



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tuesday November 26, 2024**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m_ by Chair/Co chair

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Opening Prayer**
The opening prayer led by Mrs. Kelly
2. **Roll Call**

Members	Affiliations	Present	Absent	Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	x		
Mrs. M. Kelly	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary	x		
Mrs. R Mancuso	Teaching Representative	x		
	Non-Teaching Representative			
Parent Representatives				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	gabbybianco@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Erika Allen	erika_lynn_23@yahoo.ca	x		
Mrs. Lidia Romeo	lidia.romeo@hotmail.com	x		
Mrs. Amy Tiller	amy.lococotiller@ncdsb.com	x		
Mrs. Amie Malvaso	amalvaso@cogeco.ca			x
Teresa Stransky	teresastransky@gmail.com	x		
Melissa Dieroff	melissa_dieroff@hotmail.com	x		
Steph Zufelt	steph.zufelt@gmail.com			x
Olivia O'Reilly	livoreilly2021@gmail.com			x
Matthew Hurteau	jethurteau21@gmail.com	x		
Mrs. DeProphetis	diane@stormgroug.com	x		

3. Approval of the Agenda - Motion to approve the existing agenda by Mrs. Griffiths

Seconded: Mrs. Allen

4. Disclosure of Interest Amy Tiller and Erika Allen indicated they are employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as teachers.

5. Approval of the Minutes - Sept

B. Presentations- NA

List of Committees:

1. Faith Formation- Reached out to Mrs. Ricine is really busy right now and can't commit.
2. Food days- seems to be going well - we get delivered first nutrition break, Mrs. Allen asked if we can have 4 food days a month. Soup days in Jan/Feb from Swiss Chalet.
3. Fundraising - sign up,
 - Krispy Kreme (Mississauga) half of the profits go to grad and some towards Smart TV. February order pick up in March.
 - Dance-a-thon for Halloween (we need volunteers for this, selling glow items and treats) Mrs. Romeo will buy glow items by **October 20** Mrs. Allen will get treats by **Oct 20**. Fundraiser will go towards technology and board games for rainy days.
 - **Ideas:** Big Box, Christmas gift cards raffle, Little Caesars pizza kits, Big Red, Spring Raffle (To be discussed at next meeting).
 - **Fresh from the Farm - Raised \$416.80, large donation went to Project Share, 22 vegetable bundles ordered , 11 fruit bundles ordered - we make 40% back on the fundraiser**
 - Fundraising money will go towards - technology, sports equipment, games for indoor recess or rainy day activities. More brainstorming about where fundraiser money goes was discussed (ideas were supporting trips, crafts...)

Principal Report

1. **Dance a thon** -Raised \$5876- Revenue-\$4830 \$- Less expenses for food, glow items and chromebook
 - Purchased 15 chromebooks with school budget and dance
 - \$2500- indoor games
 - selling Christmas Canteen - snacks like dance a thon same price- \$1-2 after lunch
 - Also selling the Canteen for Boys Volleyball tournament
2. **December** - Cookie Day, Popcorn
 - Student Council will be running activities in Dec with students - Christmas stories, more ideas to come (meeting tomorrow to brainstorm ideas)
 - **Stuff the Bus** - shared updates, competition between the classes, highest wins a class pizza lunch
 - CGE updates:
 - November CGE - Discerning Believers, morning announcements by student council describing ways to be a Discerning Believer

-December CGE Effective Communicator posters will be created by students to be posted around the school. Use of student friendly language for all grades.

- Presentation- Jon Hansen- parent engagement funds- parents welcome in afternoon - presentation Dec. 3rd at 1:45 -2:45
3. **Gingerbread night**- will have been opened through school cash online, sent a School Messenger and posted on Instagram -
 4. -table cloths from dollar store - we have kept from last year
 - hot chocolate donated- **need cups L.Romeo** Mcdonald's or Tim Horton's for donations (Lidia will reach out. AW ask for donations.
 - clean up by volunteers and custodian of tables and sweeping
 - Greeters for front door- Student council assisting
 - New this year- Craft day- by divisions- inviting parents k-5 in gym Dec. 19
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Mental Wellness

- **#project plaid** - Nov 28th - posters around the school
- **November** - All Saints/All Souls- Book of Remembrance - every morning we keep those intentions in our prayers
- **Book Fair- Sales - thank you to parent volunteers- just under \$6800- we will purchase some books and take money to go to book buying trips**

Liturgies- weekly through Advent led by various classes- virtual

Advent mass - Dec 10 STM at 10:00 - parent welcome

Advent liturgies- weekly

Choir singing on Dec 11

St. Mike Band- am

Simulated Lockdown - went well 3 mins in September

Fundraisers

- Fundraiser outline: Mrs. Spadafora went over the events for the year, some are to promote family togetherness and therefore not a fundraiser but there are 3 major fundraisers this year.
- Grad- updates- fundraiser Krispy Kreme fundraiser partial to go towards assisting in subsidizing costs - approved by council

Academics

EQAO -increase from last year, well done!

Math- new baseline of data

- All completed on computers
- Classes use MathUp daily and Knowledge hook and Building Fluency
 - Staff receiving PD on PD Day and through Chaplain visits in the day

7. Ice dogs visit - we are interested in a Ice Dogs night - March 20th

Mrs. Tiller will look into tickets to River Lions

Upcoming Events:

Jon Hansen Presentation - Dec. 3

Stuff the bus- Nov 25-Dec 9

Krispy Kreme- Feb 10 - 21 order- March 4th is pick up in Mississauga and need volunteers to distribute and pick up

E. OAPCE REPORT : (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) - Mrs. Griffiths will forward OAPCE information to Parent Council

F. STAFF REPORT – Christmas Craft day, all grades, 5 different crafts, every child will go home with one craft. K-5 will invite families to craft with their child.

Cards to be dropped off to Dorchester Meadows.

Staff will take care of families for Christmas.

H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Spring Fundraiser? Calendar raffle, Spring Fling charge students or sell glow sticks, snacks, baskets to raffle off

I. **NEXT MEETING**: Feb 25, May 27 @ 6:00

II. **J. ADJOURNMENT**: motioned to Adjourn: Mrs. Romeo the motion was seconded by: Mrs. Griffith at 7:20 p.m

K. **CLOSING PRAYER**- Mrs. Kelly