



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Meeting Minutes**  
**ALEXANDER KUSKA K.S.G. CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Date: September 27, 2021**

**Location: <https://meet.google.com/jkr-zifd-mdn>**

**6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Mr. Moscato

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Smolders

**2. Roll Call**

<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP</b>		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal	Chris Moscato	X		
Vice-Principal	Dwane Smolders	X		
Secretary/Treasurer				
Chair				
Co-Chair				
Community Rep.				
Special Needs Rep.				
Teacher Representative	Elena Gallo	X		
Non-Teaching Representative				
Student Representative	n/a			
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
<b>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>				
	Carrie Vernelli	X		
	Sara Ivicic	X		
	Tina Goupil	X		
	Ashley Steele-Dirks	X		
	Martha Barnes	X		
	Jessica Mohsen	X		

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**3. Approval of the Agenda**

- **THAT** the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of **September 27, 2021**.
- Moved by Carrie V
- Seconded by Tina S
- **CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

- No disclosures of interest were declared.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- **THAT** the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council approved the Minutes of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of May 25, 2021 as presented.
- Moved by Carrie V
- Seconded by Tina S
- **CARRIED**

**6. Policy Vetting**

*Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered*

- [Naming of a Board Facility Designated Area or Chapel Policy 100.15](#)
- [Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Policy 100.13](#)

*Please submit your feedback to [Jennifer Pellegrini](#) by October 28, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.*

**B. PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Election - Carrie Vernelli acclaimed
2. Sub-Committees: Grad Committee, Fundraising, Eco-Schools, Food Days. If you would like to be a committee member for any of them, email [christopher.moscato@ncdsb.com](mailto:christopher.moscato@ncdsb.com) or [dwane.smolders@ncdsb.com](mailto:dwane.smolders@ncdsb.com)

**C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Thank you to parents and families for welcoming Mr. Moscato back to Welland and into the Alexander Kuska family.
2. Covid Updates: Masks are being worn inside and outside to encourage children to play with each other.
3. Welcome to New Staff: Ms. Rootes (6), Mme Mancuso (7/8FI), Ms. Nacarrato (K), Mme Scricca (1/2FI), Mme. Mantesso (5/6FI), M. Haubert (FSL)
4. Sports: Looking to get them started by working with the Welland Sports Council. Looking to start with outdoor events, like Cross-Country in October. Working with Public Health to get them started safely.
5. Covid Screener: Continue to do the daily screener with your children each day and remind other families.
6. Virtual Curriculum Night: Went well for those who were able to attend. Staff posted their slide shows to families who couldn't access.
7. Fire Drill & Hold & Secure: Went well
8. Virtual Communication: School Messenger for the school, for teachers as the primary mode of communication.

9. NCVLE - Will be the primary virtual learning environment for this year instead of Google Classroom. Teachers and students are working to get this running.
10. School Parking Lot: Want to revamp bus lanes, kiss N ride to increase student safety. Kiss N Ride will be the horseshoe-shaped area around the north parking lot instead of beside the bus lane. Also, parents will be asked to stay off school grounds before and after school to increase student safety. Cars will leave the centre exit and buses will leave the far-south exit.
11. Parent Survey: Looking to ask parents to hear from them to see what we are doing well and what we can improve over the next 3-5 years.

**D. STAFF REPORTS;**

1. Picture Day: Everyone looks great
2. Terry Fox Walk: Tomorrow, September 28, 2021
3. Orange Shirt Day: Thursday, September 30, 2021 to recognize Canada's first National Truth and Reconciliation Day and the indigenous children who were affected by the residential schools in Canada

**E. PARISH REPORT;**

1. Confirmation: For last year's grade 8 students took place on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with 53 students from the 3 schools that go to St. Kevin's parish
2. First Communion: For last year's grade 2s will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

**F. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS;**

1. Sub-Committees members
2. Food Days for the remaining months

**G. New Business**

1. Food Days Beginning in Mid-October for pizza, Sub Day by end of October
2. Halloween - No food coming into the building. Students will come in costume for the whole day. The morning will be curriculum based and the afternoon will be structured.
3. Animal Safety: Will look into the possibility of fencing

**H. NEXT MEETINGS;**

Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30  
Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30  
Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30  
Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 (if needed)

All meetings at 6:30 p.m. in the Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Catholic Elementary school information centre

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

- **THAT** the September 27, 2021 meeting of the Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Catholic School Council be adjourned.
- Moved by Carrie
- Seconded by Sara
- **CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm

**J. CLOSING PRAYER** was led by Mr. Moscato

**THANK YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR TIME, PASSION AND DEDICATION TO OUR  
ALEXANDER KUSKA K.S.G CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY FAMILY... YOU TRULY MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!**