

St. John Henry Newman Catholic School Council
Wednesday, February 6th, 2024
6:00 PM

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Welcome / Opening Prayer

- **Mr. Spagnol welcomed everyone to the meeting and Ms. Villella began the meeting with a Prayer.**

2. Roll Call

St. John Henry Newman Catholic School Council Roll Call		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal (/Treasurer)	Chris Spagnol	*		
Vice Principal (Secretary)	Angela Villella	*		
Teacher Representative	Michael Reich	*		
PARENT MEMBERS				
Silia Stapleton (Chair)				*
Jessica Petrella (Co-chair)		*		
Jennifer Dolan				*
Maria Elia				*
Julie Bateman		*		
Janet Markey		*		
Maella O'Mara		*		
Kelly Fiala				*
Katie Bender		*		
Karlee Mancuso		*		
Linda Dren		*		
Luisa Carbonara		*		
Barbara Perone		*		
Marie Kowalczyk		*		
Tina Vaillancourt		*		
Phyllis DeProphetis		*		
Lindsay Langsford		*		
Michelle Christian		*		
Kevin Reid		*		

1. Approval of the Agenda –
 Approved and Carried

2. Disclosure of Interest

- **N/A**

B. Principal's Report

Mr. Spagnol outlined the following

1) Shrove Tuesday Update

- Stacked is not able to provide the batter this year
- IHOP has donated the syrup
- Ideas for batter include – Costco
- Other ideas include: pre-mixing the batter
- Students will provide their own plate and fork. We will also have plates and forks available.
- Ms. Vilella will provide the allergy free option
- Mrs. Kowalczyk offered the possibility of Stamford Culinary providing the batter
- Other ideas included – Pre-made by McDonald's, A bakery, Niagara College, and St. Paul Culinary

2) March Gift Card Fundraiser

- We have received many donations but require approximately 5 more
- Other ongoing fundraisers include: Gr. 8s – Big Box of Cards (to offset cost of year end trips), Gr. 4s – Ice cream (to offset cost of year end trip to Medieval Times)

3) Chromebook Purchase

- We have purchased 10 more Chromebooks

4) New Desks and Chairs

- We have purchased one classroom set of desks and chairs with the goal being to continue outfitting the Intermediate classrooms with new desks and chair.

5) School Fundraising

- Ideas put forth regarding setting out all fundraisers at the September meeting
- Capital Projects (Board funds) have been approved for the Gym Floor and Kindergarten Play Area
- CSC would like the financials at the next meeting in June

6) Jordy's Legacy

- Ms. Vilella shared the #spreadjoylikejordy “movement” taking place with Pink Shirts, the morning announcements, new banner that will hang permanently in the gym, and the annual celebration of “Jordy Day” on January 17th
- Other initiatives include: Kindergarten Chess Tournament, Graduation Award and the dedication of the new Kindergarten Play Area.
- Other teachers from NCDSB and DSBN have started “kindness boards” in their classrooms, celebrating students who “spread joy like Jordy”
- A grade 8 student, Matthew Dolan proposed a “kindness bench” and submitted a drawing.

C. NCPIC Report (Marilyn Fabiano)

- N/A

D. SEAC Report

- N/A

E. Policy Vetting

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5) review process:

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.

- Code of Conduct Policy 302.6.2
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy 800.7

Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. February 21, 2024

F. OAPCE report – N/A

G. CHAIR’S/CO CHAIR’S REPORT (Mrs. Petrella)

- Fundraisers (2024/25) to be set out in June/Early September
- School Communication – it has been suggested that there be clearer communication from the school
- Christmas Concert feedback – wait times outdoors was a concern, the line up was a concern, having 2 nights was discussed, and picking up children was a concern that was noted.

H. STAFF REPORT

- Feb 6 – Kindergarten Open House
- Feb 6 – White Oakes Trip (7R, 7s from 7/8C)
- Feb 6 – St. John Valley Centre (6T)
- Feb 6 – CSC @ 6 p.m.
- Feb 7 – White Oakes Trip (7s from 6/7K)
- Feb 7 – Mathletes to St. Vincent De Paul
- Feb 7 – St. John Valley Centre (4FC, 4s from 3/4C)
- Feb 8 – St. John Valley Centre (5H)
- Feb 8 – Student Wellness Presentation
- Feb 8 – Junior Boys Handball Tryouts
- Feb 9 – St. John Valley Centre (4/5B, 4s from 3/4 O)
- Feb 9 – Public Library Visits (Piro/Fortino)

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- Feb 9 – Pasta Day
- Feb 12 – 23 – Kids Helping Kids Campaign
- Feb 13 – Shrove Tuesday
- Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday
- Feb 14 – School Mass (Gr. 4/5B, 5H)
- Feb 15 – Quesada Lunch
- Feb 15 – Celebrating Valentine’s Day/Red, White, Pink Dress down
- Feb 16 – PA Day
- Feb 22 – Principals Meeting
- Feb 22 – Grad Picture Retakes
- Feb 23 – PIZZA day
- Feb 23 – Habitat for Humanity Contest Closes (Gr. 4,5,6)
- Feb 26 – Public Library Visits (1G,1M,1/2S, 2/3D)
- Feb 29 – Public Library Visits (2/3M, 3N, 3/4C, 3/4O)
- Mar 4 – 8 – Lenten Food Drive (CEREAL and GRANOLA BARS)
- Mar 21 – Benefit GALA

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Send out a survey for future Food Days
- Intramurals
- Fundraising (2024/25)

J. NEXT MEETING – tba

K. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER – Ms. Villella