



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 24, 2024. 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary – Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council, held on September 24^h, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- Opening Prayer** – Mr. Romeo began with prayer

Roll Call – people in attendance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/ Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. J. Romeo	X		
Co-Chairs	Mrs. Bocchinfuso	X		
	Mrs. Gagnon	X		
Teacher(OECTA) Representative(s)	Mrs. A. Maloney	X		
	Mrs. G. D'Amico	X		
Support Staff (CUPE) Representative				
Student Representatives	H. Lockwood		X	
	A. Prochownik		X	
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
R. Alorse		X		
A. Bocchinfuso		X		
M. Cordero				X
P Dobbie		X		
A. Gagnon		X		
S. Gilson		X		
K. Leitch			X	
S. Pitre		X		
J. Schneider		X		
M. Bartolini		X		

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by – Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by – Mrs. Gagnon

THAT the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council approved the Agenda of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council Meeting of September 24, 2024.

CARRIED

CSC Chair Nomination: Mrs. Bocchinfuso, and Mrs. Gagnon each nominated the other so it was decided that both would Co-Chair for the 2024-25 school year.

3. Disclosure of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda. Mrs. Schneider is an employee of the board and declared as such. She understands that she cannot be a chair or co-chair of the Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School Catholic School Council.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council

Moved by – DEFERRED as this is the first meeting of the 2024-25 School Year.

Seconded by –

THAT.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sacred Heart Student Council report – NONE

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – None
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – None
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – **\$14746.07 in the Lottery protected fundraising account (Mr. Romeo explained the Lottery protected fundraising account to the Council members)**
4. Staff report – *Deferred*
5. Policy Vetting – None at this time

A copy of the following information was shared by Mr. Romeo

CATHOLICITY

N.C.D.S.B.: Our board has approved a new four-year theological theme for 2022-26 titled: **“Called by Name”**. Specifically for the 2024-25 school year, it is **“Called by Name – Follow Me”**. *“Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say” (Isaiah 28:23)*

Sacred Heart Parish News:

Our Parish Priest is Fr. Stuart MacDonald, the parish priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. Fr. Stuart is also the parish priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stevensville.

For all questions about Sacraments Fr. Stuart is asking that those be directed to the church at 905-295-4455.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

We thank Mrs. Colavecchia and our soon to be elected student council in leading our Thanksgiving Food Drive. More information to follow in the coming days!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Action Plan(s):

Each year school across Niagara Catholic, schools are charged with developing School Improvement and Equity Plans that align with the Board's Improvement and Equity plan under the direction of the Ministry of Education. That process if fluid and much work during Staff Meetings and PA Days is devoted to the development and monitoring of those plans. A part of that plan are detailed components in the area of Literacy and Numeracy and they are called the Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Actions Plan(s). School Data such as Report Card Data and Attendance Data are used for baseline data as well as Classroom data obtained by Classroom teachers. Third party assessments (EQAO) are also used to identify strengths as well as areas of improvement.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Meet the Teacher:

On Thursday October 3rd, from 6 – 7 p.m., we will be conducting our "Meet the Teacher Night". There will be three 20-minute sessions beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Terry Fox Walk:

On the afternoon of Friday September 13th we participated in our annual Terry Fox Walk. We thank Mrs. Gullion and her Grade 4/5 class who helped to organize the event and prepared daily announcements leading up to it.

School Picture Day:

We will be having our School Picture Day on Tuesday October 8, 2024. Bring your smiles!!
Picture Re-Takes are scheduled for Thursday Nov 14.

Hallowe'en:

We are happy to let you know that the students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Thursday, October 31st. As has been the case every year, costumes that are intended to scare or have blood or weapons are not allowed. Costumes must be appropriate for school which may differ from costumes that students wear at night. Also, for our younger students please ensure that their costumes are not so intricate that they will require assistance to get in and out of them to use the bathroom. Student council will be planning a Halloween dance-a-thon for each class/grade to attend. They will be working through that process, devising a schedule and song playlist for the day. We look forward to our student leaders stepping up and helping to organize a great day for all! Funds raised from this year's Dance-a-thon will be earmarked for new Sports Jerseys.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. By-laws/Policy – *2024-25 Bylaws presented at this meeting- Mr. Romeo explicitly explained the By-laws/ Policy to the Council. Mr. Romeo explained about the privacy and confidentiality of members on Council.*
2. Community Outreach –
3. Fundraising – *Halloween Danceathon & Purse Bingo (both covered in New Business) fundraising for funds for technology and then off set costs of year end trips.*
4. Graduation – ***Tentative (pending approval) June 19, 2025 @ STM Theatre*
5. Hot lunches/milk – *Hot Lunches started already, Milk will begin in October*
6. Safe Schools –
7. School Nutrition Action Council (SNAC) – *Grant was secured this year that should provide sufficient funding for both the Breakfast Club and the Snack Club for the 2024-25 school year.*

- *Breakfast running effective today. Alternating 2 day / week then 3 day / week schedule (Parent Volunteer Led) “Powerful kids,” applied to and received the Grant which will be used for Breakfast club and Snack bins.*
- *Snack Bins program to be run this year as well, beginning first full week of October. (Staff Led)*

E. PREVIOUS BUSINESS –

F. NEW BUSINESS -

- Welcome from Principal
- Orange Shirt Day
- Meet the Teacher – Thurs. Oct 3, 2024
- Hallowe’en at Sacred Heart Catholic
- Purse Bingo Fundraiser ***Tentative Nov 29, 2024***
 - *Chippawa fireHall secured for the venue. Community to help. The goal is to get sponsorship from the community. Help setting up and help that night.*

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –

H. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday Nov. 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by – Mrs. Bocchinfuso

Seconded by – Mrs. Gagnon

THAT the meeting of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm