



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

September 29, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council, held on September 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Adele Filice – Adele read the Land Acknowledgement

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Michelle Lepine

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Secretary/Treasurer	Adele Filice	√		
Chair				
Vice-Chair	Kate Hingston	√		
Teacher Representative	Erin Farkas	√		
Non-Teaching Representative	Jo anne Vinc	√		
Student Representative				
Parish Representative				
Community Representative				
OAPCE Representative				
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Holly Mundula				√
Stacey Pollard-Cecchini		√		
Joel Bryant				√
Karen Baker-Hendle		√		
Wilhemina Betts Deke		√		
Colette Williams				√
Eileen Pillitteri				√
Joelle Grech				√
Krystal Gill		√		
Carrie Bowman		√		
Courtney Cusick				√

- **Review of HC Bylaw #3**
 - Names will be removed and revised Bylaws will be emailed
 - Membership – Adele went over eligibility of membership
 - Quorum – majority needed for voting purposes
- **Elections**
 - Chair – Kate Hingston
 - Vice Chair
 - Recording Secretary – Jo anne Vinc

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion – Kate Hingston
 Seconded – Stacey Pollard
 CARRIED

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion – Erin Farkas
 Seconded – Wilhemina Betts Deke
 CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Conflict Interest**

No disclosures of conflict of interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

B. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- Introductions
- Virtual Meeting Overview

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report – no report
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Adele is on the committee – have not yet met, no report
3. Catholic School Council Financial Report – Jo anne Vinc – Balance forward \$883.73
 Used Uniform Sale - \$435.00 New Balance - \$1318.73
4. Principal's School Information Report
 - Sign outside has been wrapped and looks great
 - We now have 2 superintendents – one for Family of Schools – Leanne Forsyth-Sells and an associate superintendent – Joseph Zaroda. Joe is a former principal of Holy Cross.
 - Staff – we have 43 teachers, 1.5 guidance, .5 success teacher, 1.5 special education teachers,.67 ESL, 1 chaplain, .5 youth worker
 - Enrolment is currently 610 students with 8 hybrid learning students.
 - Did not do grade level assemblies this year. Admin visited classrooms over the first 1 ½ weeks of school.
 - 1st mass – Livestream from St. Alfred. All classes participated. We are hoping to have students attend mass – split over 2 days if needed
 - Photo day is October 5th
 - Grade 9 Curriculum Night has been cancelled. This was a Board decision. We are hoping that parents reach out to teachers if they have any questions.
 - Our Chaplain, Michelle Lepine has scheduled Grade 9 and 10 retreats for the first 2 weeks of October.
 - Grad retreat has not yet been scheduled. Hopefully in 2nd semester
 - Parent/Teacher interviews – no formal interviews will take place – parents are able to reach out to teachers for a phone call/google meet
 - Larry Maney is our police liason – no major concerns
 - No formal final exams – culminating assessments at end of quadmester

- Grade 9 Open House – possibly virtual TBD
- Grad 2021 – October 9 – Virtual. Andrew Boon hosted a virtual grad in June and this video will be posted for the grad
- We have 2 sections of destreamed math in Semester 2.
- Co-curricular – GSA – Gender Sexuality Alliance Committee – Lisa Bowers a new teacher at Holy Cross will mentor this group if any students are interested.
- NO spectators will be allowed for indoor games. Outdoor – we have 1 Junior Football home game on October 14th. Hoping to hold the game at Kiwanis Field. All Covid-19 protocols will be in effect
- Pilgrimage – has always been held in October but we have been given an opportunity to change the date. We are hoping to move Pilgrimage during Catholic Education Week
- We have just completed the Terry Fox Run – thanks to Mr. Swick for organizing
- We require a student representative for CSC – please email Adele if you know of a student who would be interested.
- Will be sending out a parent survey through school messenger
- School Improvement Plan – we are currently gathering data and will be required to submit in May

D. STAFF REPORT – Erin Farkas

- We have a new Guidance Counsellor- Corey Quinn as Mrs. Thomson retired in June.
- Mr. Quinn and I have been to all grade 12 classes presenting to the students about Post Secondary Planning. We have created a Grade 12 NCVLE that has Post Secondary Information, Events and websites to help students research.
- We also have a NCVLE for grades 9-11 that contains Community Service Information and Post Secondary Planning.
- Mrs. Mercer's Social Justice is running a Food Drive the week before Thanksgiving they will be collecting food items and the week after Thanksgiving they will be collecting other items.

E. STUDENT REPORT

No report

F. OLD BUSINESS

No report

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Kate Hingston – Please let others know the all are welcome to join our meeting
2. Stacey Pollard – students are feeling 2 hour classes very long – would like a break

H. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

I. NEXT MEETING – TBA

J. ADJOURNMENT

K. CLOSING PRAYER