



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA  
November 14, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – R. Attree
2. Roll Call – L. Rosano, A. Mazzotti, F. Conidi-Martin, A. Attree, Nates parents, T. Reich, K. Zahn, S. Salvo-Teutenberg, B. Lambert, S. Zahra; Regrets: B. Wales, M. Zimmerman, N. Spadafora, A. Spadafora
3. Approval of the Agenda – A. Mazzotti, F. Conidi-Martin
4. Disclosure of Interest – None

**B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT–**

- Bi-laws/policy Annual Review
  - [Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6](#)
  - [Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6](#)
  - [Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4](#)
- Please submit your feedback to [anna.pisano@ncdsb.com](mailto:anna.pisano@ncdsb.com) by 12 p.m. on December 13, 2023. All policies are posted on the NCDSB website.
- EQAO Results –  
*Grade 3: Reading-100%, Writing-100%, Math-100% (Board: Reading-80%, Writing-73%, Math-65%), (Province: Reading-72%, Writing-65%, Math-59%)*  
*Grade 6: Reading-100%, Writing-100%, Math-73% (Board: Reading-85%, Writing-84%, Math-51%), (Province: Reading-83%, Writing-83%, Math-49%)*  
- We did extremely well. We are building the foundations in Grades 3 and 6. Thank you to the teachers including Mrs. Reich, Mr. Heculuck and Mr. Spiotti.
- NCPIC Report – Mrs. Attree – **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – an advisory committee to the board. It was the swear in meeting. We spoke about SEAC, policies, etc. Mrs. Attree encourages everyone to come out and join.**
- OAPCE Report – Mrs. Attree and Mrs. Rosano – **There is a meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for a regional representative. Ontario Advocacy Parent Catholic Education**
- SEAC Report – Mrs. Attree – **Special Education Advisory Committee. We spoke a lot about MathUP from a special education point of view. A representative from Niagara College spoke to the group about the programs they offer to students who need extra support.**
- Epi Pen Refresher for Staff – **We had an EpiPen refresher on Nov. 6 at our last staff meeting. We want to make sure all staff is refreshed and knows what to do if there is an EpiPen Anaphylaxis emergency.**
- Math Achievement Plan – **Every year, the board wanted us to focus on math specifically for our school improvement plan. This was submitted to all teachers, our area super attendant and our Superintendent of Student Achievement. Right now, we are working on multiplicative reasoning. We want to see how our students answer the questions. We want every teacher to start with Math Talks. One question posed to the students and they will answer independently. Then these answers are shared to see if the students**

can learn from each other in the way they come to an answer. We also want all our students engaged in Knowledgehook – online mathematical program.

- Unlearn – series of posters to initiate conversations between students. School received a poster pack that teacher can use in their classroom to create discussions in the classroom
- Dental Screening – occurred on November 1<sup>st</sup> and fluoride rinse for our kindergartens.
- Numeracy Coach (Grade 6/7 and Grade 7/8) – helping lead number talks in these two classrooms
- Progress Reports and Alternative IEPs– progress reports were posted online today.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov 21 (School Appointments) – everyone was sent an email to book an interview.

**C. FINANCIAL REPORT** – will be updated when minutes are sent out – Mrs. Scodellaro is absent at the moment.

**D. STAFF REPORT –**

- NSTS Bus Safety –
- Cross Country Meet -
- Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest
- Remembrance Day Liturgy –
- St. Paul Transition Visits -
- GOOS Bin Challenge –
- Intermediate Volleyball and Junior Basketball –
- Be A Better Human Assemblies –

**E. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

- Beautification Committee – Thursday at 1:00 – there is an Eco Schools and Beautification initiative. The students under the direction of Mr. Wales will be cleaning up the school year.
- Graduation Committee – Trying to get some quotes for Graduation. On November 30, there will be a graduation committee meeting to discuss all the quotes. Fundraising ideas will also be discussed. We are going to look at similar fundraisers as last year.
- Alternate Lunch Committee – A. Spadafora is taking this over. We are always trying to support local business. Let us know if you have a suggestion.
- Fundraising Committee – Christmas Fundraiser is December 19 from 5-8. Santa is confirmed for an hour (6:30 to 7:30). The theme is gingerbread houses. One possibility is to raffle a gingerbread house. Students can decorate cookies. We will raffle baskets. Hot chocolate bar. Volunteers are needed to make the event a success. Teachers can have gingerbread house art to decorate the gymnasium. We could also have a gingerbread house decorating contest between the classrooms. The school can vote on a winner. The itinerant music teacher, Mrs. Tham, is organizing a 15-20 minute performance for that night. We will get produce from Dan's produce and buy coffee from Tim Hortons. To raise money, we are looking at big box cards or Big Red Meats.
- Spirituality Committee – Any child that is interested in helping out in the youth liturgy, let the church know. The Christmas trees will be going up at the church. There are paper angels on the tree with a child gender and age so you can take an angel, buy a gift and attach the angel. There is coffee Sunday every Sunday after the mass. There are 4

meetings and 3 sessions for each meeting for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.  
Father Michael is coming every other Thursday for mass.

- F. AGENDA ITEMS** – Parent Engagement Activity in the spring.
- G. NEXT MEETING** – **January 16, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.**
- H. ADJOURNMENT** – **6:37 p.m.**
- I. CLOSING PRAYER** - **R. Attree**