



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA

### **ST. MARK CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2018 STAFF LOUNGE**

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#### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – led by Mr. Romano
2. Roll Call – Regrets – Mrs. Palumbo, Mr. Curry, Mr. Waterworth, Mrs. Psiloyenis, Mrs. Pucci, Mrs. Manchuk, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Seca,
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved by Mrs. McMaster. Seconded by Mrs. Watt
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest -none
5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of October 24, 2018 – Approved by Mrs. Williams. Seconded by Mrs. McMaster.

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. St. Mark Student Council report - Ava Seca & Emily Sudac- Presented by Mr. Ward  
Good Evening,  
We would like to thank you for your support with our Dance-a-thon project. We had a great time organizing and facilitating the event on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The event was hugely successful in both the amount of money that was raised and the amount of fun that the students had!  
We will be serving as the front door welcoming committee for both the parent teacher interview night and the two Gingerbread House making nights.  
Our current projects are the Advent Food and Toy Drives and the Primary Family Movie Night. We look forward to helping make these events a success!  
A subcommittee of our student council is currently researching our namesake saint - St. Mark and the Mountain Lion to provide traits that we would like our student body to both understand and emulate!  
We are enjoying the process of being involved in the Student Council this year.  
Thank you.

2. **POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK** –Student Senate Policy – One change - there will be 1 non-Catholic community member from the Family of Schools council.  
Transportation for Inclement Weather – proposed change – when transportation is cancelled, the system is shut down. There are 5 rationales for the proposed change. Discussion followed. Employee Attendance Policy – if transportation is running, employees are expected to report to work. (Staff are to report to the closest school). All feedback will be forwarded to the board office by Mr. Ward, or can be forwarded directly to Jennifer Pellegrini. Feedback due January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (see Appendix A)

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report – Next meeting will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that the closing date for the online submissions from parents is on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – nothing to report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – (see Appendix B)

#### **D. OAPCE REPORT** – nothing to report

**E. STAFF REPORT** – presented by Ms. Wilson. See attached.

**F. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

1. **By-Laws** – nothing to report
2. **Community Outreach** – nothing to report
3. **Fundraising** – next meeting will be in the new year
4. **Graduation** – venue, and DJ has been booked
5. **Hot Lunch/Milk** – nothing to report
6. **Church Fundraising** – Thank you to the intermediate students for assisting with the set-up of St. Helen's Christmas Bazaar. It was a success!
7. **Safe Schools** – meeting to take place in January
8. **School Nutrition Act Council (SNAC)** – team examining what we are doing (grains will be introduced to go along with the fruit – student council will be distributors to each classroom

**G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - none

**H. NEXT MEETING** – Social/Potluck – deferred to the **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** meeting.

**I. CLOSING PRAYER** – led by Mr. Ward

**J. ADJOURNMENT** – meeting was adjourned at **7:11 p.m.**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. DiBartolomeo	Mrs. Giammarco	Mrs. McMaster
Mrs. Twardawa	Mrs. Kay	Mrs. Watt
Mrs. Williams	Mrs. Swart	Mrs. Corbett
Mrs. Volpe	Mr. Janca	Mrs. Golini
Mrs. Khory	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Romano
Mr. Ward		

## APPENDIX A

### 18-11-27 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School Principal's Report



#### **Catholicity**

**Family Advent Mass:** On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. the St. Mark Community will be hosting a Family Advent Mass. We see this as a way of helping to strengthen the Triad of Home - School – Church. All are welcome!

**Sacramental Preparation:** The dates for the sacraments have been confirmed by the parish and the diocese, Confirmation will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and First Communion will be held at each of the three masses over three weekends from May 11/12 to May 25/26, 2019.

**Advent Food and Toy Drive:** Throughout the weeks of December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our St. Mark Grade Eight classes will be organizing the collection of toys and food to share with those need this Advent/Christmas season.

#### **Student Achievement**

**Progress Reports:** Progress Report Cards will go home on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the corresponding parent-teacher interviews will take place between 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please be sure to touch base with your child's teacher.

**Math:** Staff received their training session with the on-line math program Dreambox, on the P.A. Day on November 16, 2018. Once the program is running in all classes we will have a one year license to use it in our classrooms.

#### **School Climate**

**Gingerbread House Making Nights:** We will be hosting two Gingerbread house Making Evenings on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 200 people attend these events as they are two great community building evenings!

**Primary Family Movie Night:** On Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., the St. Mark Student Council will be hosting the movie *The Star* for any and all primary students and their families. It promises to be a great night!

**St. Mark Teams & Clubs:** St. Mark School continues to be a busy place, we just finished up Volleyball and will be starting Basketball. In addition we have PALS, chess, dance, choir, art, robotics, and ukulele clubs running.

**Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon:** Once again this year, the Student Council organized their Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon for the students of St. Mark. This activity served to increase school spirit, raise funds for more technology equipment and our Church, and allowed this year's Student Council to take on a leadership role within the school. The funds raise for our school were in excess of \$8000.00. Great job Mountain Lions!

