

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School - September 30, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.



A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – **Mr. Romano**
2. Roll Call – **See below**
3. Minutes – **Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg**

Catholic School Council Membership		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Secretary/Treasurer	John Romano	✓		
Co-Chair	Linda Rosano	✓		
Co-Chair	Barb Lambert	✓		
Teacher Representatives	Sandra Salvo-Teutenberg	✓		
	Lynn Cullen	✓		
	Silvana Orsini		✓	
Non-Teaching Representative	Kristina Zahn		✓	
Community Representative				
Parent/Guardian Members	Amanda Mazzotti		✓	
	Brett Wales	✓		
	Frances Conidi-Martin	✓		
	Stephanie Ker	✓		
	Mary Zimmerman	✓		
	Anna Fadell	✓		
	Amy Spadafora	✓		
	Jana Gupta	✓		
	Jamie Fuentes	✓		
	Kaylee Prychidny	✓		
	Alexa Alsop	✓		
	Maria Clark	✓		
	Menchie Aviles	✓		
	Bianca Cordeiro	✓		
	Vanessa Rizzi	✓		
	Kylie Adelstein	✓		
	Daniela Escobar Azcorate	✓		
Deanna Shalala	✓			
Guyn Juhlin-Stone	✓			

4. Disclosure of Interest – B. Wales works in food regulations.
5. Approval of Agenda - Motioned by: B. Lambert Seconded by: M. Aviles
6. Role of Catholic School Council – This is an advisory committee. Gives you a voice to where we should allocate money for students' needs. We also have board generated funds in which we run hot lunch days. That money is also raised for the students. Last year we had a Trivia Night and those funds were allocated to uniforms, technology and playground equipment.
7. Election of Chair and/or Co-Chair – explained the role of Catholic School Council. J. Romano asked if anyone was interested in becoming Chair. B. B. Lambert was nominated for co-chair. L. Rosano is in agreement. B. Wales motioned for two co-chairs and K. Adelstein supported the motion. Motion passed.

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Policy Vetting/Review and Revised Administrative Operational Procedures –
 - a) *Policy Review: Trustee Code of Conduct (100.12). [The policy is available here.](#) Please submit your feedback to anna.pisano@ncdsb.com by 12:00 p.m. on November 4, 2024. – This was reviewed and updated to meet ministry expectations.*
 - b) *Revised AOP – Student Transportation Policy (500.2) –Administrative Operational Policies are posted [here.](#) –Major changes involved high school transportation to meet ministry guidelines.*
2. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Every meeting, you will be provided with a financial report based on what was earned since the previous report.
3. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – All meetings are live streamed and can be accessed [here.](#) – First meeting was Sept. 5. Next meeting is Nov. 7. All meetings are livestreamed. Link is on the niagaracatholic.ca
4. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – Niagara Catholic's 2024-2025 Special Education Plan can be found [here.](#) All meetings are live streamed and can be accessed [here.](#) – Community partners like Bethesda, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc. meet once a month.
5. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report –Sign up for OAPCE emails by [clicking here.](#) – We need one representative. They send you an email and you have to read the update at our meetings. D. Shalala will be our OAPCE rep.
6. Safe Schools –
 - *Fire Drills:* - Sept. 16, Oct.18 There are 6 fire drills per school year.
 - *Lockdown Drills:* - Sept. 19 was a hold and secure. We will have two more practices this year. Lockdown practice will occur Term 2.

- *Parking Lot/Kiss and Ride* – New lines have been painted outlining the bus lanes and parking spots.
7. SVDP Parent Volunteers – If you are able to come in on Tuesdays, there are dates available for December, January, etc. Right now October and November are full which we are grateful for. This will be ongoing this school year.
 8. School Organization and New Staff Members – We have increased from 10 classrooms to 11. 3 Kindergarten, 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 8
 9. Niagara Nutrition Partners – Our program is up and running. This organization provides snacks on a daily basis. It based on the schools' needs. Our support staff and students with special needs will deliver and collect the snacks. Ms. Dougherty will complete the ordering. The food in the bins are there for anyone.
 10. Monthly Masses at School and Church – Father Greg will be coming in monthly for mass. Our first Mass took place at Our Lady of the Scapular in September. We will also be going to Church for Easter and end of the year
 11. First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion – Dec. 5, April 24 and June 8.
 12. Picture Day – Oct. 3, Retakes Nov. 6
 13. Tuck Shop Snack Sales – Our support staff ran this last year. Our student council will be running Tuck Shop this year. We will be offering Popcorn and Frozen Yogurt.
 14. Technology – We have a technology budget but it does not always cover the cost of the number of Chromebooks needed. Plans to purchase 6-8 more in October.
 15. Parent Engagement – Do What You Can't - Last year we had Be a Better Human assembly and acknowledge one student a month to be the recipient. This year is Do What you Can't will cater to new winners. Mr. Romano applied for a Parent Engagement Grant. At the spirit assembly, the student will receive a shirt and the parents will be invited, if they are able to, to come watch.
 16. Halloween – We will be dressing up. Parade is at 9:00 a.m. Students will be walking the perimeter of the school. There will be a dance a thon where funds will support Grade 8 Graduation.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Meeting Dates for the 2024-2025 School Year – Next meeting – Nov. 4. Future dates will be communicated by L. Rosano.
- b) CSC News – There is a write up in every newsletter. If there is anything you would like to add, please email the co-chairs.
- c) Committee Sign-Up
 - *Spirituality Committee* – CHAIR: G. Shalala,
 - *Fundraising Committee* – CO-CHAIRS: B. Lambert, A. Mazzotti
 - *Lunch/Alternate Food Days Committee* – CHAIR: L. Rosano
 - *Graduation Committee* – CHAIR: M. Clark, A. Spadafora, G. Stone,

- *Beautification Committee* – **CHAIR: B. Wales, M. Zimmerman**

D. STAFF REPORT

- Terry Fox Walk –
- Junior and Intermediate Soccer Tournaments –
- Junior and Intermediate Cross Country Tournament –
- Orange Shirt Day –
- National Walk to School Day –
- Thanksgiving Food Drive –
- Kinder Trip to Pumpkin Patch –
- Bus Safety Presentation –
- Thanksgiving Liturgy –
- Grade 8 Transition Dates –

Noted below:

STAFF REPORT – Kristina, Lynn, Sandra

- Terry Fox Walk – *Our annual Terry Fox Walk took place on Sept. 27. We began with a short prayer service, followed by an assembly where students watched a video about Terry Fox, and presented their class posters which they held during the walk. The highlight of the day was the song about Terry Fox which was sung by our Kindergarten students. Students, staff and families walked in the neighbourhood. Donations can still be made on School Cash until October 11th. Our goal is to raise \$1000. All monies raised will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.*
- Junior and Intermediate Soccer Tournaments – *Our Junior Girls team, coached by Mr. Porga took part in the Family of Schools Tournament at Mitchelson Park on Sept, 25. The girls won 2 games, tied 1 game and lost one game and finished as semi-finalists. The boys team, also coached by Mr. Porga took part in their tournament on Sept. 26th. The boys won 1, tied 1 and lost 2, just missing out on the semi-finals. Our Intermediate Boys and Girls Tournaments are being held on Oct. 3rd and 4th at Youngs Sportsplex in Welland. The teams are being coached by Mrs. Mascia and Mrs. Ramunno.*
- Junior and Intermediate Cross Country Tournament – *Taking place on October 9th at Fireman's Park. The team has been practicing and preparing for their meet after school the last couple of weeks. The team is being coached by Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg and Mr. Porga.*
- Orange Shirt Day – *Took place today. Teachers taught age-appropriate lessons about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the significance of wearing orange shirts.*
- National Walk to School Day – *Taking place on October 2. This initiative is being led by Miss Orsini.*
- Thanksgiving Food Drive – *Will run from Oct. 1-18. All canned goods will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This initiative is being led by our library technician Miss O'Rourke.*
- Kinder Trip to Pumpkin Patch – *Taking place on October 23rd at Bry-Ann Farms. Students will watch a live drama pumpkin presentation, walk in the corn field and straw maze, take a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch, and have a snack and take part in an inquiry-based pumpkin discovery center.*
- Bus Safety Presentation – *Taking place on October 10th. Two presentations are booked JK-3 first and then Grades 4/5-8.*
- Thanksgiving Liturgy – *Also taking place on October 10th. Our liturgy is being led by the students in Mr. Spiotti's 6/7 class.*
- Grade 8 Transition Dates – *St. Paul High School visited the grade 8 class on Sept. 19. The grade 8 Pep Rally will be taking place on Oct. 30 at St. Paul High School.*

E. NEXT MEETING – November 4, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:34 p.m.

G. CLOSING PRAYER – J. Romano