



**MINUTES OF THE
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 19th 2022
VIRTUAL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting, held on September 28, 2021 at 6:00pm.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by S. Walsh.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer –

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new year.
Bless them and their teachers, staff and their parents
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The opening prayer was led by T. Ianniello

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Susy Walsh	√		
Chair	Andrea Grimwood Zaleski	√		
Teacher Representative	Michael Vukovic	√		
	Tina Ianniello	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Vanessa Bisson	√		
Student Representative	Ashton Venzon	√		
Parish Representative	Father Stuart MacDonald		√	
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
	Lisa Venzon	√		
	Mandy Poulin	√		
	Michelle Pharand	√		

Minutes of the Meeting taken by S. Walsh
Guest(s) in Attendance – NA

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lisa Venzon

Seconded by Andrea Grimwood Zaleski

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of November 8, 2021

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Accessibility Standards Policy 800.8

The Accessibility Standards Policy 800.8 addresses the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), the Ontario Human Rights Code, Ontario Regulation 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, and the Highway Traffic Act to ensure that all people have the same opportunity of access to Board services in order to actively and equitably participate fully in the Catholic learning environment. Niagara Catholic District School Board is committed to providing services to students, parents/guardians, staff, and members of the public in an environment that is free of barriers and biases and which fosters independence, dignity and respect in all system facilities. There are four key areas that the Accessibility Standards Policy 800.8 addresses: Information and communication; Employment; Design of public spaces; and Student transportation.

Please submit your feedback to [Jennifer Pellegrini](#) by 12:00 p.m. February 22, 2022

C. CHAIRS REPORT:

- Fundraising: Our first fundraiser will occur in February. The purpose of the fundraiser is to provide support in the following areas: A La Carte Breakfast Program/Luncheons for students, chrome book replacement, literacy resources/supporting the Bag A Book program. A suggestion was brought forth to purchase a 3D printer. School will investigate the possibility of borrowing prior to purchase. **NOTE:** Information considered to determine fundraiser allocation: Donations for the Month of November using School Cash Online for our breakfast A La Carte program totaled: \$682.00. As well, money from food days donated totaled: \$167.
- Fundraisers will include the following: Big Red Meats / Cake Pop Sales for Valentine's Day. Mandy Poulin will contact Big Reds for pricing and flyer. Order forms will be sent via email and a hardcopy will be sent as well. Orders will be completed through school cash online and the class that sells the most will receive an incentive prize. Prize will be determined through a student survey. Cake pops will be sold 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5 for Valentine's Day. Parents will be able to purchase the cake pops via School Cash Online.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report** : Lisa: NCPIC Meetings this school year: September 9, November 4 and January 13. Only the September 9 minutes are available. Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that Niagara Catholic is focused on the health and safety of students and staff as the first priority. She also stated that Niagara Catholic is very pleased that a high percentage of our students have chosen to return to in-person learning. Much of the discussions surrounded COVID, screening and testing. Director Cipriano added that the expectation from the Ministry is that active student screening only take place from September 7- 17, 2021. However, local public health has strongly recommended that active student screening continue beyond the September 17 date. Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported for the 2021-2022 school year, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has received \$26,172.96 to support parent engagement projects - to address inclusion and racism. Bishop/ Diocesan - Fr. Paul MacNeil: (keep in mind this is from Sept meeting) Catholic churches are currently open and still practising physical distancing. Sunday obligation is still modified; however, parishes welcome parishioners to attend in person. Student Senate Report: Allan Buri will continue as student rep while outgoing students were wished farewells. Allan Buri reported that a predominant theme in discussions during the first meeting was student's mental health, seeing schools as hubs for social activity and creating an environment where all students feel valued.
- **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report** : S. Walsh invited parents to an information session, planned by Niagara Catholic's SEAC committee - **FASD in the Classroom: Working Together For Success**. Keynote Speaker: Dave Peirce from the Niagara FASD Coalition. The event details, as noted in the flyer, were discussed. As well, from Community Living, a contest celebrating 'February Is Inclusive Education Month', flyer was shared. Students are challenged to show through a photo collage, story or poem why we are better together when students who have an intellectual/developmental disability are included in our classrooms.
- **Picture Day**: Postponed and will be rescheduled.
- **PULSE APP**: To keep up to date and informed, parents can stay connected to daily announcements sent by classroom teachers through their child's NCVLE.
- **Food Days**: We will continue rotating the food days, as students seem to enjoy the meals thus far. Pizza, chicken fingers and fries and Subway.
- **Health and Safety**: The mandatory screening tool for all parents was discussed. Parents were thanked for their support and encouraged to help other parents who may be having difficulty with the screener.
- **Spirit Wear: Is there community interest? Who are possible vendors?** Mr. Vukovic presented the pricing and products from 3 vendors (See Page 6). Parents unanimously agreed that spirit wear will be purchased

from Niagara Promotions. Navy hoodies, hoodies with a zipper, collared polo and long sleeve polo shirt and toque (green/black).

E. OAPCE REPORT Nil

F. STAFF REPORT : Michael Vukovic / Tina Ianniello

- Grade ½ and Grade 1's painted 90 Christmas ornaments for the Oakwood Senior home.
- Grade 1's worked on Number Sense and number relationships and graphing. They learned about Advent by creating a booklet and a craft. They explored the sacrament of Baptism. They created a door of the Christmas story, a trip to Bethlehem with the donkey.
- The JK/SK's learned about the Christmas Story and constructed a prayer table reading scripture and adding a new piece each day. Children engaged in play situations to design a tree, a ugly sweater and a wreath using loose parts. They focused on patterning and counting and explored the number 5. They welcomed their new student teacher Kayla Cookson.
- Grade ¾'s attended mass online with St. Michael's church with Father Patrick. We made an Advent Wreath and students learned and wrote about the Advent Wreath using a hamburger paragraph. We used dance expectations to create "What a glorious night with actions for Christmas Concert." We welcomed "Saint Stephen" the elf to our classroom and he is still there. Students are learning how to fill out a job application, do an interview for media literacy and write a persuasive letter to have Saint Steven hired in the North Pole. Math we are focussing on Patterning, open number lines, place value and estimation. We are continuing with Bag a Book and will focus on short and long vowels. We worked on NCVLE so students became more familiar with the program. Students got to shop in the store with money they earned daily.
- We celebrated Joy Day as a school and decorated our doors to retell the Nativity story.
- We enjoyed delicious Mac and Cheese. Lanes Restaurant donated a bag of chips to each of the students. Thank you to our Parent Council helpers for helping that day.
- Giving Back and Sharing Hope Summary: This year we supported 7 families, one being from St. George. Our families went to St. George's Church hall where Judy Learn from St. Vincent de Paul and helpers were there to greet them so our families could pick up their food vouchers and food basket two days prior to the end of the Christmas Break. The Stevensville Kinettes delivered toys to the families at their home. Our school did a wonderful job bringing in gift cards, clothing and toiletries. Thank you to Catholic school council members for shopping for us, providing Christmas wrap and coming up with last minute items that were needed. The staff wrapped the Christmas gifts of clothing, a basket full of toiletries and some mugs with hot chocolate, marshmallows and word find books. Families were very appreciative and thankful. They extend their thanks to our Staff, School community, St. Vincent de Paul, Kinettes and Catholic School Council.

- Intermediates had a very busy December! December was a very busy month in the intermediate classroom. Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated by most of our grade 7 /8 students. Intermediate Volleyball Day was a success! The class was divided into three teams and played a round robin tournament throughout the day. Congrats to Mr. Vukovic and his team, for bringing home the trophy. In small groups, students prepared weekly Digital Advent Liturgies. Once again, they impressed! For the St. Joseph Virtual Christmas concert, grade eights created were challenged to create stop animation video recordings (Christmas Scenes) and an Intermediate Christmas Mash Up.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Additional Food Days Considered /Easter Initiatives

H. NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 21st, 2022 at 6:00pm VIRTUAL

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mandy Poulin

Seconded by Michelle Pharand

THAT the January 19, 2022 meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

J. CLOSING PRAYER: Led by S. Walsh

Father,
May everything we do
begin with Your inspiration
and continue with Your saving help.
Let our work always find its origin in You
and through You reach completion.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Spirit Wear Comparison:

Item	Niagara Promotion	Big Bear	Maddalena
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	(Last Year's Spirit Wear Provider) All sizes / Same Price	(St. George) Adult Sizes Have Been Quoted	(Loretto as example) (Previous Supplier before Niagara Promotion)
Hoodie	\$25 (tax included) +5 for name on hood	\$37.18 (tax included)	23.05 (tax included)
Long Sleeve Crew Neck	\$22.50 (tax included)	\$27.69 (tax included)	
Polo	\$30 (tax included)	\$27.69 (tax included)	
Shorts	\$20 (tax included)	\$25.54 (tax included)	
Toque	\$12 (tax included)	\$15.50 (tax included)	
Notes:	<p>Clothing Items have St. Joseph Logo and Niagara Catholic Cross on Item</p> <p>Items Ordered on Sheet and Purchased Through Cash Online</p> <p>Additional Items Can be Added to Our School List.</p>	<p>Online Store has many options of styles and colour. Virtual Store Created and Parents Order Directly Through Website</p> <p>*Additional Cost will be added to place cross on arm of clothing.</p> <p>Youth Sizes See Price Reduction.</p>	<p>Screen Printing on Hoodie</p> <p>Virtual Store Created and Parents Order Directly Through Website</p>