



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2025
School library @ 6:00 pm**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council, held on January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tim Atkinson

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement was led by Tim Atkinson and Annette Filice

2. Roll Call – Holly Humphreys

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Tim Atkinson	√		
Co-Chairs	Kathleen Ciccotti & Kayla Walsh	√	√	
Teacher Representative	Antonina Filice	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Holly Humphreys	√		
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
Christina Angelini			√	
Melissa Bowker		√		
Ashley Brown			√	
Justin Caron			√	
Jennifer Graham			√	
Melanie Harris		√		
Breia Merla			√	
Marlies Nanninga			√	
Julie-Anne Nixon		√		
Sarah Veld			√	

Minutes of the Meeting taken by H. Humphreys

A. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Kathleen C.

Second that by Melanie H.

THAT the St. Joseph Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Joseph Catholic School Council Meeting of January 6, 2025.

B. **Disclosure of Interest**

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

C. **ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – Annette
2. Roll Call – Holly
3. Approval of Agenda – Kathleen C. and Melanie H.

D. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **St. Joseph Teacher's Report** – Annette
2. Our weekly Advent liturgies and Advent Masses went well.
3. The children were so excited to be back to school after the Christmas break, it was wonderful to see them all.
4. Next in sports we have Intermediate Basketball end of January and Jr. Basketball mid-February
5. There is a PA Day on January 17th
6. **Student Council** – Tim – Student Council helped to run our Christmas Toy Drive and charity fundraisers

E. **POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK – n/a**

F. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Catholicity

1. Since our last meeting, we had our 1st Communion Conscriptio mass
2. We celebrated 1st Reconciliation with our grade 2's
3. We had Advent Reconciliation at the school.
4. We had weekly Advent prayer services in the gym
5. We had our school Christmas mass at the church
6. We had our Family Advent mass on the 18th

Student Achievement

1. Teachers continue to use MathUp and KnowledgeHook for their math instruction. Both teachers and students are becoming more comfortable with both platforms.
2. January 17th in a PA Day for report cards. They will be released to parents/guardians the week of February 10 – 14.

School Activities

1. Sports: we had Junior Tripleball and intermediate Volleyball. We have begun with intermediate basketball tryouts. Junior handball will begin in a couple of weeks.
2. We had a guest speaker in, an author and archeologist, Kara Bartley, who did a presentation called Paleotales. Our 2 student senators went to our Lead Out Loud conference. The grade 1-3's went to see the Munsch at Play. The grade 3-6 students went to the Niagara Falls Museum for an Indigenous presentation which we are using our Indigenous education funding to cover most of the trip. The B.T. Band came in and did a performance for the school.
3. We also went to see the musical ELF.

4. During Advent, we had Joy day and we also had our family Gingerbread decorating night which was a lot of fun.

G. CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT (Holly)

1. Wine Fundraiser – we sold \$5,005.20 and rec'd \$1,100.85 rebate
2. Project Plaid Fundraiser - \$377.40 in donations
3. Dance-A-Thon - \$4,644.25 after expenses

H. OAPCE REPORT – n/a

I. SUBCOMMITTEE

1. By-laws/Policy – n/a
2. Community Outreach – Julie-Anne Nixon
 - i. Tours of GBF to educate students on what they do for families in need.
 - ii. They could help put together kits for the homeless
3. Fundraising –Big Box cards- all occasion card box will run from February 28 to March 21, 2025. We will send one box of cards home with each family. Keeping it open during March Break when they will see family and friends to sell to.
4. Graduation – was on June 18, 2025, but has been moved to June 17, 2025 at St. Joseph Church at 5:00 pm
5. Hot lunches/milk – Pizza, A&W, Subway & Pita Pit are all up and running and the kids seem to really enjoy all of the lunches we bring in. Frozen yogurt and sorbet on Thursdays during 2nd Nutrition Break for \$2 ea.
6. Safe Schools – 2nd Lock-down drill will be on the 21st. Letter will go home on the 20th.
7. School Nutrition Action Council – received our first round of funding from Niagara Nutrition Partners/Community Care

J. AGENDA ITEMS-

1. Fun Fair:
 - i. Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 from 5-7 pm
 - ii. Book Niagara Inflatables and Caricature Artist (Holly)
 - iii. Kayla & Breia will head the event – book balloon person. We need more volunteers to help out with the event. End of May have a Fun Fair meeting with council.

K. NEXT MEETING – Monday, February 3rd @ 6:00 pm

L. CLOSING PRAYER – Tim

M. ADJOURNMENT – 7:00 pm