

St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Principal: A. Cacciola

Vice Principal: C. Spotswood

Parent Representatives:

Co-Chair: Nancy Czigli

Secretary: Tammy Estriga

Jacqueline Nadeau, Kelly Sam, Azu Mendoza, Eleanor Ramuscak

Non Teaching Staff Rep: R. Prevost

Teaching Staff: R. Maggio

Meeting Date	November 4 , 2020 (6:30pm-8:00pm)
Next Meeting Date	November 4, 2020 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)
Regrets	E.Fung & E. Raso
Meeting Minutes	
Principal report – November 4, 2020	
In the Area of Catholicity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Thanksgiving/School blessing – October 8 – Blacktop-field area· Grade 8 students receive the sacrament of Confirmation – November 12· Students continue to lead prayers/wellness messages as part of our morning announcements – Virtually Teams platform· Virtue awards and Certificates were distributed to students November 2 – Faith· Virtue Assembly – Grade 8s· Christ Love In Action – Launch – November	
In the Area of Curriculum:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· During the months of September and October our staff used Oral Reading Records, Quick Comprehensive Assessment and the Ontario Comprehension Assessment to assess the reading levels of our students as well as the Ontario Writing Assessment to assess writing· Virtual Curriculum Night – October 7th – thank you to staff/families· Special Education Resource teachers, Administration and classroom teachers are set to plan and review student profiles – Student Success Meetings· Empower Reading Program – Response to Intervention began during the month of October as well as Levelled Literacy intervention and Lexia program· Primary, Junior and Intermediate teachers are part of the MathUp Project Initiative – Licenses distributed· Pathway Presentation – Gr. 8 – October 20· Grade 8 Option sheet presentation – November 3· Annie Miller working with intermediate students and the My Blueprint project - virtually· Grade 8 Night – STA – November 5 – SWAG for our 8s· Progress reports/Communication of Learning going home to families on Nov 24 – Interviews 26 & 27 – Virtual Interviews· Online Registration for French Extended is now available for students in grade 4 – November 9-20	

In the Area of Home School Communication:

- October and November Calendar updated on the school website
- Weekly Updates continue to be emailed to families
- Catholic Council of Charis meeting – November 25
- IB Information Night at STA – October
- Interview scheduling requests will be emailed by homeroom teachers by November 6th

In the Area of Community Building

- Health Snack Bins introduced into the classroom
- Kindergarten Yard game/line painting
- Terry Fox Messages – Team – Bilaver
- Terry Fox Walk – What's Your 40? \$850 – donated to the Terry Fox Foundation – October 9
- Anti-Racism In-Service Session – Spotswood/Monaco – October 22
- Orange/Black Day – October 28
- Pumpkin Patch – October 29
- Halloween Spooktacular October 30
- Remembrance Day Presentation – November 11
- Angel Tree Project – Launch – November/December

In the Area of Health and Safety

- 3 Fire drill October 6th am/pm & 27th – am – cohorts
- Daily site inspections are carried out by the custodian and administration
- EVAC training – EAs & Health and Safety Team – October 16
- Virtual Bus Presentation
- Health & Safety Meeting November 6 – COVID – locker plan

Open Council Positions:

Paresh Rep - Eleanor Ramuscak

OAPCE Rep – Tammy Estriga

Halloween Recap:

-Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners

Kindergarten – Ms Riddell's class- Witch

Primary – Ms. Hecimovic's class – Mom Pumpkin in a bath

Junior – Ms. Bilaver's class – Burger and Fries

Intermediate – Ms. Iannace's class – Olaf

- Each class will get Popcorn and a Movie, will look into supporting local business Film.ca for the popcorn
- Friday Spooktacular, each student received an individually wrapped cookie from Terra Cotta, these were received 1 week in advance – will look into this again for Joy Day in December
- Kids were engaged and it felt like a normal time

Weekday Lunches & HFFT

- Snack bins were distributed to classes, applesauce and granola bars
- 3 weeks worth of food, teachers have access and distribute as needed

Hot Food Lunches

- Superintendents working with Halton Public Health to safely deliver hot lunches

Parking

- Halton Region was on site handing out tickets over 2 days, 15 in total were handed out
- Parking on Warminster, blocking fire routes, blocking driveways and bus routes
- There are only 35 spots on the North Side of the building but @ 60 staff so some do need to park on the south side, thus limited the parent parking for after school pickup
- Mr. Cacciola will start to be seen outside after school to help with traffic flow with another staff, this is a short-term issue but need to ensure safety
- School Committee wasn't listened to in regard to parking when the building was being designed
- Extra bike racks were installed in the back to help accommodate those who ride their bike
- The school will continue to communicate to parents that there should be no lingering after school
- Grade 3 and under the teacher needs to find the parent first before letting the student go, Grades 4 and up the teacher doesn't need to see the parent to dismiss, some teachers still look for parent before dismissing

Christmas

- Angel Tee will take place with request for gift cards, any denomination but stores will be suggested, the students will place an Angel on the tree when the gift card is submitted
- Last year the school helped 45 families within the St. Nicholas Community
- Christmas Shop will not take place this year
- Looking at doing a lead up to Christmas similar to Halloween
- Prayer Service, Festive Friday, Joy Day, Virtual Liturgy
- Christmas Concert – haven't talked yet to staff, will meet with the divisions for ideas. Mr. Cacciola has reached out to other schools but have not heard back on what they are doing

School Blessing/Altar

- Looking at purchasing a farm table to place visuals, advertise virtue's and could be carried into the gym to use as an Altar
- Original Date was October 8th, moved to Catholic Education Week in the Spring
- The Dedication Plaque will be at Door 1

Next Meeting: March 3, 2021 6:30pm