



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2020  
6:30pm - Virtual - Email will be sent at 6:15

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### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Prayer for Catholic Education

O Holy Spirit,  
source of truth and grace for those entrusted with the Christian development of children,  
enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes,  
our parish, our school, and our community may cooperate effectively with You,  
and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education.  
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph, Pray for us.  
Amen

2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Election of Chair and/or Co-Chair
5. Election of the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Representative
6. Disclosure of Interest
7. Approval of Minutes of the OLF Catholic School Council Meeting of May 26, 2020

### B. PRESENTATIONS

### C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Policy Vetting-
  - [Dress Code - Secondary Uniform Policy \(302.6.6\)](#)
  - [Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy \(302.6.10\)](#)
  - [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy \(800.7\)](#)
  - [Complaint Resolution Policy \(800.3\)](#)
  - [Accessibility Customer Service Policy \(800.8.1\)](#)
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report –  
Nomination Forms Due October 9, 2020
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report Catholic School  
Council Financial Report

- Establish Subcommittees/TBD
- Public Health Nurse Updates
- STREAM Fundraiser – Catholic Ed Week

**D. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**E. STAFF REPORT – NA**

**F. AGENDA ITEMS**

**G. NEXT MEETING – See Dates Below; Sub-Committee Meetings will occur as needed**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Prayer for Calmness**

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Amen

## 2020-2021 Dates

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - CSC Meeting 6:30pm - Virtual**

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February Book Fair – Date TBD

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Tuesday March 24, 2021 Heritage Fair - TBD/Postponed

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May 2 -7, 2021 Catholic Education Week

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**Tuesday, May 25, 2021 CSC Meeting 6:30pm - Virtual**

June 10, 2020 Fun Fair/TBD



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
Our Lady of Fatima CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE: September 28, 2020**

**Location: Virtual**

**Official start time: 6:33pm**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council, held on **September 28, 2020**.  
The meeting was called to order at **6:33 PM** by **Mr. Palujanskas**

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer **Prayer for Catholic Education** was led by **J. Tolomeo**

**2. Roll Call**

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Palujanskas/Joseph Tolomeo	X X		
Chair	Michael Frebbraro	X		
Co-Chair				
Oecta Representative	Tracy Kovacs	X		
Cupe Representative				
Student Representative				
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS</b>				
Jessica Coutinho		X		
Vinko (Vince) Kikas		X		
Erynn Forbes		X		
Romina Highdale		X		

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by B. Palujanskas

Seconded by J. Tolomeo

**THAT** the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council Meeting of **September 28, 2020 -**

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Election of Chair and/or Co-Chair

Mr. Palujanskas asked M. Febbraro and he accepted the role of Chair.

- Co-chair was explained – beneficial in case the Chair is not present.

#### 5. Election of the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Representative

Mrs. Smilksy has looked for this in the past but more information is needed.

#### 6. Disclosure of Interest

- Mr. Palujanskas explained an example: If we change our provider for ‘pizza days’ and the new supplier was a relative, the person must disclose this information.

#### 7. Approval of Minutes of the OLF Catholic School Council Meeting of May 26, 2020

- Minutes are found on the Board website, under OLF Grimsby, under CSC Agenda, May 2020

- Motioned by J. Tolomeo, seconded by V. Kikas.

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- Of these 5, the most noteworthy may be the ‘dress code’ policy. Parents may have an opinion on this. Full policies can be found under our board website, under governance, policies etc.

**All ideas are due for October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – Nomination Forms Due October 9, 2020

- All areas within Niagara Catholic are incorporated and then parents who are interested can be a part of the overall regional ideas/decisions.

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report Catholic School Council Financial Report

- A report has not be given for SEAC this meeting. Financial report – \$5786.85 in our school account.

- Establish Subcommittees/TBD

- Public Health Nurse Updates

- STREAM Fundraiser – Catholic Ed Week

- Still unsure if this will take place. Families were asked to donate \$10 instead of the usual \$50 – this is to not burden families with any financial strain. Social Justice Initiatives are the focus. Chromebooks were ordered, due to many on-line learning opportunities. However, there is a

shortage and we've been told that it could be until spring 2021 when the technology arrives. Health and safety is our priority right now.

#### OPEN QUESTIONS / COMMENTS:

- E. Forbes was appreciative of the staff for the support and hard work within this unique year. Everyone was in agreement!
- B. Palujanskas explained that the increase in Provincial COVID cases may increase the number of online learners.
- Outdoor equipment may evolve into safe usage, which will need monitoring. We go by the Polies from the Board. Meeting tomorrow will update principals on new procedures and policies.
- Calendar – in lieu of the calendar, Mr. P is providing families with emails - community messages. Suggestion to hold off on the calendar may be a good idea.
- More QUESTIONS?
- M. Febbraro – safety in the morning crossing the Service Rd. – with walkers and bike riders, he is seeing more students crossing the roads. This is concerning due to traffic and drivers – there may be a need for a study done at the busy sections. Mr. Palujanskas will contact the people necessary in order to inquire about a study.
- There have been multiple times when traffic is heavy, cars are making rolling stops at the stop sign, and speeding by - this is concerning.
- Do we have enough bike space/capacity now that there are more walkers/riders? Maybe more racks would encourage more riders.
- Parking – when it rains, there will be more drop offs and more cars in the kiss and ride. Mr. Palujanskas pursued the use of the Church next door. However, the Board requires an insurance policy that is quite lengthy. An issue may be the 'accident' component when it is slippery.
- M. Febbraro asked if the last bus that blocks the sidewalk on Olive St. can be removed or changed. Mr. Palujanskas will see how it will look tomorrow.
- Question – is the staffroom closed? Can parents drop off food/treats? For World teachers Day, can parents drop off coffee? Mr. Palujanskas explained that common spaces have limited capacity for teachers.

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