



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE  
ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 23, 2024  
In School, WorkRoom**

Minutes of the Meeting of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council, held on September 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Jackie Watson

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Land Acknowledgment

The Niagara Catholic District School Board wishes to honour the Indigenous people who have been the protectors of this land, known as Turtle Island, for more than ten thousand years. We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

2. Opening Prayer – Prayer for Catholic Education

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 of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Nicholas Catholic School and our community may cooperate effectively with You, and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

3. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Treasurer	Jackie Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vice-Principal/Secretary	Jackie Watson			
Chair	Ms. Paprzycki	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Co-Chair	-----			

Teacher Representative				
Non-Teaching Representative	-----			
Student Representative	-----			
Parish Representative	Father Ben Weber		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OAPCE Representative				
Community Representative	Ms. Ciancio	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community Representative				
<b>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>				
Ms. Melville		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ms. Koch		<input type="checkbox"/>		

4. Approval of the Agenda  
 Moved by: Ms. Melville  
 Seconded by: Ms. Koch

That the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CARRIED**

5. **Election of Chair/Co-Chair**  
 - Ms. Paprzycki was acclaimed

6. **Election of Ontario Associatio for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)**  
 - Mrs. Koch was acclaimed

7. **Disclosure of Interest**  
 No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

8. **Approval of Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting of X**  
 Moved by: ---  
 Seconded by: ---

That St Nicholas Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the St. Nicholas Catholic School

Council Meeting of X of last meeting presented.

**CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK**

### New Policy Created

Scheduled Prevention, Control and Intervention of Student Behaviour 303.5

Respectful Interaction Protocol. Phone message has been changed as well to reflect this respect message.

## **D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report

Usually meet bi-monthly, the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the CEC, Rice Rd.

## 2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Usually meet the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the CEC, Rice Rd.

\*\* Please note that agenda's and minutes of both meetings can be found on Niagara Catholic's website, under Programs. Scroll down to Special Education to find relevant agenda's and minutes.

## 3. Catholic School Council Financial Report

i) 2023-2024 Fundraised \$1,792.93 (COBS \$1,250.00; Mom's Pantry \$97.93; Krispy Kreme Doughnuts \$445.00). Purchased 22 chromebooks at \$8,949.00. \$1,105.00 raised during the Christmas Shoppe. Twenty-two \$50.00 gift cards purchased and given to families to support during the Christmas season.

ii) Catholic School Council Parent Engagement Funds, to be used by June 13, 2024 \$500.00 with an additional \$1,000.00 in funds to support parent engagement activities at the school level through an application process. First come, first serve basis. Application/funding will be approved in alignment with Ministry criteria in relation to identifying needs for the school community and how schools can improve in at least one the following areas:

- addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized group
- creating a safe and welcoming environment
- informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources
- providing workshops for parents/guardians to inspire their children to learn, mental health and well-being, internet safety, cyber bullying and healthy living
- projects to support Indigenous learners and their families
- programs for newcomer families to introduce them to Catholic education in Niagara Catholic
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages to make all parents/guardians and students feel welcome and include
- skill-building opportunities for parents –information sessions/workshops that provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student learning at home and at school

\*\* All Sacramental preparation classes will be completed by the church. Letters to Grade 2 and Grade 8 Parents/Guardians to be sent home through Father Ben.

\*\* We are still a Math Priority school for Grade 3 and 6, with support from a Math coach throughout the year. If time allows, the coach will hel other's who request.

\*\* We have been designated as a Public Health Priority School. As such, our school's Public Health Nurse, Tesha, will be at St. Nicholas Catholic every Monday and Tuesday to offer support as needed.

\*\* Acadience Support, Kindergarten to Grade 2 – Jennifer Boland is St. Nicholas Catholic's lead. Collection of reading data. Will be reflected on Report Card. Must be completed by mid-November

\*\* 2023-2024 EQAO results to be released shortly

\*\* Hot Lunches have been set until Christmas Break

\*\* Progress Reports week of November 11, 2024; First Term Reports, week of February 9<sup>th</sup>; Second Term Reports, week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*\* Parent/Guardian/Teacher/Student Conference Night, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\*\* Kinder Open House, Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\*\* Kindergarten Night, Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

\*\* Graduation – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Club Roma

## **E. OAPCE REPORT**

Thank you to Mrs. Koch who will be our rep this year.

## **F. STAFF REPORT**

\* Jordan Boland is leaving as of this Friday

\* 35 intermediate desks and chairs have been ordered \$5,900.00

\* A new A/C is being installed in the grade 6/7 room

\* 25-30 chromebooks need to be ordered

\* I would like a big screen smart tv for the library

\* I would like a new LCD projector for the gym

\* Will reach out to code ninja for supports

- 9 classes and currently 204 students, however that is fluctuating daily
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – to fly the Truth and Reconciliation Flag
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Acadience training Grade 1 and 2
- September 25<sup>th</sup>, Rowan's Law
- September 27<sup>th</sup>, I Am a Child of God, Grade 3/4
- September 27<sup>th</sup>, Terry Fox Walk
- September 30<sup>th</sup>, Orange Shirt Day
- September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Acadience Training
- October 1<sup>st</sup>, Int. Boys' Soccer, Thank you to coaches Marotta and Ruberto
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Int. Girls' Soccer, Thank you to coaches Marotta and Ruberto
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Custodian Day
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Chaplaincy Visit for Math support
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, World Teacher Day
- October 8<sup>th</sup>, Pumpkin Patch, K-1
- October 9<sup>th</sup>, Jr. Boys' Soccer, Thank you to coaches Marotta and Ruberto
- October 10<sup>th</sup>, Jr. Girls' Soccer, Thank you to coaches Marotta and Ruberto
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, PA Day
- October 15<sup>th</sup>, Cross country, Thank you to coach Marotta
- October 17<sup>th</sup>, Mass, 10:00 a.m.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, Acadience Training
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Cross Country
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Picture Day
- October 9<sup>th</sup>, I Am a Child of God, Grade 1
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween Wear costumes, parade in morning, fun activities in afternoon

## **G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Joy Day/Feast of St. Nicholas Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
- December 11<sup>th</sup>, Gingerbread Night 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shoppe
- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts May 8<sup>th</sup>

\*\* discussed from June's meeting

- Spring Flowers Ms. Paprzycki will call Niagara College, I will call Seaway Farms
- Boxed Gift Cards MS. Paprzycki will call the company for details

Catholic School Council Parent Engagement Possibilities: 2025, perhaps April

Unlearn

Mental Well-Being

Internet Safety/Paul Davis

Healthy Living- exercise, eating habits, budgeting

Indigenous

Public Health programs

\*\*Child-Care may be an issue but we can support through community service hours

Giant Tiger on Welland Ave. is willing to support St. Nicholas Catholic in a variety of way such as a round up of cash, food for our food days, and the like. Will meet with the owner when able.

#### **H. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:00 p.m.**

#### **J. CLOSING PRAYER**

Please let us all say the Hail Mary