



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**St. John Henry Newman  
Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2021 @ 6:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting: Google Meet**

**A) Routine Matters**

**Opening Prayer** – Mrs. Pozzobon

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussions; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff and families of St. John Henry Newman. Continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

**Welcome** – Mr. Sirianni and Mrs. Pozzobon

**Roll Call:** Mr. Sirianni

Catholic School Council Membership		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal	Sirianni, Paolo	✓		
Vice Principal/Secretary	Pozzobon, Cindy	✓		
Treasurer	Elia, Maria	✓		
Co-Chair	Stapleton, Silia	✓		
Co-Chair	Petrella, Jessica	✓		
Teacher Representative	Gray, Marre			✓
Teaching Representative	Quaranta, Vince			✓
Non-Teaching Representative				
Student Representative				
Parish Representative	Evangelista, Jose	✓		
Parish Representative	Brown Fiala, Kelly	✓		
Parish Representative	Kowalczyk, Marie	✓		
Community Representative	Horwath, Rochelle	✓		
Community Representative	Shura, Lyndsay	✓		
Community Representative	Kowalczyk, Marie	✓		
OAPCE Representative NPIC	Fabiano Marilyn	✓		
Parent/Guardian members				
	Abbruscato, Ann Marie	✓		

	Bender Katie			✓
	Brown-Fiala, Kelly	✓		
	Carbonara, Luisa	✓		
	Deprophetis, Phyllis			
	Elia, Maria	✓		
	Evangelista, Jose	✓		
	Fabiano, Marilyn	✓		
	Howarth, Rochelle			
	Kowalezyk, Marie	✓		
	Moretto, Ludmilla			✓
	Perone, Barbara			✓
	Petrella, Jessica	✓		
	Shura, Lindsay	✓		
	Stapleton, Silia	✓		
	Taddeo, Sonia	✓		

**Approval of Minutes:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021: Mrs. Stapleton  
**Approval of Agenda:** March 23, 2021: Mrs. Brown-Fiala

**B) Kindergarten Registration**

- Kindergarten Registration -  
<https://secure.easyregister.ca/pub/LoginER.aspx?OID=vmE7%2bOZAaDGIiw5C1plhMg%3d%3d>

**C) Policies for Feedback and Vetting -**

- <https://niagaracatholic.ca/policies-by-laws-protocols-and-procedures/>
- [Board By-Laws Policy \(100.1\)](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Policy \(201.6\)](#)
- [Student Exclusion From School or Class Policy \(NEW\)](#)

Please submit your feedback to [Jennifer Pellegrini](#) by March 31, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

- NCPIC 2021 -

**D) Principal's Report**

**E) OAPCE Report**  
No News

**F) STAFF REPORT-Cindy**

- Primary Art Gallery April 6<sup>th</sup> (Grade 1 and 2)
- Niagara Falls Art Gallery for the primary grades

- Virtual Presentation
- \$8 per student for the art kit which will be delivered a week in advance for quarantine
- Candidates for Student Senate (Gr 6 and 7)
- Speeches and letters are due on April 1
- Names will be submitted to the board on April 9
- Grade 6 is a student vote, Grade 7 is Principal choice
- Coding for Primary Division – Scratch Jr
- Coding is a component of our new Ontario Math Curriculum
- Had a virtual presentation of how to use the program Scratch Jr.
- Had a lot of creative fun coding
- Downloaded on the chromebook, students can practice at home
- Jason Shawana- Indigenous Youth Lead- presentation on Relationships and Diversity
- An alumni from CN and STP
- Spoke to the students about relationships and diversity
- Michael Jacques- Special Olympics: Presentation on Inclusiveness
- Also an alumni of NCDSB
- Message is about inclusiveness
- The message is shared on the morning announcements daily

#### **G) Co-Chair Report**

- No news

#### **Committee Structure / Reports / Updates**

- First Communion – Grade 2 Mrs. Sacco ~~April 11~~ at 2pm-May 29, 2021
- First Communion- Grade 2 Mrs. Oros and Mrs. Lepera- ~~April 18~~ at 2pm June 5, 2021
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Gr. 8 – April 20 at 7pm- Mrs. Capitano (parents only)
- Sacrament of Confirmation- Gr 8 – April 21 at 7pm- Mr. Tham (parents only)
- Sacrament of Holy Communion (postponed until churches open) – Gr. 3- those that did the preparation last year are to show up at a Sunday mass with family. Grade 2 students will be prepared in class. Families need to pick up the package from the church. In the spring, they will attend a Sunday Mass with their family (both during regular mass- no group)

#### **Principal Items**

- Spring Eggstravanganza- already raised \$2000, still have 2 more weeks
  - Draw will be on April 9
  - Prizes will be given to the students on that day

- Many donations from staff and families to support the fundraiser
- All students will get 5 free tickets-encouraging students to donate non perishable food items for the Niagara Soup Kitchen
- In the Newman News-requested food items from Niagara Soup Kitchen will be noted. Mrs. Brown Fiala will email us the list.
- A letter for donations was requested to go to local establishments so parents can ask for more prizes—Paolo will create and send out the letter.
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- Grade 8 Kahoot
  - As a graduation fundraiser, the grade 8s are creating a Kahoot Game for the school based on school information.
  - Donation of \$1/student to play
  - All money will go to graduation fees
- Snack Program from Niagara Nutrition Partners
- Mr. Sirianni- 4 x 4 x 48 challenge to raise money for NNP and Breakfast and Snack program.
  - NNP will donate \$800 in gift cards to families in need
  - Mr. Sirianni will be doing a personal challenge of running 4KM, every 4 hours for 48 hours to raise money for the NNP.
  - Donations can be made on school cashonline and his personal Go Fund Me page
  - Will incorporate a fun activity challenge for the students in support of the cause.
- Saint Paul Open House- February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm <https://www.spchs.ca/>
- Eco Garden/Fall Clean Up – Mr. Van Wissen will lead. We will do a garden clean up this month.
  - Students have been participating in two challenges this month 1) Lights out every day at lunchtime 2)No waste Wednesdays
  - Mr. Van Wissen is planning for more ECO activities in regards to the garden and grounds next month.

## **Treasurer Report**

Mr. Sirianni and Mrs. Elia – update

Recent Purchases – Smart TV for Kindergarten (Perone), Smart Projector for Grade 8 (Capitano), 2 x 75inch Samsung TV's for Grade 5 (Mrs. Harrold and Mrs. Bower)

## **New Business**

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## **Next Meeting-**

## **Adjournment**

### **Closing Prayer – Mrs. Pozzobon**

Dear God,

Thank you for this opportunity to meet together. Breathe life into our ideas and decisions, and help us to build a team that has love and respect at its heart. Lord, come give us the inspiration to be the best we can be.

May we be a shining example of your goodness and truth within St. John Henry Newman.

Amen.