



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**AGENDA**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

February 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

School Library

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – Annette
2. Roll Call – Holly

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

3. Approval of Agenda – Melanie H. and Breia M.
4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes – Ashley B. and Kayla W.

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. **St. Joseph Teacher’s Report** – Annette
  - a) We had our Mass Inscription Ceremony this morning in the gym with Fr. Rico. We have Jr. and Intermediate Basketball tournaments this month. In April we have Handball and Flag Football. The Literacy Day on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> was a hit with all “Drop Everything and Spell” activities went on throughout the day. The kids paired up with their book buddies to make words.

- b) Term 1 Report Cards will be posted online on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Thursday, February 6 is our Kindergarten Open House
  - d) Teachers and students are doing lots of Math-Up, Knowledge Hook and UFLI
2. **Student Council** – Tim
- a) During November and December the Student Council organized and collected food, toys, hats and mittens for the GBF. They also participated in the Family Advent Mass, welcoming families to mass as well as doing the readings, petitions and gift presenting. They along with some gr 8 students helped to set up, greet and clean up after our Gingerbread Night.
  - b) In January they worked with the ECO team collecting coats and blankets for the homeless and used items for recycling. We advertised outside of our school community, reaching out to the parish, high school and other Grimsby elementary schools. We were very excited to see the overwhelming response from the community. We raised \$100 dollars for the school ECO initiatives with the recycled goods and collected a lot of coats and blankets for the homeless.
  - c) Coming up this month in February, we will be helping out with Kids Helping Kids activities and will report back at the next meeting for updates.

### C. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK –

None

### D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### 1. Catholicity

- a) We had our Confirmation Conscriptio mass here today.
- b) Confirmation takes place on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- c) Our kids helping kids campaign will begin on February 10 and run for 2 weeks until the 21<sup>st</sup>. We are still in the planning stages of this, but it will contain fun days like Jersey day, hat day, etc. We also have announcements from students here at the school who have benefited from this organization.

#### 2. Student Achievement

- a) Teachers continue to use MathUp and KnowledgeHook for their math instruction. Both teachers and students are becoming more comfortable with both platforms. Students are starting to complete half and full “Marathons” with their usage of this platform.
- b) Report Cards will be made available on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are made by parent or teacher request.
- c) On the 5<sup>th</sup> we have our Chaplaincy visits where the staff get continued support with UFLI, Acadiance, MathUp and Knowledgehook.
- d) On Friday, we have a board specialist come in to do mid-year Acadiance screeners on those students who were below grade level with the initial screener for K to 2.

#### 3. School Activities

- a) February 6<sup>th</sup> we have our Kindergarten Open House as well as it's Sweater Day. This is part of our Eco-team initiatives.
- b) On the 11<sup>th</sup> we have a MADD presentation coming to us for our grade 7 & 8s.
- c) On the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, we have our grade 2s and grade 5s going to Balls Falls for an Outdoor Educational field trip. This is something provided to all grade 2 & 5s through the board at no cost.
- d) Our intermediate basketball teams have their tournaments at the end of the month. The girls play on the 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael High School in Niagara Falls, and the boys play on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross High School in St. Catharines.

- e) Then the big event is our guest speaker coming on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We are really going to promote this to our community, but to others as well. O.L.F., St. John, and St. Mark are advertising this as well. I believe St. Martin is looking to bring her in as well. We really need to spread the word on this.

**E. OAPCE REPORT** – Kayla Walsh – there are no updates at this time as there has not been a meeting in the new year as yet.

**F. SUBCOMMITTEE**

- 1. By-laws/Policy - None
- 2. Community Outreach – Tim has contacted GBF and we are setting up a visit with our Student Council members.
- 3. Fundraising – Big Box cards- all occasion cards – begins on February 28<sup>th</sup> and runs to March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Graduation – June 17, 2025. 5:00 pm at St Joseph Church.
- 5. Hot lunches/milk – Funds from the February 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> frozen treat sales will be donated to Kids Helping Kids and Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education
- 6. Safe Schools – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lock-down drill was on the 21<sup>st</sup>. All went well.
- 7. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – Holly – no updates

**G. AGENDA ITEMS-**

**1. Fun Fair**

- a) Breia has booked the Balloon artist, Kayla has booked the firetruck, Holly has booked the Inflatable and will contact Caricature person.
- b) Marlies is getting bubbles and chalk
- c) Tim/Holly to get: Popcorn, Candy for candy bags, chip bags
- d) Fun Fair committee meeting at Station One on Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:00 pm
- e) Knights of Columbus are booked to do BBQ

**2. Parent Presentation** is booked for Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

**H. NEXT MEETING** – Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00pm

**I. CLOSING PRAYER** – Tim

**J. ADJOURNMENT** – K. Walsh, M. Harris