



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Library

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council, held on September 24, 2024 at 6:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch as Co-Chairs not yet determined

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer led by L. DellaSmira
2. Roll Call -Giannina McAuley, Cartney Hansen, Kelsie Pietz, Ashley Jones, Carly Corinthos, Danielle Fauvelle, Elizabeth McDonald, P Humphries

St. Andrew Catholic School Council Members 2024-2025 School Year			
		Present	Sent Regrets
Principal	M. Ruggi Dietsch	X	
Chair			
Co-Chairs			
Teacher Representative	L. DellaSmirra	X	
Non-Teaching Representative	P. Humphries	X	
Student Representative			
Parish Representative			
Community Representative			
OAPCE Representative			
Parent/ Guardian Members			

Kelsie Pietz	X	
Ashley Jones	X	
Giannina McAuley	X	
Courtney Hansen	X	
Danielle Fauvelle	X	
Carly Corinthos	X	
Elizabeth McDonald	X	

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Carly Corinthos

Seconded by Kelsey Pietz

THAT the St. Andrew Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council Meeting of September 24, 2024

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest -none

No disclosures of conflict of interest were declared with any items on the agenda. (If Disclosure of Conflict of Interest is declared please record)

5. Approval of Minutes of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council Meeting of Date

Moved by n/a

Seconded by n/a

THAT St. Andrew Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council Meeting of Date of Last Meeting (first this year) as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. CSC is an advisory committee - it is to support and assist with our NCDSB mission and vision as we as promote our entire school community- Bylaw Attached

-advise if you need the By Laws can be emailed, minutes of the meetings will be emailed in the future

2. 4 meetings throughout the year- have more if required
3. Nomination for Co-Chairperson by -Kelsie Pietz - self-nomination along with Ashley Jones - self-nomination - no other nominations. Mrs. Pietz and Mrs. Jones will Co-Chair

If there are agenda items they will need to be brought forth to Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

4. Elections of Chair and/or Co-Chairs (when applicable) -
5. Election of the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) (when applicable) -Giannina McAuley
6. We have 7 current CSC members present and that means we need 5 for Quorum. Quorum is 50% plus 1.. Other parents are allowed to attend other meetings but unable to vote on any item

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the [Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy \(100.5\)](#) review process.

None at this time

To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.
Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report
 2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
 3. Catholic School Council Financial Report
- New Spirit Wear- Big Bear- available online throughout the school year
 - Fire Drills/Hold & Secure/Lockdown: Emergency procedures are in place and practiced in all Niagara Catholic schools throughout this school year. We continue to be required to conduct 6 fire drills and 2 hold & secure / lockdown drills each year. fire drill done and tomorrow will have our lockdown drill.
 - National Week of Truth and Reconciliation- September 23 - September 30th- flag outside and Canadian Flag at Half Mast
 - September 30th - Orange Shirt Day
 - Hot Luch Days-

Pizza - \$270.00 profit

Pasta- sell 148 orders and make \$370.00

Ice Cream days - \$400.00/last day of sales was Tues Sept 24/24

-baskets from last year raised \$650 profit for the school

- Gr 7/8 not leaving the school during lunch, issues within the community

-school spirit wear offered from Big Bear

-lock down, hold and secure being practiced, lock down scheduled for Wed Sept 25 as advised to parents/home via email from the school

Purchased 20 new Chromebooks from School Generated Funds - \$7100.00 excluding tax-technology is getting old, not able to be fixed, from Gr 5-8 we have 1:1 for students, no textbooks to students so we need additional technology, programs are online, looking to purchase another 20 to add to our inventory to Primary division, math tools/programs are digital

- new cell phone rules are being followed, and no issues have been seen
- Breakfast Club- Currently only have 3 volunteers for hot breakfast, looking for additional volunteers, looking for a direct relation to their student to join
- Snack Bags- brought to each classroom daily-grain, veg, fruit / EAs are making the bags in the morning, extra is provided towards the end-of-the month, able to get additional items when the class is needed as advised by class, receiving funding from the Region, support from Officer Larry and Officer Jeff
- Lunch Angels continue, approx 40 students/3x wk
- Intermediate Boys' Soccer- Oct. 1
- Intermediate Girls' Soccer- Oct. 2
- Junior teams on Oct. 8 boys and girls (same day), bussing is very expensive approx \$220 in town/\$300+ out of town but preferred for safety and logistics.
- PA Day - Oct. 11 Faith Day
- Thanksgiving - Oct. 14
- IEP sent home - Oct.15
- Picture Day - Wednesday, Oct. 16
- Rosary Apostolate- Oct. 17
- Whole School Mass - Oct. 18 School Mass- we are attending mass once a month as a school and every Friday two classes attend. Mass now at 9:45 am//allows for a more intimate setting for those attending/we are no longer doing virtual mass.
- Grade 7 Immunizations- Oct. 23
- Niagara Region Dental Screening - Oct. 30
- Halloween- Dance a Thon - Oct. 31- Pledge Form- with a draw- Computer? Sell glow items? Parents to volunteer -send home before Thanksgiving to take advantage of family gatherings
 - students can wear appropriate costumes
 - fundraising items should be child centred, ex. Tablet from Amazon approx \$120, Carly offered a Best Buy gift card (\$200)
 - design pledge form / if you get \$10 get 1 ticket, Ashley volunteered to create the pledge form (black and white)
- BIG BOX box as a fundraiser/look towards doing it in Jan/25, box orders done online, see cards online, paid through Cash on Line, volunteers needed to package orders, \$11/box for profit back to the school
- fun fair suggested/need lots of volunteers to be successful/maybe intermediate students can help for volunteer hours/not as a fundraiser but bringing the community together
- Grade 8 Retreat at Notre Dame- Nov. 5

- Progress Reports- week of November 11th
- Reconciliation at School - Nov. 12
- Rosary Apostolate - Nov. 20
- Grade 8 AP Information night at Notre Dame - Nov. 20 at 6:30 at Notre Dame//for those students still wanting advanced programs, able to hear about options
- Next CSC meeting - Tuesday, November 26
- Any other fundraiser ideas?

E. OAPCE REPORT

F. STAFF REPORT

- Terry Fox Walk- Friday, September 27th
- Food Drive-September 25-October 5th
- Opening School Mass- September 18th
- Chaplaincy Visits- Focus on Literacy and Numeracy- September 23rd was our first visit
- Intermediate Boys/Girls Soccer-October 1 & 2
- Junior Boy/Girls soccer Oct. 8
- St. Andrew Cross Country - practicing daily

G. PARISH REPORT/COMMUNITY REPORT

- Children's Liturgy- 11:00 AM on Sunday
- Grade 2 First Communion Meeting - Oct. 21 at 6:00 PM at School//approx 18 students
- Grade 8 Confirmation Parent Meeting - Nov. 18 at 6:00 PM at School

H. AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

I. NEXT MEETING- Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm//

6 pm time/if there are new items to be added to agenda please send to Maria 2 wks ahead if possible

-Elizabeth suggested paying to be out of uniform as a fund raiser/school is allowed 1/

-fund raising towards Niagara Nutrition Program/can be done online when added to Cash Online

-school has purchased basketball backboards that are wrapped as well as gym doors/new mats paid by Health and Safety/will be getting lines drawn on the blacktop to freshen up \$2000 investment for painting/

-looking for ways to improve/beautify the school where possible, items have been approved but have not been started

I. CLOSING PRAYER - P. Humphries

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kelsie Pietz

Seconded by Giannina McAuley
THAT the September 24 meeting of the St. Andrew Catholic School Council
be adjourned. **CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm