also put pressure on our technology, as more students require devices.

7. Yearly Fundraising Plan – We will continue with our previous fundraisers, McMillans (November), Winter Wonderland (December), Cobs Bread (February), and add Krispie Kreame in the spring. Mr. Wood is taking care of Krispie Kreame.
8. Plan for distributing funds – allocations for certain events, transportation, technology, etc. – The technology pressures outlined earlier necessitate spending on technology. Many programs are delivered on a digital platform, and so this is important. Many devices are also nearing the end of their life, and need to be replaced.
9. Parent Involvement in school activities – Parents are encouraged to be involved in all school activities, from helping with homework to communicating with their child’s teacher to joining in with council activities.

E. OAPCE REPORT

F. STAFF REPORT

Nothing additional to report

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING - November 13, 2023, 6 PM

I. CLOSING PRAYER

Led by Mr. Bishop

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15