



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA

### ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

	CSC Member	Present	Absent	Regrets
Parent/Guardian Members				
	Mrs. V. Stephenson		✓	
	Mrs. S. Harkin	✓		
	Mrs. G. Hutton	✓		
	Mrs. K. Duliban	✓		
	Mrs. J. Ewing		✓	
	Mrs. N. Wallace			✓
	Mrs. V. Forsyth	✓		
	Mrs. Weltz	✓		
	Mrs. Rachel Telford	✓		
	Mrs. Meaghan Valeri		✓	
	Mr. Jordan McClanahan	✓		

	Mrs. F. Trombetta			✓
	Mrs. A. MacPherson	✓		
	Mrs. Z. Gunn		✓	
	Mrs. MacKay		✓	
	Mrs. M. Aqualina		✓	
	Mrs. Musani		✓	
	Mrs. Alicia Tompkins- Jovanovic			✓
	Mrs. Melissa Reale			✓
	Mrs. A. Hannah		✓	
	Mrs. E. Salverda	✓		
	Mrs. L. Belcastro		✓	
	Miranda Mataseje		✓	
	Jennifer Santos		✓	
	Mrs. Colleen Minor	✓		
	Mrs. Dana Burkey	✓		
	Becky VanMil	✓		
	Mary Viera			✓

## **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer- Mr. Leheta
2. Welcome & Introductions
  - Round table introductions
3. Elections of Chair and Co-Chairs
  - One nomination
    - Vicki Forsyth
    - Kelly Polletto, past chair/President

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

## **C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK**

- Presently, no policies are being vetted.

## **D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- 2024-2025 School Year Numbers
  - 538 students last year
    - 518 this year, a little down from kindergarten
    - Urban planners - saying the covid years caused some lack of student population for the next few years
      - The cap is 460, then add portables
- New Staff –
  - ✓ Olivia Dididato – Grade 3-4
  - ✓ Virginia Pellizzari – Grade 3-4
  - ✓ Abbey Alaimo – Grade 3-4
  - ✓ Adriana Weber – Grade 6-7
  - ✓ Rachel Lametti – Educational Assistant
  - ✓ Delores Procaccini – Office Staff
  - ✓ Sophia Buquing – Office Staff
  - ✓ Sara Biasseti - Grade 5/6

- Re-organization 2024
  - Adding a new class - September 30
  - 23 classes in total
  - Reviewing the timeline of the organization
    - Inform staff of assignment by April
      - moving target based on kindergarten numbers
    - New Families Registration
      - Families moving is not known until they move
    - The school board uses Staffing Plus
      - Forecast size and efficient models
    - Many combined classes with relatively high numbers due to losing a class
      - Re-org happens after the 2nd week of class to get accurate numbers
      - Reducing class size and reducing combined classes
    - Letters are to be sent only throughout the week to those being moved.

**Priorities for 2024-2025:**

- To support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students
- To support students in meeting provincial Numeracy & Literacy standards
- To support the critical linkage between mental health and well-being and student success
- To improve support for children and youth with special education needs and their families
- To provide support for students to be successful in de-streamed learning environments.
  - Important for grade 8's transitioning to Blessed Trinity
- To ensure that all young learners receive the necessary foundational skills and early interventions in reading that are critical to future success.
  - Reports will mention reading level benchmarks (below/meet/exceeds)

**On the Calendar**

- WLCC Thanksgiving Food Drive - Sept 23-Oct 08
- Junior Soccer - Sept 26 – Players Paradise
  - Bussing continues to be a challenge
  - Will rely on parent transportation

- Rowan's Law (Concussion Awareness) – Purple Shirt – Sept 25
- Truth & Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day - Sept. 30
- Re-organization Day – Sept. 30
- Meet the Teacher 4-6 pm – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Intermediate Soccer – Boys Oct. 3 / Girls Oct. 4 (Youngs Sportsplex)
- World Teacher Day - Oct – 4
- Cross Country – Southward Park – October 8
- Blessed Trinity Football Game – Grade 7 & 8 – Oct 9 (transition plan)
- St. Martin Trivia Night 6-10 pm – Oct 10
- PA Day – Oct 11 - Faith-Based activities
- Thanksgiving - Oct 14
- Photo Retake Day – Oct. 15
- Individual Education Plan Distribution – Oct. 15
- Niagara Catholic Cross Country – Oct. 22 (Qualified runners)
- Howell Pumpkins – Grade 1 & 2 – Oct. 24
- Scholastic Book Fair - Oct 28-Nov 8
- Grade 7 Vaccinations – Oct 29
- Halloween at St. Martin - Oct 31(be in costume)
  - Party in a bag - Nutrition Policy
- War Plane Museum – Grade 6 - Nov 7
- Remembrance Day / Feast of St. Martin - Nov 11
- Progress Reports Sent Home - Nov 12
- Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm – Nov. 18
- Smithville Santa Claus Parade – Nov. 25
- Bullying Awareness Week - Nov 18-22
- Project Plaid (Mental Health) Wear Plaid – Nov 22
- CSC Meeting – Nov. 26
- PA Day Nov 29
- Level-Up Conference: Skills trade grades 6-12
  - Many unions and trades to be highlighted
  - Niagara Region Nov 21-22
    - Niagara Falls Convention Centre
    - Ministry of Ed and Ministry of Labour

### **3. Chairperson Report (Vicki Forsyth) (Reach out to Vicki for assistance)**

- Trivia Night – October 10
  - PD day the following day
  - Looking for Volunteers

- Sell individual tickets and tables
      - Purpose for the money (kids/sports/chrome books)
  - West Lincoln Santa Claus Parade
    - November 30th
    - Always looking for new volunteers
  - Christmas at St. Martin
    - Jingle-a-thon
    - Reach out to the teachers
      - Ornament or milk and cookies
  - Shrove Tuesday
    - Looking for volunteers
  - Grandparent day
    - Big hit - looking to modify the format
  - Glow Party
    - Pre-order swag and use last year's supplies
  - Year End Family Social
    - June 5th
  - Book fair
    - Modify the Social Tea format
  - Box Cards
    - Run near Thanksgiving around the end of November
    - A variety of cards is \$35 per box, and the school gets \$11/per box
    - Used Cash-on-line
      - Link to website
4. Catholic School Council Financial Report (2022-2023)
- As attached
  - Add key elements
  - Have 9k to begin the year
  - Glow Party
- surplus of previous years
5. Hot Lunch Report
6. Parish Report
- (CWL)Paula Verrecchia/Sherri DeWilde (CWL Pres.)

- Build stronger relations with school and parish
- Volunteers and make presence known during school events
  - Visible during the school community
- Paula wants to maintain a connection with the school
- Support families financially/physically/spiritually  
(Confidentially)
- Jenn Noseworthy - Children's Liturgy
- Support for the Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- Fundraiser - Breakfast with Santa
  - Dec 14th
- Christmas bazaar - once a month after 10 am mass
  - Maybe sell Poinsettias
  - Coffee Social - Nov 24th
- Oktoberfest 19th 6-8 pm (After 5 pm mass)
  - Refreshments served
    - \$25/person
- Confirmation Dec 7th, 11 am (Grade 8's)
- 1st Communion April 26 - May 3rd (grade 2's)

**F. STAFF REPORT – J. Noseworthy**

- Fall Fest Oct 10
  - Festival at school
- Cricket Oct 8/9
  - Grades 5-8

**G. AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Hot school lunch - Mrs. Dana Burkely
  - Six different options (many options)
- Storefront in Crystal Beach - fundraisers for the school (Beach front/Market meals)

**H. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 27th, 6 pm**

**I. CLOSING PRAYER – Mr. Tornabuono**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**