



Catholic School Council

Principal: A. Cacciola

Vice Principal: C. Spotswood

Parent Representatives:

Chair: Nancy Czigli

Secretary: Tammy Estriga

Jacqueline Nadeau, Kelly Sam, Azu Mendoza, Eleanor Ramuscak, Liz Fung, Effie Raso

Non- Teaching Staff Rep: R. Prevost

Teaching Staff: R. Maggio

Meeting Date	May 26, 2020 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)
Next Meeting Date	N/A
Regrets	None

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AGENDA

May 26, 2021

St. Nicholas School – Virtual

6:30 pm

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
6:30 pm	Welcome - Prayer & Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A special welcome to our in-coming Principal Mr. Agro! 	Admin/Chair
6:40 pm	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Chair
6:40 – 7:00 pm	Principal's Report	Mr. Cacciola
7:00 – 7:15 pm	Board of Trustee Motion: Supporting Our Diverse Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 1 Rainbow Day – HCDSB June 14 – Pride Awareness Day – HCDSB 	Mr. Cacciola
7:15 – 7:20 pm	Council of Chairs Meeting Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Council Best Practices Math De-streaming Virtual Schools Best Practices iDare – inclusion, diversity, anti-racism and equity 	Chair
7:20 pm	Questions – Open Item	Admin/Council
7:30 pm	Adjournment – Closing Prayer	All

Our goals for the children this year are:

- A. Keeping them healthy and safe
- B. Creating a sense of community
- C. Maintain their positive mental health – making them feel loved and laughing often
- D. Providing them a quality Catholic Education

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Meeting Minutes

- Introduction to new Principle, Mr. Agro and his goals remain the same as those listed above
 - o He started his teaching career at St. Anne's
 - o Has been the principal at 4 other schools prior to St. Nicholas

1. Principal's Report

- In the Area of Catholicity:
 - o St. Nicholas students continue to lead daily prayers during morning announcements
 - o Sacraments postponed due to Covid
 - o Virtual Stations of the Cross Presentation – Thank you Gr. 8s– April 1
 - o Catholic Education Week May 3-7 - thank you to staff/students/parents
 - o Virtual Walk with Jesus – May 6th
 - o 25 Classroom Crosses were purchased for St. Nicholas
- In the Area of Curriculum:
 - o Technology 75 devices borrowed to support virtual learning
 - o Library visit – Ms. Hinton
 - o Student Success Meetings K-8 – March/April
 - o Professional Activity Day April 23 – Responding to Faith, Hope & Love – Equity and Inclusion Training – St. Nicholas Equity Plan, Equity in My Teaching
 - o HCDSB – Rainbow Day – June – Resource Kit for Staff
 - o HCDSB – Pride Awareness Day – June 14 – Resource Kit for Staff
- In the Area of Home/School Communication:
 - o Community Update emails, monthly calendar, website updates and Twitter
 - o Teachers continue to keep parents informed via email and phone calls
 - o Gr. 7/8 working with Ms. Miller – My BluePrint
 - o New Kindergarten Orientation Video May
- In the Area of Community Building:
 - Rock Your Socks – March 19 – Mrs. Evangelista Gr. 5 – Supporting World Down Syndrome Day
 - April 1 – Student Graduation Photos
 - Author Visit – K to 3 -April 5
 - Admirals Spirit Week April 6-9 – Tropical Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday – Movement Break, Throwback Thursday, Friday PJ
 - STA Grade 7 Day – Virtual Presentation – April 8th
 - Student Award of Excellence – April 26 – Congratulations Sophia R. – postponed
 - FOS – administration met April 29 – LGBTQ2+ & Student Mental Health
 - Wellness Week May 3-7 - Thank you to Mr. McLaughlin & Mrs. Spotswood – Video messages

- Virtual Book Fair May 3-7
 - Dress Loud Day May 14 – Halton Chapter of Deaf & Hard of Hearing
 - St. Nicholas Graduation – Thursday June 24 2021
 - New Playground equipment installed
- In the Area of Safety:
 - Site inspections are conducted by our trained Health and Safety Representative
 - Daily site inspections are conducted by our custodian and school administrator
 - eBase Training April 8th
 - Blinds installed in our Gym and Library
 - Line Painting – Kiss and Ride
 - New Signage for the Kiss and Ride – Please pull up as far as possible
 - Additional Parking available at Kinoak arena to support dismissal
- SGF outlook
 - Salad Cart
 - School Altar
 - St. Nicholas Blessing December 1, 2021
 - New Chromebooks – Is there an option to purchase borrowed devices from the HCDSB
 - X Movement - \$200 deposit
 - Kindergarten Growth – Shelving/Trikes/materials
 - Outdoor nerf equipment
 - Transition Meetings – Gr. 8/STA – May 13

2. Board of Trustee Motion

- June 1st is Rainbow Day and June 14th is Pride Awareness Day
 - Resource kit has been provided to schools with age appropriate learning goals
 - Provides activities, resources, live links
 - 2SLGBTQ will not be used for K-4 as this is not addressed in the curriculum but Pride should be used
 - Teachers will use the resources as they see fit based on their students/families
 - Looking at library resources to ensure they are all inclusive
 - Resources were developed with a group, including 25 students
 - The school will have bright colored signs, “Safe Space”, “You Belong”, banners for D2L
 - Noted that this is a complex and tricky issue for the elementary level

3. Council of Chairs Meeting

- Discussed best practices for council meetings
 - Rotating Secretary
 - Rotating opening/closing prayers
 - Building Community
 - Welcome BBQ
 - Digital binder for Council Activities

- Council Corner in the Weekly Update Newsletter
 - What's happening/Quote
- Possible Community engagement events
 - Welcome BBQ
 - Breakfast with Santa
- De-streaming of Math at the High School level
 - No curriculum yet
 - From Elementary to High School all students will go into general classroom
 - Grade 11 is the split to Applied
- iDare Presentation
 - safe school team will be a big part next year

4. Questions - Open Items

- No agendas have been purchased for next year, will remain digital on D2L
- Nutritional Room and Salad cart are finished and ready to go in September
- 573 students for September
 - Will be getting 3-4 portables next to the back garage on the blacktop and grass area
 - Opening a 5th Kindergarten room (currently 50% full)
 - Will need to put some money into Kindergarten program
 - ½ of the storage garage at the back will be used for Kindergarten storage of trikes, etc. will need to purchase shelving
- Uses for school generated funds for September
 - Altar in Atrium was not finished
 - New Nerf equipment – basketball nets have been installed on blacktop
 - School Blessing – moved to Dec 1/21
 - Bishop has been booked and will also bless the classroom crosses
 - Will need a committee to organize
 - Edge Photography will be onsite
 - Memory Book will be in the learnings common
 - Will need to replace some Chrome books due to wear and tear
 - \$200 deposit was paid to X-movement for community building event
- What are we doing for the kids [falling](#) behind?
 - Reading intervention, small group instruction, one on one
 - Mpower reading program with Ms. Tyler
 - Board has asked administration what they need
 - Step 1 is to get the kids into the building and feeling safe – focus on mental health
 - Step 2 is Tier 1 level teaching strategies
 - Looming strike is bad timing, this does nothing to help with the student's mental health
- Grade 7 and 8's are not adequately being prepared for the amount of homework they get in Grade 9, especially in Math and it is a shock for them in Grade 9
 - Board has a homework guideline document
 - Homework needs to be purposeful
 - When kids are in school they are being taught and learning
 - When kids are home they are spending time with the family

5. Reiteration of Parking Lot Rules

- Line painting at Kiss and Ride
- New signage
- Directional Arrows
- White cross line at the medians instead of using pylons
- Agreement with the Town to park at Kinoak

As student safety is our priority it is important to practice extra patience in our parking lot/kiss n ride area. Please adhere to our school rules and expectations to ensure everyone's safety.

1. Please follow all vehicles through our parking lot.
2. Please do not make a U-turn in the parking lot.
3. Please do not park along any median, including across from the Kindergarten play yard.
4. Please use the outlined yellow Kiss n Ride area to drop off your student – remember to pull up as far as possible.
5. If you are parking for any reason during the drop off, we encourage you to use all available parking spaces, please do not park in the Kiss n Ride lane.
6. Patience is important on school property. Our school busses arrive at various times during the morning which can slow vehicles entering/exiting our Kiss n Ride.
7. At the end of the day if you are waiting in the Kiss n Ride please pull up as much as you can to allow for more cars
8. Please do not stop in the live traffic lane, this disrupts the flow and prevents others from leaving
9. If you cannot find a spot to park, please exit and come back in, a spot will open up
10. Finally, please remember this is a short-term problem - safety is key and plan your arrival accordingly.

Prayer to End a School Year

God of wisdom,

We thank You for all the gifts You have given us throughout this school year.

We praise You for giving us life, for saving us in Christ and for choosing us to be Your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things You have done in us, and we praise You for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask You to bless them in Your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise You, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Source: Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers/Revised Ed