



**AGENDA**  
**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
APRIL 3, 2018  
Staff Lounge

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**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer, Roll Call, Disclosure of Interest - **none**  
**Regrets: Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Pucci, Mrs. Molleson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Rychman, Mrs. Wilson (Staff Rep),**
2. Approval of the Agenda – **approved by Mrs. Thompson**
3. Approval of Minutes of the St. Mark Catholic School Council Meeting of February 27, 2018 – **deferred to next meeting**

**B. PRESENTATION(S)**

1. St. Mark Student Council report – MPP Sam Oosterhoff presentation, Science Fair & Lenten Food Drive – **deferred to next meeting**

**C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Catholicity**

**Easter Season Community Mass:** On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. the St. Mark School and St. Helen Church Communities will come together for a Mass to celebrate the Easter Season. Students will be involved in the Mass by serving as: readers; altar servers; gift bearers; and the choir.

**Pilgrimage:** Fr. Philip, the St. Helen's Knights of Columbus and I are in preliminary discussions to have another Pilgrimage, Mass and barbecue this year. The date is set for May 9, 2018 during Education Week.

**Lenten Food Drive:** In collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, St. Mark School collected 1,049 pounds of non-perishable food items for families in need in the Town of Lincoln area.

**Stations of the Cross:** Special thanks to Mr. Costantini, Mrs DiBacco and the Intermediate Student Council for presenting a powerful rendition of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday.

**Student Achievement**

**E.Q.A.O.:** St. Mark students in grade 3 will take part in the provincial assessment of language and mathematics skills from May 22 - 25. The grade 6 assessment will be written from May 28 - June 1<sup>st</sup>. St. Mark administration, class teachers, resource teacher and support staff will be providing support for participating students during this assessment.

**Science Fair:** St. Mark had 16 students participate in the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Brock University on the weekend of March 23<sup>th</sup>~25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. At the Awards Banquet on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we had a project win the Brock Biology Award and a Silver Medal for their age group!

**Heritage Fair:** Students in grades 4 and 6 will be participating in the St. Mark Heritage Fair on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Brock University students will assist with the adjudication process from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and there will be a public walk through in the afternoon from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. The top projects will be invited to the N.C.D.S.B. Heritage Fair on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Brock University.

**School Climate**

**St. Mark Sports & Clubs:** St. Mark School continues to be a busy place as we currently have: the weekly P.A.L.S. program running at recess times for the ELKP and primary students; the Great Books program; Primary Art Club; Primary Drum club; Robotics club; Junior Reading club; Choir Club and a Chess club.

**Niagara River Lions Game:** St. Mark attended the River Lions basketball game on Thursday, March 22, 2018 @ 7 p.m. It was a great night, upon the conclusion of the game, students had the opportunity to play on the court. Thank you to everybody who attended it was a great night!

**Family Math Night:** We are organizing a Family Math Night for Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The topic will be *Developing Mathematical Thinkers* and will allow parents to gain a better understanding of the purposeful mathematics that is happening in classrooms. Please save the date and plan on join us!

**Classroom Organization for 2018-19:** Plans are in the preliminary stages for the 2018-19 school year. While we await approval from the board office on the number of classes and teachers required, we ask that you submit any specific requests concerning academic and social grouping placements in writing to the office by April 27, 2018, to the attention of Mr. S. Ward. Many situations unfold from now until the beginning of a new school year. As experts in education, we will consider all requests, but we will base all student placement decisions on what is in the *best interest of the entire student grade-level community at St. Mark.* These decisions are made in good faith and based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following considerations: individual needs of students; academic strengths, weaknesses and needs; social and emotional needs of the students; resource support requirements and personnel allocation; and classroom teacher strengths.

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – Workshop will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> at DM with guest speaker Bruce Ferguson. Notes for those who can't make the meeting will be provided to CSC members by Mr. Ward.
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – nothing to report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – current balance \$17, 594.56
4. Staff report – deferred to next meeting
5. NCDSB Policies – annual review

**D. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) REPORT – Issues...**  
No report

**E. STAFF REPORT – deferred to next meeting**

## **F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. By-laws/Policy – annual review
2. Community Outreach & PRO Grant – Math Night will take place on May 10, 2018
3. Fundraising
  - Raffle baskets preparation will be starting in mid-April. Confirmed an ice cream truck for the fun fair – 2 other hot food trucks will also attend)
  - Date of Fun Fair is confirmed as Thursday June 7, 2018.
  - Bouncy castle inflatables have also been secured.
  - Once again, staff and students will assist at Fun Fair
4. Graduation – date is June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Grand Olympia with Ceremony at BT at 5:30p.m.  
Menu items have been chosen. Volunteers are always appreciated.
5. Hot lunches/milk – New Pizza supplier (Pete's Pizza from St. Catharines) – more affordable rate. Pizza was well received by students.

6. New Church Fundraising- Ham Roll March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7p.m. was a success. Youth Ministry 2:00 p.m. - 3:30pm. It take place on April 8 for Grade 3 & up
7. Safe Schools – Students research continues.
8. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – healthy snacks continue to be provided for students

#### **G. PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

1. School Calendar Approval – Submitted by Mr. Ward. It is currently in the vetting process.
2. Talent Show — Our Itinerant arts teachers have shown interest in the preparation of the Talent Show – The Talent Show will occur during the last few days of school. Date TBA.
3. Play Day – We are looking into it – Tentative date (half day) will be at end of June
4. Lunch Lady – Not recommended – was not well received by students.
5. Safety in Parking Lot – New Safety reminder rolling out in March Newsletter to parents
6. Dress down days – 1 per month average – usually the last Friday of the month
7. Bus Supervision - bus buddies especially for younger children continues – Driver is responsible to manage conduct on the bus; they are to report issues to administration for follow-up. Kindergarten students continue to be seated at the front of the bus.
8. 2017-18 System Priorities - S. Ward (4.13.2017, 4.21.2017 Reminder Due Date) – submitted by Mr. Ward.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. End of Year Trips – trips are changing due to waiver forms and liability/insurance issues. Most year-end trips have been finalized.
2. Partners in Catholic Education Dinner – will be on Thursday, May 17, 2018. A few seats will be reserved for CSC members.

#### **I. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – suggestions for Fun Fair Basket Themes are appreciated.**

#### **J. NEXT MEETING: May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER – adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

Mrs. Marois	Mrs. Thompson	Mrs. Watt
Mrs. Psiloyenis	Mrs. Manchuk	Mr. Ward
Mrs. Swart	Mrs. Giammarco	Mr. Romano
Mrs. Palumbo	Mrs. Twardawa	
Mrs. Bunker	Mrs. Corbett	