



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**November 18, 2024  
In School, WorkRoom**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council, held on November 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Jackie Watson

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Land Acknowledgment

The Niagara Catholic District School Board wishes to honour the Indigenous people who have been the protectors of this land, known as Turtle Island, for more than ten thousand years. We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

2. Opening Prayer – Prayer for Catholic Education

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 of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Nicholas Catholic School and our community may cooperate effectively with You, and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

3. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Treasurer	Jackie Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vice-Principal/Secretary	Jackie Watson			
Chair	Ms. Paprzycki	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Co-Chair	-----			

Teacher Representative				
Non-Teaching Representative	-----			
Student Representative	-----			
Parish Representative	Father Ben Weber		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OAPCE Representative				
Community Representative	Ms. Ciancio	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community Representative				
<b>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>				
Ms. Melville		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ms. Koch		<input type="checkbox"/>		

4. Approval of the Agenda  
Moved by: Ms. Melville  
Seconded by: Ms. Koch

That the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of November 18, 2024.

**CARRIED**

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

6. **Approval of Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of October 21, 2024**

Moved by: Mrs. Ciancio  
Seconded by: Mrs. Paprzycki

That St Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of October 21, 2024 of last meeting presented.

**CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### Newly Updated Policies

Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students' Policy 301.1

Student Transportation Policy 500.2

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

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report

Usually meet bi-monthly, the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the CEC, Rice Rd.

2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Usually meet the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the CEC, Rice Rd.

\*\* Please note that agenda's and minutes of both meetings can be found on Niagara Catholic's website, under Programs. Scroll down to Special Education to find relevant agenda's and minutes.

3. Catholic School Council Financial Report

Big Box of Cards just closed on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We sold a total of 65 boxes, which gives us a profit of  $65 \times \$11.00 = \$715.00$ .

COBS gift cards will be open on school cash now.

ii) Catholic School Council Parent Engagement Funds, to be used by June 13, 2024 \$500.00 with an additional \$1,000.00 in funds to support parent engagement activities at the school level through an application process. First come, first serve basis. Application/funding will be approved in alignment with Ministry criteria in relation to identifying needs for the school community and how schools can improve in at least one the following areas:

- addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized group
- creating a safe and welcoming environment
- informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources
- providing workshops for parents/guardians to inspire their children to learn, mental health and well-being, internet safety, cyber bullying and healthy living
- projects to support Indigenous learners and their families
- programs for newcomer families to introduce them to Catholic education in Niagara Catholic
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages to make all parents/guardians and students feel welcome and include
- skill-building opportunities for parents –information sessions/workshops that provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student learning at home and at school

\*\* All Sacramental preparation classes will be completed by the church. Letters to Grade 2 and Grade 8 Parents/Guardians to be sent home through Father Ben.

\*\* We are still a Math Priority school for Grade 3 and 6, with support from a Math coach throughout the year. If time allows, the coach will help other's who request.

\*\* We have been designated as a Public Health Priority School. As such, our school's Public Health Nurse, Tesha, will be at St. Nicholas Catholic every Monday and some Tuesdays to offer support as needed.

\*\* Acadience Support, Kindergarten to Grade 2 – Jennifer Boland is St. Nicholas Catholic's lead. Collection of reading data. Will be reflected on Report Card. Must be completed by mid-November

\*\* Hot Lunches have been set until Christmas Break

\*\* Progress Reports week of November 11, 2024; First Term Reports, week of February 9<sup>th</sup>; Second Term Reports, week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*\* Parent/Guardian/Teacher/Student Conference Night, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\*\* Kinder Open House, Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\*\* Kindergarten Night, Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

\*\* Graduation – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Club Roma

- A new LED projector was purchased for the gym. It was used during the Halloween dance sessions. Screen is clear and bright. Purchase was about \$680.00
- Desks for the Grade 8s have just arrived. All Grade 8s will receive a new desk, we will then use the remaining to swap out those that need to be thrown out, or classrooms that are short.

## **E. OAPCE REPORT**

Website was welcoming those to their Jubilee mass on December 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. Our very own Bishop Bergie held a retreat for those to consider the meaning of the Jubilee and to reflect as to what it is to be Pilgrims of Hope.

The website also discussed Restorative Practices, and what that actually means.

## **F. STAFF REPORT**

- November 18<sup>th</sup>, St. John Valley trip, Grade 5s
- CSC meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- November 19<sup>th</sup>, Parent/Teacher Conference
- November 20<sup>th</sup>, Let's Talk Science Gd ¾, 4/5
- November 21<sup>st</sup>, Picture Retake Day
- Let's Talk Science
- Mass, 10:00 a.m. Thank you to Mrs. Carbonara and Mrs. Hursky's Grade ¾ class
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Out of Dress code
- November 25<sup>th</sup>, First Advent Liturgy p.m. in gym
- November 26<sup>th</sup>, Grade 8 Day
- November 27<sup>th</sup>, Intermediate Boys' Volleyball
- Lead Out Conference. Student Senate reps
- November 28<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate Girls' Volleyball
- Dental Screening
- Wear Plaid Day for Pathstone Mental Health
- Chicken Finger Day
- November 29<sup>th</sup>, PA Day
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Liturgy gym, a.m.
- December 4<sup>th</sup>, Cop Shop (4)
- December 6<sup>th</sup>, Feast of St. Nicholas
- Joy Day
- December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Liturgy gym a.m.
- December 10<sup>th</sup>, Jackie, Math Priority meeting
- December 11<sup>th</sup>, Grade 8 course selection day
  - Gingerbread Night
- December 12<sup>th</sup>, Jackie, Principal's Meeting
- Christmas Shoppe, p.m.
- December 13<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Shoppe, all day
- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Advent gym p.m.
- December 18<sup>th</sup>, K-3, Landmark, 4-8 ELF
- December 20<sup>th</sup>, Pizza Day
- Out of Dress Code, Red, Green and White Day
- Last Day before Christmas Holidays
- January 6<sup>th</sup>, Welcome Back
- January 9<sup>th</sup>, Denis Morris Catholic High School Open House
- January 14<sup>th</sup>, Grad Picture Day

- January 17<sup>th</sup>, PA Day
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mass
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, CSC Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, Kinder Open House

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

- Joy Day/Feast of St. Nicholas Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
- December 11<sup>th</sup>, Gingerbread Night
- December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shoppe

Discussion was around how to most efficiently create the Christmas tags that are needed by our students; especially our younger ones who may not really know who they are buying for. Items will be dropped off December 6<sup>th</sup> at the school.

- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts May 8<sup>th</sup>

\*\* discussed possible fund raiser of

- Spring Flowers

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#### **H. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **J. CLOSING PRAYER**

Please let us all say the Hail Mary