



St. Patrick Catholic School Council
 Tuesday, September 29, 2020
 Virtual (Google Meet) – 6:00 pm
 Minutes



1. Prayer

Prayer to Begin a School Year

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

New School Year Prayer

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as a community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time we shared with family and friends to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be filled with enthusiasm, mercy and love so that we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and seeds of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves to bring laughter, joy and love to others.

Amen

2. Introductions

3. Role Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal	Mr. Venzon	X		
Chair	Mrs. Loeffen		x	
Co-Chair(s)				
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Gillespie	X		
Community Representative	Mr. Capercione		X	
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				

Mrs. Gross	X		
Mrs. Alexander	X		
Mrs. Maltman	X		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Tyminski		X	
Mrs. Zlomislic	X		
Ms. Honsberger	X		
Mrs. Sibbald	X		
Ms. Eckert	X		

4. Catholic School Council By-Laws (available on our website: Niagara Catholic; our calendar and newsletters will be on-line this year also)
5. Catholic School Council Members 2020 - 21 (Email nominations were received for those wishing to be new members of the St. Patrick CSC) (Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Gross, Ms. Eckert, Mrs. Zlomislic, Mrs. Sibbald, Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Maltman, Mrs. Tyminski, Mrs. Honsberger, Mrs. Loeffen, Mrs. Gillespie as School Rep and Mr. Capercione as Community Rep.
6. Election of Catholic School Council Chair 2020-21 (Mrs. Gross perhaps Mrs. Loeffen as well as co-chair)
7. Fundraising – Goals, Strategies, student fundraisers (fundraising ideas will look different this year with everything going on; looking to purchase some on-line programs; have to be mindful of fundraisers we are limiting visitors as well as items to the school; Have discussions with other parents and CSC members about possible fundraisers and we can discuss these at our October meeting.
8. Principal's Report
 - i) Start of School - Covid-19 Health and Safety Protocols
 - Our protocols (sent out to parents; have different areas to stay in; kids are adapted very well)...

- ii) New Playground area (kinders are using it every day; fence is not permanent, items are on backorder; some concern about cleaning products so we had to close part of playground for time being)
- iii) Masses / Sacraments - (will begin with first reconciliation for students who missed it last year; Confirmation is Friday November 20th
 - First Reconciliation and Communion - to begin with grade 3's
 - Confirmation - Friday, November 20, 2020
- i) Fundraising for 2020-21- ongoing discussion will take place
- iv) Niagara Nutrition Program - new structure and set up (grab and go; certain number of bins; 1 for each class as well as tongs, teachers distribute to each class)
- v) School Improvement Plan - Year 3 MathUp School, MathUp Classroom, Dreambox, Mathology (additive reasoning is where we will begin and we will be moving towards multiplicative strategies as a school).
- vi) Halloween - (dress down day; students are allowed to wear costumes however students in grades 4-8 need to wear the "appropriate" covid mask, no parade this year because of covid, absolutely nothing to be sent in or kids to share with others.
- vii) Communication with families (hopefully everyone is happy with the communication, if not please let us know). Emails will continue to be sent home with information throughout the year.

9. Treasurer's Report - Mr. Venzon talked about our current School Cash funds. Information presented about SEAC. Nominations are being taken for NCPIC; information at niagaracatholic.ca

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Closing Prayer - Mr. Venzon - St. Patrick School Prayer:

Dear God,
 You give us peace, love and happiness
 By providing us with a caring school community.

We are grateful for parents, teachers and friends.
 We thank you for St. Patrick, for he helps us know the way of the Holy Trinity.

Help us to make good decisions and to forgive others.

Thank you for helping us spread faith by sharing our gifts and talents.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 Amen



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

St. Patrick Catholic School
Monday, September 29, 2020
Financial Statement

General Fundraising

Fundraising Activities	Expense	Revenue	Balance
General Fundraising			10,045.67
Pasta Days			645.39
Pizza Days			1761.27
Overall Totals			12,452.33

SEAC Report

The Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C) of the Niagara Catholic District School Board is made up of local association representatives and Trustees whose role is to support students with special education needs and their families. The Committee may make recommendations to the Board with regards to any matter relating to the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the Board.

All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and learn about different programs and supports that are available in special education.

Meetings are held at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Please refer to the Niagara Catholic School Year Calendar located on our Board website, www.niagaracatholic.ca for a list of meeting dates.

Further information about the SEAC can be located on our website under Programs, Special Education, Special Education Advisory Committee or contact your Catholic School Principal who will provide you with a list of representatives and their contact information.

The Niagara Catholic Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges to Services 2018 and Beyond*, serves as a resource for parents and can be located on the Board website under Programs, Special Education, Special Education Plan.

For further information there are two links: The Special Education Advisory Committee website; www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/seac and the Ministry of Education Special Education website www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/speced.html .

Principals/Vice-Principals are asked to present the information below from the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) at your next Catholic School Council meeting, include the information in your school newsletter (elementary) and share with staff within your school. Thank you for providing this information about the NCPIC to our Catholic school communities.

Greetings on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee-October 2020

The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held the last meeting of 2019-2020 electronically on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The NCPIC welcomed back members and staff and Director of Education, Camillo Cipriano, Superintendents of Education, Gino Pizzoferrato and Kim Kinney, and Controller of Facilities Services Clark Euale. The next meeting is November 5, 2020.

Parent/Guardian Representatives

Nomination forms for parent/guardian representatives on the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee are to be received ***no later than 4:00 p.m. EST., on Friday, October 9, 2020.***

[Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: Parent/Guardian Nomination Form](#)