



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
Monsignor Clancy and St. Charles CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING**

March 28th, 2017

Meeting held at St. Charles Catholic Elementary

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Charles Catholic School Council at 6:00 pm Monsignor Clancy Catholic School Council, held on March 28th, 2017 at 6:00pm.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Principal of Monsignor Clancy.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Walsh

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principals/Treasurers	Dan Trainor Monsignor Clancy Susy Walsh St. Charles	x		
Chairs	Jen Hamm(MC) Angela Coleman (St.C)	X		
Co-Chairs	Heather McCluckie(MC) Cassandra Rouillard(St.C)			
Teacher Representatives	Audrey Grossi-Weber	X		
Non-Teaching Representative	Suzie Game			
Student Representative				
Parish Representative	Patti McGinnis			
OAPCE Representative	Sonia Mullins			
<i>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</i>				
Christine Parlatore		X		
Laurie Hebert		X		
Angie Cotroneo				
Marsha Kilby-Coppola				
Rosie Gowsell Pattison				
Danya Continelli			X	
Julie Ridolfo				
Mindy Coplen				
Rosanne French				
Marci Morandin				
Heather Sartor		X		
Ashley Serravalle		X		
Kendra DeGasperis		X		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Laurie Heber
Seconded by Angela Coleman

THAT both the Monsignor Clancy and St. Charles Catholic School Councils approve the Agenda of the St. Charles and Monsignor Clancy Catholic School Councils Meeting of March 28th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of the Monsignor Clancy and St. Charles Catholic School Councils Meeting of January 12, 2017.

Moved by Laurie Hebert
Seconded by Angela Coleman

THAT Monsignor Clancy Catholic School Council approves the Minutes of the Monsignor Clancy Catholic School Council Meeting of January 12, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Farrell introduced by Mr. Trainor

Formal meeting on combining Monsignor Clancy and St Charles April 20. 94% of vacant space is at the elementary level. 30% of that vacant space is in Thorold. MC capacity is 573 but will only have 341 students in September 2017. St Charles capacity is 418, but currently has 280 students for September 2017. Initial staff report is on board website. This meeting is to advise families of the process. Discussed the options for merging the schools. Mr. Farrell invited Kathy Levinski to speak. Information regarding school sizes, transportation etc can be found on the front page of the board website (“pupil accommodation review”). There is a place where parents can comment, ask questions and can expect a response. The first presentation regarding the school merge was on February 14 meeting. It was then presented at the February 28 board meeting. Minutes from tonight’s meeting will be presented to the trustees. The final decision needs to be done at a formal board meeting and it will be made by the trustees. There will be a public meeting at Monsignor Clancy on May 29, 2017. If approved, capital funding application process would begin at earliest opportunity, pre-construction would take about 12 months to do, renovations would take 16 months, and the combined school would open in September 2020 or earlier. ELKP rooms would have to be built, modified parking, possibly remove tennis courts. Parents were then invited to ask questions that they would like addressed at the April 20th meeting.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Communication/Mail – Jenn Hamm asked if there is any need for money counting. Sub money counting will continue between Jenn and Danya Continelli. Jenn received an email from Mike Mustang, parent representative on NCPIC, they are putting together a festival of families. They would like pictures of school families. Heather McCluckie has forwarded the pictures of school events gathered by Mrs. Robertson, Ms. Doucet and Mr. Trainor.

C. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- 1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report** – Heather said meeting was cancelled. More information will be provided after the meeting
- 2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report** – report not sent yet

SEAC Report for Catholic School Council Agenda and School Newsletter – New Memberships

One of the 2016-2017 goals of the Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is to increase the committee’s membership. The SEAC is pleased to announce that the following local associations have joined as new committee members: **Autism Ontario Niagara Region, Niagara Children’s Centre and Community Living**

Port Colborne/Wainfleet. The Niagara Catholic SEAC members and their associations are listed below for your information:

1. Anna Racine, Chair - [The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario](#)
2. Rob Lavorato, Vice-Chair - [Down Syndrome Caring Parents \(Niagara\)](#)
3. Sarah Farrell - [Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara](#)
4. Bill Helmeczi - [Pathstone Mental Health](#)
5. Andrew Howcroft - [Community Living \(Welland/Pelham\)](#)
6. Karen Murphy – [Autism Ontario Niagara Region](#)
7. Dorothy Harvey – [Niagara Children’s Centre](#)
8. Rita Smith – [Community Living Port Colborne/Wainfleet](#)
9. Pat Vernal - Trustee
10. Maurice Charbonneau - Trustee

For further information regarding the SEAC, please refer to the following link;

<http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/special-education/special-education-advisory-committee-seac/>

3. **Zones of Regulation** – Please see the school newsletter for articles on “Zones of Regulation”. “Zones” is a self-regulation program used in all K-3 classes and in the school yard. The Learning Strategies Social Skills Class at MC also uses this metric for guiding student with self-regulation. There will be a parent meeting held at St. Charles Catholic Elementary on April 27th at 6:00. Grade Eight students from MC will help supervise St.Charles students while parents are in the information session. Zones of regulation practices, procedures and language will be carried forward next school year with the Grade four and five students at MC.
4. **Knights of Columbus:** Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and yogurt drinks that are left over will be donated to our breakfast club.
5. **Kids helping Kids-** \$424.25 dollars raised for St Charles and \$350 for Monsignor Clancy. Lunch draw was very successful. Mr. Farrell joined the lunch. Students also enjoyed the “job for a day” draw
6. **Dance-A-Thon (MC)** - \$3000 raised for technology. Part of the money raised by grade 8 students will go towards their Montreal trip.
7. **CSC Financial Report:** 20 chrome books purchased. 2 new smart boards have also been purchased. Lines will also be painted in the ELKP area (St Charles).
8. Systems Priorities: Sub-committee Meeting April 12 at 3:45pm at St Charles.

D. OAPCE REPORTS

No reports to be shared

- E. STAFF REPORTS-** Literacy day will be during education week. This year we will focus on Eric Carle. The grade 8 students will go over to St Charles to work with the ELPK students. The remainder of the students from both schools will be paired off at MC. Grade 8s are getting ready for confirmation, Montreal and graduation

F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. **Pro Grant** – CSC members felt we have time to plan this event and will table this item until our next meeting. Currently Dr Paul Davis is booked to speak. A sub-committee will be made to brainstorm for the night. Ideas are to be emailed to Jenn Hamm. Motioned by Laurie Hebert and seconded by Angela Coleman.

- G. NEXT MEETING-** May 9th at St Charles Catholic Elementary

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jenn Hamm

Seconded by Laurie Hebert

THAT the March 27, 2017 meeting of the St. Charles and Monsignor Clancy Catholic School Councils be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mrs. Walsh.