



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. THERESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Thérèse Catholic School Council, held on November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Mrs. Turcotte –

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by M. Turotte

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliation	Present	Regrets	Absent
Morgan Cooper	Past Chair - 2022-2023	X		
Melissa Turcotte	Secretary/Treasurer-Principal	X		
Laura DiBartolomeo	Teacher Representative	X		
Stacey Flagg	Non-Teaching Representative	X		
Katie Sneek		X		
Stephanie Sherk		X		
Dorothy Murtaugh		X		
Kelly Serniak		X		
Laura Cassan			X	
Kelly Kountouris			X	
Carlee O'Rourke			X	
Laura Brennan			X	
Susie DiBarolomeo			X	

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Dorothy Murtaugh
Seconded by Stacey Flagg

THAT the St. Therese Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Therese Catholic School Council Meeting of November 28, 20223

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

The following members declared that they are employees of Niagara Catholic; Dorothy Murtaugh is an Educational Assistant at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

B. PRESENTATIONS

- Student Council - student council is made up of 6 students + two student senators (Students from Grade 6-8)

C. LIST OF SUBCOMMITTEES

1. **Faith Formation** - All Saints Day and All Souls Day - hearts of remembrance on our wall at the front of the school. Advent/Christmas Mass in Dec, Food Drive for Port Cares, Weekly Advent Liturgies by various classes, Friendship Friday - Christmas this month.
2. **Fundraising** - La Dolce Vita Pies, Halloween Dance-a-thon, Big Red Fundraiser, Wine - they are charging shipping fees? different this year. Additional ideas: Helicopter Golf Ball Drop - Morgan is looking into it. (Niagara Helicopters, Lottery Licence, cut the grass, find out insurance) COBS in January as it went well last year for minimal effort! 😊 Add a Penny Sale to Spring Fest (Murtaugh to lead)
3. **Food Days** - Belmont Pizza (added cheese pizza), PC Italian Club Pasta (1st one just happened today), Archie's Subs and Pita Pit. Cheese pizza has gone over well for younger students.
4. **Community Building** - Spring Fest, Ice Dogs Game again January/February - vote in the calendar, Gingerbread House Night, what to add in the new year. Family Board Game Night, Family Math Night

D. PRINCIPAL REPORT

1. Dance-a-thon - Feedback, total fundraising will be communicated in the Dec. newsletter.
2. **School Needs - (school budget and fundraising)**
 - a) Sound System in the gym (three quotes) Blessed Trinity has a great sound system in the gym.
 - b) 5-10 Chromebooks to replace damaged/no longer serviced and to put more in Kinder
 - c) One teacher computers
 - d) Replacing Black Boards with White Boards in more classrooms
3. **Gingerbread House Night - Tuesday, December 12th, 2023**
 - a) Hot Chocolate Station
 - b) Candy Canes
 - c) Decorate the gym
 - d) dollar store table cloths to reduce clean up.

- e) Student Council Door Greeters
- f) Time changed from 5:30-7:00 pm
- g) Increased cost this year - looking for a deal Food Basics can do \$13.99 need to call back on Wednesday. Likely going to need to charge \$16 to cover the costs and extras.
- h) Who can support that night? Dorothy 6-7pm, Laura S is available, Laura DiBart is available.

4. **Parent Teacher Interviews - Feedback** all went well.

5. **Camp Medeba - Grade 8**

- a) Calendar Fundraiser again in February.
- b) First week of June 3-6, 2024

6. **Math Family Activities** - in connection with Knowledgehook, game shows, math games, snacks/treats, using Parent Engagement Funds, Chromebook giveaway.

7. **EQAO update** we are very proud of our students accomplishments.

Primary		
Subject	2021-2022	2022-2023
Reading	43.8%	84.2%
Writing	43.8%	73.7%
Math	31.3%	73.7%

Junior		
Subject	2021-2022	2022-2023
Reading	68.8%	80.0%
Writing	81.3%	93.3%
Math	31.3%	53.3%

- a) Math - new baseline of data
- b) all completed on computers
- c) Classes are using MathUp, Knowledgehook, Staff receiving PD on PA Days as well as through chaplaincy visits.

E. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT –

- a) OAPCE - Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Stephanie Sherk volunteered for this role. No information at this time.

F. STAFF REPORT - L. DiBartolomeo great routines in place, students are excited about Knowledgehook, very excited about Christmas and all our upcoming events.

G. AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING DATE -Feb. 27, May 14 - 6:00pm

I. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by -
 Seconded by -

THAT the September 19, 2023 meeting of the St. Therese Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED :

This meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

CLOSING PRAYER: M. Turcotte