



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
6:30pm - Virtual - Email will be sent at 6:15

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Prayer for Catholic Education

O Holy Spirit,
source of truth and grace for those entrusted with the Christian development of children,
enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes,
our parish, our school, and our community may cooperate effectively with You,
and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph, Pray for us.
Amen

2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Disclosure of Interest
5. Approval of Minutes of the OLF Catholic School Council Meeting of October 27, 2020

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Policy Vetting- see niagaracatholic.ca

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

- [Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy \(302.6.8\)](#)
- [Student Expulsion Policy \(302.6.5\)](#)
- [Employee Workplace Harassment Policy \(201.7\)](#)
- [Employee Workplace Violence Policy \(201.11\)](#)

- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
- Establish Subcommittees/TBD
- Public Health Nurse Updates
- STREAM Fundraiser – Catholic Ed Week

D. FINANCIAL REPORT - No change

E. STAFF REPORT – Kids Helping Kids

F. AGENDA ITEMS

- What we know so far about Reopening rules, date TBD

G. NEXT MEETING – TBD

H. ADJOURNMENT

I. CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary

Groundhog Day - February 2nd

Out of his hole, he poked his snout
and wondered what all the fuss was about.
They snatched him up and named him Phil
Then took him to a Pennsylvania hill.
He lives up there in luxury
to predict spring's arrival for you and me.
Just once a year he's on display.
They've even named it Groundhog Day!

2020-2021 Dates

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February Book Fair – Date TBD

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Kindergarten Open House & Registration 9:00am to 6:00pm (tentative)

Tuesday March 24, 2021 Heritage Fair - TBD/Postponed

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 CSC Meeting 6:30pm - Virtual

Saturday, March 30, 2021 - Bishop's Gala

Monday, April 9, 2021 8:00am for Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

May 2 -7, 2021 Catholic Education Week

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June 10, 2021 Fun Fair/TBD



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**MINUTES OF THE
Our Lady of Fatima CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: February 2, 2021

Location: Virtual

Minutes of the Meeting of the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council, held on **February 2, 2021**
The meeting was called to order at **6:32 PM** by **Mr. Palujanskas**

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer **Prayer for Catholic Education** was led by **M. Febbraro**.

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Palujanskas/Joseph Tolomeo	X X		
Chair	Michael Febbraro	X		
Co-Chair				
Oecta Representative	Tracy Kovacs	X		
Cupe Representative	T. Kealey / D. Littler	X		
Student Representative				
Parish Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Jessica Coutinhou				X
Vinko (Vince) Kikas		X		
Erynn Forbes		X		
Todd Ubinas				X
Romina Highdale		X		
Natalie Bosiljevac				X

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Tracy

Seconded by Erynn

THAT the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council Meeting of February 2, 2021

CARRIED

4. Nominations:

5. Disclosure of Interest

6. Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

7. Approval of Minutes of the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council Meeting

approved Tracy

seconded the motion Vince

B. PRESENTATIONS - NA

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Policy Vetting

B. Palujanskas explained the process of Policy Vetting. Council members can submit directly to J. Pellegrini or email to B. Palujanskas. There is a 2 year rotation of the policies.

These policies are also posted on the Board website www.niagaracatholic.ca under the Board/Policies/Policy Vetting section.

Please submit your feedback to jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com

Please check the Board website www.niagaracatholic.ca for further information about Board Policies.

- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report
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- **Complex Special needs students allowed entry into the school**
- Establish Subcommittees/TBD

Social Justice monetary donations. Kids helping Kids.

Weary of asking families for money at this time.

Fundraising ideas ??

Question - is there anything the school needs? B. Palujanskas mentioned how the school is doing well, just chromebooks may be needed. We are looking at making sure that there is enough technology. Where we lack is younger students learning how to log into the NCVLE. They are most likely competent now.

We don't need anything right at this point. In September, we will look further. In conclusion, fundraising is not the main priority, the main goal will be and continue to be keeping the kids healthy.

- Public Health Nurse Updates
- STREAM Fundraiser – Catholic Ed Week

No fundraiser this year, we will look at it in September.

Question - will parents be engaged?

We did grade 6-8 Police Presentations.

Mike F. mentioned there may be more parent engagement with the 'virtual world'.

Paul Davis being contacted may be a good idea moving forward. We can email him.

D. FINANCIAL REPORT - No change

E. STAFF REPORT – Kids Helping Kids - This year it is moved to Feb. 16 - 26

Shrove Tuesday - there should be no distribution of food

Ash Wednesday - there may be an option of sprinkling ashes on heads. Up until Christmas, priests were not encouraged to enter schools, so we are not sure how this will look. We can still participate in spirit days if students are remote learning.

F. AGENDA ITEMS

- **What we know so far about Reopening rules, date TBD** - These items will be in the Friday update to the community. There are similar rules to September - difference being grades 1-3 to wear masks. Updating screening rules may happen. More information to come.
- Masks off during snack time and lunches. This may present challenges. Also, we will be monitoring the students, but they may have underlying conditions. Kindergartens do not have to wear masks. In compliance, we were very successful. COVID fatigue may set in regarding masks after the first few weeks. We can look for strategies to alleviate this.
- Regarding online enrolment - the deadline changed to Feb. 23 - we can always contact virtual learning to get information or suggestions. Mike F. mentioned how families may think about virtual learning depending on the situation. As a school, we try to accommodate families based on their situation.
- Mike F. commended all the staff during online learning. DPA is done even by family! It has been very engaging for students. The lack of distractions cause students to work quickly. Time management continues to be a challenge.
- Overall, parent feedback has been positive. It is very different from last year - more minutes online. Parents now feel they are not missing out on education.
- Many other compliments to OLF staff for the online complement. Staff has been working hard. A big Thank you to all staff.
- Mike F. asked how parents can thank the teachers - questions?? App called 'cameo' where actors say something. You can script what they say, and we can wish something nice to the teachers.
- We can look into that - also, virtual gift cards, etc.
- Tracy K. thanked the parents for being so engaged.
- Questions - double masking? It seems like it will be a personal preference. Once schools open, we may get more direction from local public health.
- Question - will kids wear masks at recess? Within 6 feet, students must wear masks.
- Brian P. mentioned that the older students would wear masks outside anyway.

G. NEXT MEETING - March 23, 2021 (tentative)

ADJOURNMENT - 7:14 pm

CLOSING PRAYER- Hail Mary (Groundhog Prayer) - read by Brian P.

Intention by Brian P. - young boy who passed in Grimsby

All other intentions that are held in our hearts.

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