



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

April 5, 2023

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer – Miss Orsini
2. Roll Call – Regrets **A. Attree, R. Lyachovics, Mr. and Mrs. Spadafora,**
3. Approval of the Agenda – Motioned by: **V. Hantziagelis** Seconded by: **B. Lambert**
4. Disclosure of Interest – **None**

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- NCPIC Report –
 - **Unstoppable Tracy** – April 17th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Registration Deadline April 11)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/accessconference>
There are some posters for parents to view. She is a 4 time amputee. She participated in Olympic Games. Please register if you would like to attend. On April 18, she will be speaking to some Niagara Catholic Students. There are 5 students representing St. Vincent de Paul.
 - **Faith Formation/ Parent Engagement May 3, 2023 Registration Link:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSc7qvz8lz1HyBTZRmsKV4Kk-g_VZhG9BknKOh0y79GpbXtPcg/viewform
 - There are various topics that will be covered.
 - Mrs. Attree and Mrs. Rocca (chaplain) will be hosting an evening at St. Paul for NCPIC. All SVDP council members are welcomed to attend. Please reach out to Mrs. Attree if you have any questions.
- OAPCE Report (Mrs. Rosano) – Nothing to report
- SEAC Report (Mrs. Rosano) – March 21 was World Down Syndrome day. We rocked our socks at St. Vincent de Paul. Tobias S. is our ambassador at St. Vincent de Paul. Student Senate formal. Autism Ontario – There is a scholarship for students graduating high school. Mrs. Rosano has links that will be included in the minutes. Autism Ontario is launching Celebrating the Spectrum to bring awareness. Please see attached links. Let's promote this challenge within the school and school board.
- **2023 Scholarship Opportunities**
- **Autism Ontario' Education Scholarships open on April 1, 2023. For eligibility criteria and information on how to apply visit: <https://www.autismontario.com/programs-services/adults/awards-and-funding/scholarships> or email scholarships@autismontario.com**
- **Eleanor Ritchie Education Scholarship: \$500 for individuals on the autism spectrum entering their first year of a post-secondary program**
- **Jeanette Holden Education Scholarship: \$500 for siblings of individuals on the autism spectrum entering their first year of a post-secondary program**
- **MacDonald Family Education Scholarship: \$500 for students with a parent on the autism spectrum entering their first year of a post-secondary program**
- **Math Club** – We are hosting a math club for 18 of our students. 3 of our own staff members are teaching it. It is after school for 10 – 1 hour sessions. We picked students that would benefit from extra support.
- **Niagara Nutrition Partners** – Thank you to our support staff that are running the program. They prepare the snacks, prepare the bins, drop them off and recollect at the end of the day. We had “Pie in the Face” fundraiser to help raise funds for this program. The funds are low so they are relying on school communities to help support this endeavour.
- **Confirmation and First Holy Communion** – (Communion Tea, Rosaries, Stoles) – First Communion starts the week after Easter. Parents can choose one out of 5 weekends. Some of the families coordinated dates. The Church asked for volunteers to bring up the gifts and read. All of our students volunteered. They received their readings today. Thank you to Mrs. Rosano for helping make rosaries. Father Michael was here last week and he blessed the rosaries. The students went to the church for a workshop. They are ready and excited to go.
 - For Confirmation we are also making Rosaries and decorating stoles.
- **Big Box of Cards Fundraiser** – It was an extremely fundraiser. We took some extra funds and crated some extra prizes. We raised over \$4000 for technology.
- **Yearbook** – (\$21.00 – School Cash Online) – Please purchase one if you would like a copy. Mme. Bevilacqua is leading a committee of students. We would like to receive it in June as opposed to September.
- **Blue Shirt Day** – April 3 – Blue shirt day was on April 3. WE had some members of student Senate led the assembly. Two former parents also attended and were included in the assembly. Mrs. Ramirez create a video that she showed the school.

- Spirit Wear Store – Store closes on April 14.
- <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/saint-vincent-de-paul-catholic-school-spirit-wear>
- Student Council Elections – April 13 – We will have two elections: one in grade 6 and one in grade 7 for next year’s Student Council. They will prepare a speech and there will be a vote in the class.
- Student Leadership Symposium – April 27 – The two members who are elected will attend this symposium. At the Holiday Inn.
- Student Aware – Pilot – All Niagara Falls students will be part of this pilot. Website that monitors activity online that we need to be aware of. We have an existing firewall but sometimes kids are able to get around them. Certain topics are flagged. It will give administrators notification – who is searching specific things and what they are searching. Bullying, self harm, violence, pornography. The students will know that the school is aware of these notifications. Mr. Romano will send out a message to all families. Another tool to keep everyone safe.
- Parking Lot – With the new Bethesda class, parking was a problem. We encourage students in Grades 4 to 8 to utilize Kiss and Ride.
- Fire Drill – We will be having our 4th fire drill in the spring as well as a lock down.
- Policies
- Board Revised Policies
 - a) Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Policy
 - b) School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy
 - c) Student Senate Secondary Policy
 - d) Student Senate Elementary Policy
- Board Policy/Vetting Review The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5) review process.
- To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.
- Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered · Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy (100.7) · Employee Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy (201.17) Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by April 19, 2023 - 12:00 p.m.
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C. FINANCIAL REPORT – \$5054.69 – This is mostly raised from the hot lunch days. We still need to pay for some providers.

D. STAFF REPORT –

- Board Chaplaincy Visit – We had our third visit with the board chaplains. While the students engaged in a lesson with the chaplains, the teachers can participate in professional development.
- Mass at Church/School with Father Michael – We are very excited because we are going to Church on April 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the morning. We have had mass every two weeks thanks to Father Michael. We are excited to be going to the Church. Mass will be at St. Vincent de Paul on April 27 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Junior Handball Tournament - Mrs. Zahn coached the girls to victory and Mr. Romano coached the boys to the finals.
- Intermediate Badminton Tournament – Grades 7 and 8. Mrs Reich and Mr. Vanderveen coached and the tournament was at St. Paul.
- Pickle ball Tournament - The grade 8s were invited to a Pickle ball tournament at Holy Rosary.
- Junior Soccer Tournament – April 27 and April 28 will be junior girls/junior boys’ soccer team.
- Confessions – Last Friday we had a team of priests leading confessions for grades 3 to 8.
- Earth Hour – Board wide initiative. We turned off our lights and powered down our electronics between 12:30 and 1:30. We gave the students some facts before we turned the lights off. Earth Day acknowledgement will occur on April 21, 2023. All students will be invited to wear blue and green.
- Chess Tournament – Two junior teams and two intermediate teams are invited to St. Mary to participate in the area tournament.
- Heritage Fair – On April 20 for grades 4 to 8. The projects will be on display in the gym. Classes and parents will be invited to view the projects. All the projects are Canadian Content.

E. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- Beautification Committee – Looking at gardening projects. Thank you to Mr. Wales for putting some signs and flowers in the front planters. Any ideas, please email Mr. Wales. We have students on our ECO teams that will help. Parents are also invited to help.
- Graduation Committee – V. Hantziagelis – Venue has been booked. Parkway Social Monday June 26. There will be a buffet dinner and bowling. Presently we have over \$1600 for graduation.
- Alternate Lunch Committee – This have been very successful. We have weekly hot lunches and pizza. Since Pasta Night was cancelled, perhaps we can do a hot lunch by Club Italia to support them. We can send out a

google form at the end of the year to see if parents would like to continue with the current provider, go back to Little Caesars or try something new.

- Fundraising Committee – Easter Lilies didn't work out since we had to commit to a minimum. Krispy Kreme is booked for this school year but we have secured our spot for next October. In May, we are looking to do a Big Red Fundraiser. Seems to be popular and well received. They give you a list of 10 items. They increase the price by \$10 and the school will make that much. Hot dogs are \$5. They will provide posters for families. We are looking at this in May. Need to figure out where these funds will be allotted to. Year End Fun Fair – we need to book a date.

- Spirituality Committee – First communion and Confirmation – If anyone wants to donate gently used clothing for refugees, the drop off will be at St. Ann's Church.

F. AGENDA ITEMS – Email Mrs. Rosano if you would like any items added to the Agenda.

G. NEXT MEETING – **May 10, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

H. ADJOURNMENT – **Wednesday, April 6, 2023 @ 6:22 p.m.**

I. CLOSING PRAYER – **Mr. Romano**