



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday November 26, 2024. 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on November 26th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Opening Prayer** – Mr. Romeo began with prayer

Roll Call – people in attendance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/ Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. J. Romeo	X		
Co-Chairs	Mrs. Bocchinfuso Mrs. Gagnon	X	X	
Teacher(OECTA) Representative(s)	Mrs. A. Maloney Mrs. G. D'Amico	X X		
Support Staff (CUPE) Representative				
Student Representatives	H. Lockwood A. Prochownik		X X	
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
R. Alorse		X		
P. Dobbie		X		
S. Gilson			X	
K. Leitch		X		
S. Pitre		X		
J. Schneider		X		
M. Bartolini		X		

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by – J. Schneider

Seconded by – S. Pitre

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of November 26, 2024.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council

Moved by – P. Dobbie

Seconded by – M. Bartolini

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of September 24, 2024.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sacred Heart Student Council report – *Prepared by Arybella & Haley, read by Mr. Romeo*

We recently had our school dance-a-thon on October 31 2024. It was very successful and we believe that all the students had a blast, we had lights, music and some activities running. Everyone on the student council definitely had fun planning it! We also had a Thanksgiving food drive with a total of 1051 food items! With the help of every class in Sacred Heart we were able to get that big grand total. We also attended an after school meeting at St. Michaels and had a good talk about all the activities we do at school and how we keep our school a safe and comfortable community. We are super excited to attend the "Lead Out Loud" conference on Wednesday November 27th 2024.

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – *Most recent meeting took place Nov 7, 2024. Presentations from that meeting linked below:***
 - [NCPIC Meeting](#)
 - [NCPIC Mental Health & Wellbeing Pres](#)
 - [NCPIC Public Health Pres](#)
- 2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – *None***
- 3. Catholic School Council Financial Report –**
- 4. Staff report – *None***
- 5. NCDSB 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.**
 - [Trustee Code of Conduct Policy 100.12](#)
 - [Trustee Electronic Meetings \(Board and Committees\) Policy 100.8](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 pm December 19, 2024

A copy of the following information was shared by Mr. Romeo

CATHOLICITY

Sacred Heart Parish News:

Our Parish Priest is Fr. Stuart MacDonald, the parish priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. Fr. Stuart is also the parish priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stevensville. For all questions about Sacraments Fr. Stuart is asking that those be directed to the church at 905-295-4455

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Provincial Progress Reports:

Progress Report Cards went home Tuesday November 12, and the corresponding parent-teacher interviews took place on Thursday, November 21st, 2024. Thank you for those parents who came out or were able to connect with teachers in another format as we continue to engage them on the child(ren)'s progress to date and work collaboratively to assist in their development. Please note if you have not had a chance to connect with your child's teacher about their progress, please reach out to schedule a date, time and format to connect.

Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Action Plan(s):

Baseline data and preliminary work has been done by school staff to submit our Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Action Plans for the Nov 1st deadline. These plans are fluid documents that are constantly revisited and "officially" updated in March and June 2025. Staff meetings and other times for teachers to meet will continue to be used to examine student work and tie in associated teaching practices to monitor and aid in reaching our Literacy and Numeracy goals for our staff and our students.

The PA Day on November 29 will have the majority of classroom teachers participating in Literacy and Numeracy workshops and there will be a whole staff virtual presentation on Indigenous Education.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Halloween Dance-a-thon wrap-up:

Many thanks, once again to our Student Council under the direction of Mrs. Colavecchia for planning and delivering a fantastic Dance-a-thon that was very well received by our students. The associated fundraiser was once again a success and funds raised will go toward replacing aging Student technology and purchasing new sports jerseys to be used by Junior and Intermediate sports teams. Also, a big thank you to our very supportive parent community.

"The Star" Musical:

Under the leadership and direction of Madame Watson, members of our school choir and other selected students are preparing for the production of "The Star" musical. There will be a dress rehearsal for the entire school to view on Dec 10 as well as performances for our school community on Dec 11 @ 2 p.m. and Dec 12 @ 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. More detailed information will be included in December's newsletter and emailed to the parent community.

School Sports and Clubs:

Our Falls sports calendar has been moving right along. In late September Junior (Gr 4-6) and Intermediate (Gr. 7&8) Soccer tournaments happened for both our Girls and Boys and they were fantastic representatives of Sacred Heart School. In October our talented Cross-Country team advanced 7 team members that made it to the Board Cross Country Meet. Girls and Boys Junior Triple ball took place in mid-November and saw our Junior Girls finish in first place and our Junior Boys finishing in second at the St. Michael Family of Schools tournaments. Girls and Boys Intermediate Volleyball take place during the last week of November.

We are going to try and run a scaled down version of the "SHL" ball hockey league for students in the new year.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – *Posted On our School Website under "Catholic School Council" tab*
1. Community Outreach – *Angel Tree Toy Drive – Due Monday Dec 16, 2024*
2. Fundraising – **[M&M Meats Shop Day](#) – Thursday Dec 12 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Thorold Stone Rd Location)**
3. Graduation – ****Tentative (pending approval) June 19, 2025 @ STM Theatre**

4. Hot lunches/milk – *Hot lunch (twice per month) & milk daily*
5. Safe Schools –
6. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) –
 - *Breakfast Club running 3 days per week: Tues., Wed and Friday*

E. AGENDA ITEMS –

- 2023-24 EQAO Report – Romeo- *presented detailed report of the data of the scores*
- “The Star” Musical – Romeo *Performances: Wed. Dec 11 @ 2 p.m., Thurs Dec 12 @ 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Admission requested is a non-perishable food item. Because of the timing of this musical and the prep of the gym, our annual Gingerbread house making night will be taking a one-year hiatus and will be returning next December.*
- Purse Bingo Fundraiser – Bocchinfuso- *everything is ready and good to go*

F. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –

G. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday Feb 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by – A. Bocchinfuso

Seconded by – Mrs. G. D’Amico

THAT the meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.