



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES
ST. ALFRED SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2023
School Library

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – **Led by Mr. Bishop**
2. Roll Call – **Mrs. Vander Meer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Wus, Mrs. Pontello, Ms. Gill, Mrs. Warner**
3. Approval of Agenda - **Approved**
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - **None**
5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Alfred Catholic School Council Meeting September 25, 2023 - **Approved**

B. PRESENTATIONS

None

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

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

All policies were reviewed, no feedback was offered.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
3. Progress reports come home November 14 – conferences will be November 22 in person -
4. McMillan's Fundraiser – orders being tallied daily – **Orders were lower than last year, perhaps due to economic climate, or perhaps people are growing tired of McMillan's as a fundraiser. There was discussion about moving the timeline for next year, but moving it gets too close to Christmas**
5. Winter Wonderland – December 14 – details to follow – **The usual Winter Wonderland will be taking place. Once more details are worked out, the council may be contacted to provide additional adult support at the various stations. We endeavor to make all aspects of Winter Wonderland free for families, except for the pizza, which will be done via pre-ordering.**
6. Lexia – grade 3 – **All students in grade 3 now have a license for Lexia, a Tier 2 language intervention for students. The only issue is that it does not work on early versions of the Chromebook, and so we have had to do some shuffling of devices to ensure that the grade 3s have a device that will work with Lexia.**

7.

EQAO Results –

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Primary (30)	Level 2 – 3% Level 3 – 72% Level 4 – 24%	Level 2 – 3% Level 3 – 97%	Level 1 – 0% Level 2 – 7% Level 3 – 66% Level 4 – 28%
Junior (33)	Level 2 – 15% Level 3 – 70% Level 4 – 15%	Level 2 – 18% Level 3 – 67% Level 4 – 15%	Level 1 – 6% Level 2 – 55% Level 3 – 36% Level 4 – 3%

Our EQAO results are very strong, with the exception of junior mathematics. We continue to work on that area of achievement. It is difficult to compare groups of students, as each group is unique, and we do not yet have enough data to compare cohort groups and how they did in grade 3 and then in grade 6. This data will be available in time, as the students who wrote the first online version are now in grade 5, and so the data will be available in another two years.

8. **Sports Update – Junior & Intermediate Volleyball**

Sports continue in earnest at school. A question was asked about activities for primary and junior students. Primary and junior students are welcome to join the choir or the Eco team at this time. Teams will need financial support in terms of transportation.

E. OAPCE REPORT

None

F. STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Warner spoke about the Students Helping Others project. Although our grant has ended, we have found some other sources of funding to purchase supplies so that students can make grab and go bags for Out of the Cold at St. Alfred. It is a great project, and we are thrilled to be able to offer students this opportunity again.

Mr. Bishop spoke about a new program coming to St. Alfred in the winter, which will offer vision screening to all students, and free glasses to those students who might need this support. More details will follow.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Wood asked for a letter for Krispie Kreame for our spring fundraiser. A letter will also need to be provided for Cobs Bread for that fundraiser.

H. NEXT MEETING

December 11, 2023

I. CLOSING PRAYER

Led by Mr. Bishop

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05