



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA
Our Lady of Fatima CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
6:30 pm VIRTUAL

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen

- 2. Roll Call - Mr. Palujanskas, Mr. Tolomeo, Mrs. Highdale, Mr. Kikas, Mr. Febbraro**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Disclosure of Interest**
- 5. Approval of Minutes of the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council Meeting of February 2020**

B. PRESENTATIONS - NA

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

Board Policy Approval Updates

At the Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the following policies were approved by the Board and are in effect as of March 24, 2020:

- 100.15 Naming of a Board Facility Policy
- 201.6 Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- 201.7 Employee Workplace Harassment Policy
- 201.11 Employee Workplace Violence Policy
- 201.13 Sexual Misconduct Policy
- 303.2 Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Policy

These policies are posted on the Board website.

Policy Vetting

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.

- Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)
- Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2)
- Leadership Pathways Policy (203.4)
- Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4)

Please submit your feedback to Jennifer Pellegrini by 4:00 p.m. on September 11, 2020.

Mr. Palujanskas recommended to go to the Board website and look through the policies, email J. Pellegrini who would be the easiest person to access.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **NCPIC Report**
- **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report**
- **Catholic School Council Financial Report**
\$7500 - \$8000 collected in funds through our fundraiser. Not Including the May push. Money has been spent wisely.
- **Open Discussion re: Distance Learning - *How are you? What has been going well for your family? What could we do more of, or do better, to help your child's/children's learning?***
 - **Vince mentioned that the distance learning platform through google classroom is engaging and interactive and students seem to be enjoying it.**
 - **Mike mentioned some inconsistencies at the beginning due to the learning nature of the process.**
 - **Mr. P mentioned how the union encouraged avoiding live cameras during learning. Teachers have been doing different things to engage learners. There have been differing opinions from families based on their homelife situation. Some families have opted out of the distance learning platform. Our staff spends a lot of time putting work together for the students.**
 - **Mike mentioned other boards conducting a 'buddy system' during distance learning.**
 - **Fluency for September - creating a learning environment that connects home, classroom, distance, hands-on etc.**
 - **There will still be a lot of conversation about how September will look.**

- **Mike inquired about testing in September of students and teachers. Parents may be wondering about this.**
- **Completion of the Catholic School Council Annual Report 2019-2020**
 - **Catholic School Council Activities and Financial Report**
 - **We did the one donation fundraiser**
 - **Profile of the qualities of a Principal**
- **Access to school by parents**
 - **A plan will be put in place for teachers to gather, bag and tag items and then another plan will allow parents to pick up items in a safe, easy way.**
 - **Other Boards, provinces are doing different things.**
 - **The problem still is the ‘what ifs’ and ‘maybes’ and uncertainty in this whole epidemic.**
 - **Mike brought up ‘over capacity’ in schools. Everything is on the table for suggestions and solutions. Example: no Phys. Ed., classes in GYM., recess routines, etc.**
 - **Mike mentioned Boards purchasing new furniture. PPE to be provided to students ?**
 - **Unions may ask for teachers to be given PPE**

E. OAPCE REPORT

F. STAFF REPORT - before the March Break - Intermediate boys and girls were successful in the Basketball tournament.

Mike asked about how the staff is doing - Brian mentioned that spirits were high and that staff is doing well.

We still await final direction from the Ministry and the Board.

Report Cards - work up until March 13 will be included. Then the work that has been completed during Distance Learning can improve any mark. The report cards will be handed out to families at the same date.

G. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING - September 2020 - Date for Elections and the first CSC Meeting of the 2020-2021 school year to be determined

I. CLOSING PRAYER - Loving Creator, thank you for guiding our efforts today. Continue to lead us along the path we have chosen. Amen.

J. ADJOURNMENT

