



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**St. John Henry Newman
Meeting Minutes**

Taken by: Karlee Mancuso

Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Virtual Meeting: 6:30

A) Routine Matters

Opening Prayer – Mrs. Petrella

Welcome – Mr. MacDougall

Roll Call

Catholic School Council Membership		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal	Blaine MacDougall	y		
Vice Principal/Secretary	Cindy Pozzobon	y		
Treasurer	Maria Elia			
Co-Chair	Silia Stapleton	y		
Co-Chair	Jessica Petrella	y		
Teacher Representative	Marre Gray	y		
Parish Representative	Kelly Fiala	y		
Parish Representative	Marie Kowalczyk	y		
Parish Representative	Jose Evangelista	y		
OAPCE Representative	Julie Bateman	y		
NPIC	Marilynn Fabiano	y		
Parent Representative	Cristina Sakes			
Parent Representative	Marilynn Fabiano	y		
Parent Representative	Janet Markey			
Parent Representative	Julie Bateman	y		
Parent Representative	Lindsay Shura	y		
Safe School Representative	Anne-Marie Abrasactto			
Safe School Representative	Cristina Sakes			
Eco School Representative	Janet Markey			
Other people in attendance				

Approval of Minutes: Jose seconded by Silia

B) **Co-Chair Report – Mrs. Stapleton/Mrs. Petrella**

- Faith goal - Jose reached out - intergenerational idea - making Christmas cards for Millenium trail and Oakwood Lodge - some classes making cards for residents; some classes that are making larger cards for their bulletin board areas and entrance ways - Jose picking them up next week to deliver them.
- Fundraising - possible Spring fundraiser - flower bulbs, planting kits, etc.; Versa is an organization that does planting bulbs - discuss in January to make a decision to kick off for March - can the organization agree to send product right to the homes to take pressure off the school?
- correspondence - make sure everyone is on the email list for CSC
- Christmas activities - individual classes are doing their own activities - school is doing Advent liturgies every Monday for the school

C) **Committee Structure / Reports / Updates**

- Safe and Accepting schools - 1st meeting December 7 - update on crossing guard at Watson and Beaverdams; Kiss and Ride in our parking lot - want to include student council members - letter sent in to city hall - starting January 10 we will have a crossing guard on the corner of Watson and Beaverdams Rd - trial - they will be collecting data. Parking lot - starting November 29, the double lane is no longer in use for Kiss and Ride - staff are assisting in the morning at the Kiss and Ride (directing traffic and helping parents get their children out of their cars - do not want parents getting out of their cars) - has run relatively well the first couple of days - any parents who are interested in helping in the morning or afternoon with Kiss and Ride, please let the school know (only need you for about 15 minutes)
- OAPCE/NCPIIC - update - next meeting not being held until the New Year
- SEAC Report - update - waiting for them to send us some information on the report

D) **Principal Items**

- Student council - update - help with food days (bringing food down to classes); Food drive - they remind students to bring in food
- CSC by-laws - no update
- board policies - a few are being updated
- Food drives - November - update - food was picked up today - great Christmas food drive
- Food days - Pizza Day/Sub day/Pita day - going well - everything prepackaged and labelled
- Triathlon update - some schools moving away from purchasing Chromebooks and buying laptops - waiting to get clarification from IT as to what would be better; 50% technology 35% Phys Ed equipment; Shout out from the board office - our Holy Childhood donation was the highest contributed from any school (ever)
- Remembrance Day - update - Captain Palinsky was in to a few classes - very well received (students really enjoyed it)
- Catholic School Council Annual Commissioning ceremony - all members agreed
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E) **Treasurer Report** – Mrs. Elia - update - not in attendance; Mr. MacDougall presented

- fundraising - \$8900 -
- hot lunches \$253
- \$380 pizza
- \$590 popcorn balance
- \$10208 total

F) **New Business**

- can we use social media to update - eg. today is the last day to order pizza, or order yearbooks, etc - use it more as a communication tool - to update families what is going on or what events/things are coming up at the school

Next Meeting- January 25 2022 and March 29, 2022

Adjournment - Jessica Petrella seconded by Silia Stapleton

Closing Prayer – Mrs. Pozzobon