



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

St. Alexander Catholic School Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - 5:30 pm



1. Prayer- Led by Miss Principi

2. Role Call

Present: K. DeDivitiis, A. Tallman, A. Policella, J. Jones-Walker, M. Reid, S. Musso, V. Jaski, C. Carrier, T. Principi, M. Venzon

Regrets: A. Barron, L. Chandler, J. Gasparotto, T. Miller, A. Preston, L. Bader, Y. Leheta

Absent:

3. Chair Report

i) Shrove Tuesday - Feb 17th, 2026 - 2 bags of Mix ordered, kitchen back in use... **Gluten-free - Mrs. Jaski will do completely celiac-safe pancakes again this year. Mr. Venzon will send a message to the community about this.**

ii) Fundraising - Purse Bingo? - **Date to be decided on**

iii) Valentine's Dance-a-thon glow stick sales...+ goal - Instagram - Goal poster **in front of school!!!**

4. Principal's Report

i) Policy vetting - **online at niagaracatholic.ca**

ii) Kindergarten Registration Open House - Feb 5th, 9am-6pm

iii) Report Cards & Interviews **by request - Reports to parents via Portal week of Feb. 9th**

iv) Notre Dame Open House for Grade 8's - was 6:30 pm on Jan. 14th - feedback? **Amazing night. Mr. Boon does a great job on this night with the ND staff. We have great retention from St. Alexander to ND**

v) Other happenings:

a. Kids Helping Kids week - (activity schedule to follow soon),

b. Valentine's Dance-a-thon - Feb 12th,

c. PA Day - Feb. 13th,

d. Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17th,

e. Ash Wednesday Mass - Feb. 18th

vi) DANCE-A-THON **\$10,000 Goal - \$9700 in 2022/23 total**

vii) Fundraising and Tech purchases -

a. **New Chromebooks purchased: Niagara Catholic is beginning to phase out old Chromebooks that are too costly to repair.**

b. **This will happen each year, with as anywhere from 50 to 120 Chromebooks being phased out each year. Our fundraising will help us keep up with purchasing replacements each year.**

- viii) Gym Construction Update - waiting on stage, we have gym access as of last week.
 - ix) School Improvement / Staff Report -
EQAO scores for St. Alexander - what they mean
 - compared to NCDSB and Ontario
- DOT scores and what we are doing as a learning team
- Looking at those students that are close to levels 2.8, 2.9, and 3.1,3.3... How many level 4's? etc...
 - Discussion of cohort data and how our school performed from grade 3 to grade 6 results
 - Discussion about the importance of critical thinking for kids. We talked about the MathUp program, which is used as a primary resource in Niagara Catholic. Promotes rich, open-ended tasks with an entry point for all students.
- x) Follow up re: Pegasus Photography
- Discussion of backgrounds and the photo ordering process.
 - Basically, there is a deadline, and all photos are processed about 10 days after the deadline, regardless of when you order.
 - We passed around and compared a grade 1 class picture from last school year (**Lifetouch**) and a grade 1 class picture from this school year (**Pegasus**).

*CSC members did a tour of the new gym, sensory and movement room at the end of the meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

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Financial Statement

General Fundraising

Fundraising Activities	Expense	Revenue	Balance
General Fundraising			\$1,935.53
Food Days	\$22,339.45	\$33,966.20	\$11,626.75
Overall Totals			\$13,562.28

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 - 5:30 pm