



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday February 18, 2025. 6:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. **Opening Prayer** – Mr. Romeo began with prayer

**Roll Call** – people in attendance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/ Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. J. Romeo	X		
Co-Chairs	Mrs. Bocchinfuso	X		
	Mrs. Gagnon	X		
Teacher(OECTA) Representative(s)	Mrs. A. Maloney Mrs. G. D'Amico	X	X	
Support Staff (CUPE) Representative				
Student Representatives	H. Lockwood		X	
	A. Prochownik		X	
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
R. Alorse		X		
P. Dobbie				X
S. Gilson				X
K. Leitch			X	
S. Pitre		X		
J. Schneider		X		
M. Bartolini		X		

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by – Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by – Mrs. Bocchinfuso

**THAT** the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of February 18, 2025.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Disclosure of Interest**

Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

## **4. Approval of Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council**

Moved by – Mr. Alorse

Seconded by – Mrs. Bartolini

**THAT** the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of November 26, 2024.

**CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Sacred Heart Student Council report** – *After the 2025 Christmas break, our sacred heart council was hard at work planning the KHK week for this year. We had many different ideas but we decided to choose 8 themed days. We had KHK span over 2 weeks because of the family day weekend. We had Jersey Day, Decades Day, Wacky hair and wild sock day, Board Game Day, Dress as your favourite superhero day, colour competition day and movie/pajama/ice cream/popcorn day. Our council is led by two amazing teachers, Mrs Colavecchia and Mrs Beswick, they will always listen to our ideas and try to make our ideas happen. If that can't happen, they try to come up with a similar idea. After KHK when we head into the Lenten season, we are planning to have a Lenten food drive. We do a Lenten food drive every year to donate to the families that are less fortunate.*

## **C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report** – *None*
2. **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report** – *None*
2. **Catholic School Council Financial Report** –
3. **Staff report** – *None*
4. **NCDSB Policy Vetting** – *None (\*\*\*)although there are currently no policies that are being vetted, there have been recent policies and/or AOP's that have been updated and approved. If you would like a copy of any of those, please let Mr. Romeo know)*

***A copy of the following information was shared by Mr. Romeo***

### **CATHOLICITY**

#### **Sacred Heart Parish News:**

Our Parish Priest is Fr. Stuart MacDonald, the parish priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. Fr. Stuart is also the parish priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stevensville.

For all questions about Sacraments Fr. Stuart is asking that those be directed to the church at 905-295-4455.

#### **Lent:**

Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) marks the start of the Liturgical season of Lent where we not only look at what we can "give up" during the 40 days but also what we can do for others. Almsgiving is an important trait to teach and explain to students so they are aware that they can be of service to others by helping out more and not expecting

something in return as Christ did for us. There will be a Lenten Food Drive led by our Student Council, more information to follow.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Term One Provincial Report Cards:**

Term One Provincial Report Cards went home Tuesday Feb. 11, please note that for Term One Report Cards there is an option to meet to discuss students' performance to date and that can be initiated by the classroom teacher or by the parent.

### **Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Action Plan(s):**

We continue to make adjustments that are reflective of School data that we receive regarding updates to our Action Plans. These plans are fluid documents and updates will be sent in for March and June 2025. Staff meetings and other times for teachers to meet will continue to be used to examine student work and tie in associated teaching practices to monitor and aid in reaching our Literacy and Numeracy goals for our staff and our students.

### **EQAO:**

For the 2024–2025 school year, the Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) and Junior Division (Grades 4–6), will once again be online. The province has outlined May 7 – June 11, 2025 as the date range for participating in the online assessment. ***Exact dates for Sacred Heart administration dates are forthcoming.***

## **SCHOOL CLIMATE**

### **Grade 8 Grad Pictures:**

Our Graduating Gr. 8 students will be having their Grad photos taken on Tuesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Clubs & School Sports Update:**

The end of February features our Girls and Boys Intermediate Basketball team members travelling to St. Michael Catholic High School for the Niagara Falls and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Elementary respectively for Board Basketball tournaments. We thank Mrs. Bender and Mr. Capacchione for coaching.

The next school sports take place in March and are Junior Girls and Boys Handball. The "SHL" season has just started for students who signed up from Grades Four – Eight. This takes place 3 out of 5 days each week (Days 1, 3 and 5) during the afternoon Nutrition break in our school gym.

Mrs. Manders and Mrs. Lococo will also be heading up our Chess team and they will be attending their tournament at the end of March.

### **Kids Helping Kids Campaign:**

Our Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. Colavecchia will be leading our Annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign. This year's campaign runs from Feb 10 – 21 and we appreciate all those who have donated to the campaign using School Cash Online.

## **D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. By-laws/Policy – ***Posted On our School Website under "Catholic School Council" tab***
1. Community Outreach –
2. Fundraising – *At this time the only remaining Fundraising initiatives will be those organized by the Gr. 8 graduating class after the approval of school staff and under their supervision. Tentative Date for Pasta Dinner May 15 (Firehall has been booked) Also looking at Gr. 8's running a Primary Movie night. Small nominal amount for as an "admission fee" and selling pizza and / or popcorn*
3. Graduation –
  - i. **Date:** Thursday June 19, 2025
  - ii. **Location:** St. Michael Catholic High School *for the presentation of awards and diplomas (Theatre) - Confirmed*
  - iii. **Dinner:** Betty's Restaurant - **Confirmed**
4. Hot lunches/milk – ***Hot lunch (twice per month) & milk daily***  
*Pizza will be given this Thursday due to last Thursday when busses weren't running email was sent to parents.*

\*\*\*\*\*Other ideas for hot lunches were discussed (i.e. booster juice and pita pit, Swiss Chalet, possibly Chinese food) Other options will be reviewed.

5. Safe Schools – Guest Presenter for Gr. 4-8 students Jon Hansen (who will talk to our students about “unlocking their potential, embracing resilience, and rediscovering their inner greatness.”)

[www.jonhansenspeaks.com/postpresentation](http://www.jonhansenspeaks.com/postpresentation)

6. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) –

- *Breakfast Club running 3 days per week: Tues., Wed and Friday*

**E. AGENDA ITEMS –**

1. Purse Bingo Recap (*Bocchinfuso*) *Very successful- very profitable \$10,000*
2. Kindergarten Open House Recap *Very busy: 35 JK's registered and 30 already in JK currently. We are in a growth period and Mr. Romeo will connect with School Board officials about possible impact (re: capacity issues)*
3. Shrove Tuesday – March 4, 2025 (Volunteers may be needed)
4. Spring Fun Fair *Thursday June 5, 2025 Fun Fair; (4-7 pm)*  
*Discussion around how the Fun Fair is run.*  
*Niagara Inflatables (2) The obstacle course to play on and the big slide.*

**F. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – Other activities embedded throughout the year.**

**G. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday May 13, 2025 @ 6 p.m.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by – Mrs. Maloney

Seconded by – S. Pitre

**THAT** the meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.