



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**April 7, 2025
In School, WorkRoom**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council, held on April 7, 2025 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				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Ms. Melville		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ms. Koch		<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

That the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of April 7, 2025.

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 November 18, 2025.**

Moved by: Mrs. Melville
Seconded by: Ms. Paprzycki

That St Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of February 3, 2025 of last meeting presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Sensory and Movement Rooms 303.6 (new policy)
- *Naming and Re-Naming of a Board Facility 100.15 (new policy)

Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students (301.1)

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

i) 2024-2025: Boxed Cards \$715.00; COBS \$1,300.00; Krispy Kreme Doughnuts: Delivery May 8th; Christmas Shoppe \$1,216.00

ii) Catholic School Council Parent Engagement Funds, \$997.50 used of \$1,000.00 on December 4, 2024 for guest speaker John Hansen. Jon presented to our 5-8 students in the afternoon and then again to parents from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Denis Catholic.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Reconciliation Friday, April 11th, Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sunday, May 25th at the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday, June 8th at the 11:30 a.m. mass

Graduation – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Club Roma

Catholic Education Week: We Are Many, We Are One

Monday – By Honouring Human Dignity

Tuesday – By Caring for Creation

Wednesday – By Responding to the Poverties in Our World

Wednesday – Parent Day: Choir, Art Gallery Walk in Gym

Thursday – By Serving in Solidarity

Friday – By Living as Peacemakers

Fundraising Updates:

- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts May 8, 2025, \$12.00/doz.

E. OAPCE REPORT

Mrs. Koch – 86th Annual Conference May 24th at St. Michael's Catholic High School; Minister Paul to present. Book nook resources continue to be available off their OAPCE's website.

Highlighted books this month have an Easter theme.

F. STAFF REPORT

1st Lee Ann's visit

Library visit Gd 1, 4/5

Popcorn

2nd World Autism Day

4th PA Day

7th Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Catholic School Council

8th Fire Drill

11th Sacrament of Reconciliation

Pizza Day

14th Internal Lockdown, Period 3

15th Tim's Camp Grade 5 and 6 8:30 – 9:30; 10:35 – 11:35

Library Grade 2, 2/3, 3/4

Popcorn

16th Grade 4-8 Trip to Toronto. **It was suggested that Jenny Stevens be contacted to see if she could be at Legislative Assembly Tour.**

17th Holy Thursday

Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt
18th Good Friday
19th Holy Saturday
20th Easter Sunday
22nd Earth Day
25th Chaplaincy Visit
Out of Dresscode
Chicken Fingers for those who have ordered
29th Jr. Girls' Handball, Jackie to teach Gd 1
Popcorn
30th Jr. Boys' Handball, class to be farmed out

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

-End of year trip to a park for the day

Will take place on Tuesday, June 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. probably at Burgoyne Woods. Busses will be booked and bbq will have to be brought for hotdogs. Will be run just like a play day with activities run in a circuit. Freezies will be served as well.

H. NEXT MEETING

June 17th at 5:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

6:15 p.m.

J. CLOSING PRAYER

Please let us all say the Hail Mary