



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
LORETTO CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
Tuesday March 7, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Loretto Catholic, Catholic School Council, held on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ms. Spadafora -

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer led by Mrs. Hastings

**2. Roll Call**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>	Present		Regrets
Ms. L. Spadafora	Treasurer- Principal	X		
Mrs. J. Hastings	Vice Principal/Recording Secretary	X		
Mrs. R Mancuso	Teaching Representative	X		
	Non-Teaching Representative			
<b>Parent Representatives</b>				
Mrs. Gabriella Griffiths	<a href="mailto:gabbybianco@hotmail.com">gabbybianco@hotmail.com</a>	X		
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Suzanne Anderson	sanderson@niagarafall.ca			X

**3. Approval of the Agenda** - Motion to approve the existing agenda by M Karagiannis  
 Seconded: A. Tiller

**4. Disclosure of Interest** Mrs. Allen, Mr. Sorrenti, Mrs. Tiller, Mrs. Magaro indicated they are employed by the Niagara Catholic District School Board as teachers.

**5. Approval of the Minutes** - First:A. Tiller Second: L. Romeo

**B. Presentations- none**

**C. Policies For Vetting**

**D.Chairs Report**

**E. Principal Report:** Mrs. Spadafora shared the following:

- **Sub committee** - Food Days - paid for Pancake Tuesday- supplied by Triple D's (\$800.00)
- School paid for Curling experience for GR 6-8 and liaison with St. Michael's Curling team with Mrs Leitch (\$800.00 bus and rink)
- School paid for Code Ninja experience for K-Gr 5 (\$800)
- both support and extend curriculum connections

**Jan- March**

- KHK campaign - added Valentine candy gram- all proceeds went to fundraiser- Student council made it a great success we raised over \$1200, lots of school spirit throughout the two weeks
- Chess team (April tournament), handball teams (March tournament hosted at school), Badminton - Int team
- Math tutoring program daily- focus on GR 3 and 6 students
- Brock Literacy lab- half days working with Primary grades - full days in May & June
- March newsletter
  - Arts- We had some winners who's artwork was showcased at the board office, this was attended by our Arts teacher Mrs. Gignac.
  - VEX: Our two Grade 8 robotics teams represented Loretto well at the first invitational tournament of the year. Our teams placed 1st and 6th in the competition.

- Basketball: The Intermediate Girl's Basketball team won both the FOS tournament and Board tournament. The Intermediate Boy's Basketball team participated and did a great job.
- CGE updates: Mrs. Hastings shared - poster contest- Congratulations to all students who participated
- February's focus was a reflective creative thinker, the student council created a slideshow along with Mrs. Shellhorne which was shared with the teachers to show in class with activities.
- **March CGE is to be a responsible, lifelong learner.** Student council members will create a Blookit activity to help students learn what it means.
- **CYW- Mental Health - Zones of Regulation-** noticing lots of body contact and inappropriate play outside- not as collaborative- using Social Skills lessons
- **STEPS program:** (Sisters in Truth Equality Power and Strength, meet weekly for a total of 8 weeks during lunch time (pizza snack provided), students still need to pack a lunch. Focus will be with the Grade 4 and 5 students, usually a small group of 10-12 students. This program gives students a chance to get together with peers and talk about topics such as peer pressure, self-esteem, healthy relationships, stress & anxiety and anger solutions.
- **Mental wellness** - created a hearts of positive messaging for themselves, staff, and students in the class- everyone received a Valentine positive heart on Valentine Day
- Four Co-op students from St. Michael working in our classrooms

**Liturgies-** Ash Wednesday Liturgy led by Mr. vanWissen's class, Father Matthew and Father Sojan distributed ashes to all in the gym

**Yearbook-** cover contest design ended- we are now picking finalists and runner up covers

#### **Academics**

**EQAO** - discuss and goals we are working on with staff

**Dress code/Spirit Wear** - discussion: possibly trying Front Row or Big Bear- discuss flyer, service  
\*vote all in favour

**Photographer-** possibility of moving to Pegasus for Sept \*  
vote, all in favour for September

#### **Sacraments**

- **Reconciliation & Communion - March 7 at 6:30 and Communion Mass May 6 11:00**
- **Confirmation- April 21st - 7:00 STM**

**Fundraiser-** Krispy Kreme - Raised over **\$3400.00**

**Ice Dogs Family night** January 26th- great success and fun!!

#### **Purse Bingo updates- led by G. Griffiths**

- Stanbridge-donate McDonalds coffee, we have cups
- Donations: \$100 from Mrs. Hastings (mil), donation of purse and gift
- Franca will check 3 vendors for pizza Carmine's, Frank?
- Flyer has been completed-we need to send out to all socials, school messenger
- Lydia will get paper products-Border City is the best price, no tablecloths, get those from Dollar Store
- 50/50 tickets have been purchased
- Drink tickets - we have at school

- Dabbers from the dollar store-\$1.25 each-looking for donations
- Ticket Printing
- Amazon Bingo Sheets
- Donations-Lowe's-January need info to donate, spoke to many local businesses
- Liquor license-A.Tiller working on it during break
- Tickets-org. tickets-Wed. April 5 G. Griffiths, will hand out tickets April 17, if you pick up at school 9:30-5:30 G. Griffiths and M. Evans are able to volunteer to help with this
- **Send flyer and donations letter to families-**
- **Ticket sales March 20-31**

**F. STAFF REPORT – Mrs. Mancuso-Tropea presented:**

- Book Buddies
- **Math Club**

**G. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

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**H. AGENDA ITEMS- DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- I. NEXT MEETING: March 29th 5:30 for Purse Bingo & May 30 @ 6:00 (regular meeting)**
- J. ADJOURNMENT: motioned to Adjourn the motion was seconded by M. Evans at 7:09 pm**
- K. CLOSING PRAYER- Mrs. Mancuso**