



MINUTES



DENIS MORRIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday September 26, 2023
6:30 P.M. Denis Morris Information Centre

Present: K. Timmins, S. Gualtieri, R. Pruyn, P. Morgetano, M. Rocco, D. Scullion, J. Inch, L. Graham, S. Strickland, A. Coleman, M. Vandervaart, T. Kramar.

Regrets: T. Ostaszewicz

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- 1 Opening Prayer – Chaplain Patricia/ Prayer Service in the Chapel
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Approval of Agenda: September 26, 2023 1st: P. Morgetano 2nd: J. Inch
- 4 Election of Chair/Co-Chair: M. Rocco nominated and elected
- 5 Election of the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE): M. Vandervaart volunteered and elected
- 6 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: NIL
- 7 Approval of the Minutes: March 21, 2023: 1st: J. Inch 2nd: D. Scullion

B. PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of the DM Admin Team: Kevin Timmins, Sam Gualtieri and Randy Pruyn

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING

- [Board By-Laws Policy 100.1](#)
- [Trustee Electronic Meetings \(Board and Committees\) Policy 100.8](#)
Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. September 28, 2023
- [Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy 301.1](#)
- [Community Use of Facilities Policy 800.2](#)
Please submit your feedback to [Anna Pisano](#) by 12:00 p.m. November 1, 2023

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. NCPIC meeting for September was cancelled. No report. Here is the website for information purposes. [niagara-catholic-parent-involvement-council-](#) Next meeting is November 2/23.
2. SEAC is the Special Education Advisory Committee. They met on September 6th.
 - ABA (Applied Behavioural Analysis) presentation.
 - Reviewed goals for the year.
 - Reports from Niagara Children's Centre, Pathstone Mental Health, Down Syndrome Niagara, Autism Ontario, Community Living and Mainstream.

3. Catholic School Council Financial Report. Last year, CSC was able to support Pilgrimage, Grad Breakfast and 10 scholarships totaling \$2500. The money was raised from the used uniform sale and Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser.
 - Used uniform sale this year raised \$3600
 - Current balance \$3737

4. Principal's School Information Report
 - Enrolment is up about 50 students. DM is a preferred destination.
 - Gr. 9 Orientation Day/Used Uniform Sale
 - Weekly mass 7:40 am on Wednesdays, opening school mass, monthly mass, Gr. 9 and Grad Retreats
 - Grade level assemblies, fire drills, lockdown drill on Oct 12.
 - Spirit wear days every Tuesday.
 - Academic supports – Study Hall M- T staffed by teachers, Tutoring supports
 - Socio-emotional supports – weekly success meetings, Chaplain, CYW, School Nurse, CASON, Social Worker, Student Services
 - Spirit Wear every Tuesday / Out of Uniform last Friday of the month.
 - Run for the cure – Pink Shirt for Mrs. Leighton Oct 5th
 - Orange Shirt Day – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Recognized on Sept 29th
 - Construction Update:
 - Roof is complete
 - Small Gym – High Performance Centre - New Year
 - Large Gym – Makeover (doors, paint, acoustic panels, branding) , new storage rooms, new tech and tech hub, new automated divider curtain.
 - Co-curricular Program:
 - Grape and Wine Parade – Cheer, Band, Choir
 - Football, Cross-country, Golf, Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball
 - Students' Council, Prefects, PAC, Wellness Warriors, Cheer, Dance, Art, Drama, Music, etc
 - ROC Card Fundraiser rousing success.
 - Meeting with grads to overview pathways planning.
 - University and College presentations.
 - Picture Day – Proofs have been sent home with ordering details. Picture retake day is Oct. 11.
 - Chartwells – New Cafeteria Service Provider 7:30 am – 1 pm M-F
 - Breakfast Club - Very well utilized snack program
 - St. Julia Church and CWL helped in May when NNP ran out of money.
 - Partnership with CWL to support their pop can tab campaign.
 - St. Julia Parish
 - RCIA open house tonight for those converting to Catholicism.
 - Bible Study Wednesdays 7 pm – 8 pm.

E. OAPCE REPORT: NIL

Here is the website for OAPCE related activities. <https://niagara.oapce.org/>

F. STAFF REPORT: Mrs. Ostaszewicz sends her regrets Covered in Principal's report

G. STUDENT REPORT: Kennady Forster & Allison Garcia

- The students are very excited about the ROC card. It sells for \$30. To date they've had 397 sales! Some of the perks include 4 free out-of-uniform days, 2 free dance entries, monthly draws for various gift cards, those in grades 9 and 10 get a free T-shirt and those in grades 11 and 12 get \$10 off semi ticket.
- There is a school dance on Thursday (ROC card users get in for free) or students can buy tickets. Hollywood Dance is the theme.
- Food truck day is Thursday October 19/23.
- There is a Halloween School dance taking place on Thursday October 26/23

H. OLD BUSINESS: NIL

I. NEW BUSINESS: K. Timmins

1. Discussion around possibility of doing a Cobs Bread Fundraiser. From the group, it appears to be a very successful fundraiser, with little to no planning required. Those interested purchase a \$25 card and receive a free loaf of bread per month. We would be able to use the school cash on line for something like this, much like we did for Krispy Kreme. Marisa to reach out to get some details and see if opportunities are still available for this year.

J. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETING

Start thinking about how to use funds available in the Parent Engagement Fund - \$500 available. Last year the school hosted a few different workshops and it was well attended. A mechanism to apply for an additional \$1000 exists, which could allow for the opportunity for a really dynamic guest speaker. If you have any ideas, send them in via email and "reply all" to the group.

K. Next Meeting:

- November 21, 2023.

L. CLOSING PRAYER

- Chaplain Patricia

M. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:15pm