



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
SAINT PAUL HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 8th, 2022.
Saint Paul School Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Saint Paul High School Catholic School Council, held on November 8th, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chair Mary Carlesso.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Land Acknowledgement and opening prayer was led by Lou Stranges.

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal/Vice-Principal	Lou Stranges- Principal John Markovich – Vice Principal	O	E	
Chair – Secretary	Mary Carlesso*	O		
Teacher Representative	Mauro Angrilli	O		
Student Representative	Stefan Candeloro	O		
Parish Representative	Lynne Orr		E	
OAPCE and NCPIC Representative	Alexandria Attree*	O		
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Erin Clark			E	
Lisa Caruso		O		
Frank Caruso		O		
Sonia Craig			E	
Jose Evangelista			E	
Amanda Leon		O		
Robyn Pearson		O		
Kelly Catalfamo				A
Diana Scott		O		
Julie Bateman		O		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Robyn P. and Seconded by Julie B.

THAT the SPHS Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the SPHS Catholic School Council Meeting of November 8th, 2022.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes of the Saint Paul High School Catholic School Council Meeting of September 20th, 2022.

Moved by Alex A. and seconded by Amanda L.

THAT SPHS Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the SPHS Catholic School Council Meeting of September 20th, 2022 as presented. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the spchs.ca website.

CARRIED

B. REPORTS;

1)- Chair Report – Mary Carlesso

Saint Paul Catholic School Council is to help support a communication link between church, home and school. My role as Chair will be to keep you informed primarily on the Board Policies allowing you to actively participate in making recommendations.

NCDSB website, under the title “BOARD” – Governance Policies, By Laws, Administrative Operational Procedures, Protocols and Procedures = is where we find the Governance Policy Vetting.

I will forward the emails with the information as they become available.

List of CSC Parent Members to be updated on SPCHS.ca website for the 2022-2023 school year.

CSC Bylaws that were circulated were asked for Council Approval. Moved by Alex A. and seconded by Julie B.

2)- Student Report – Stefan Candeloro

October:

- The **pilgrimage** was a great success. It ran very smoothly with the new format we tried, the school raised nearly \$14,000 in funds for Haiti.

- **Halloween Week** was an awesome success. The students had a lot of fun. We did a school-wide sticker scavenger hunt, Halloween trivia, a Halloween basket raffle, a costume contest and a pumpkin contest. The winning class got a box of donuts.

- **Patriot Pit Lounge** is finished. A lot of hard work went into that room, and it was fully done by student council members. * The criteria is located on the website for reference.

Coming UP (November):

- **SEMI:** We are in full swing preparing for our Semi-formal. It will be on Dec 2nd, doors open at 5pm, at John Michaels Banquet Hall.

Tickets are going on sale on the 14th. It is going to be red carpet Hollywood premiere themed.

- **Plaid Week** Nov 21-24th, the 24th, everyone is encouraged to wear plaid to support mental health and suicide prevention. Throughout the week student council is going to run informative activities.

- **Saint Paul Open House NOV 23rd-** Student Council is going to have a board set up and some student reps will speak to incoming students.

Funding Initiatives:

- Nov 24th is going to be a hot cocoa and cookie sale day... it will be free for PPP program members and \$2 for students who do not have.
- Additional out-of-uniform days, again free for PPP but students without can pay to come out of uniform.

3)-NCPIC and SEAC Report – Alex Attree

-NCPIC

- Had their swearing in meeting, elected co-chairs and elected a new Regional Director of OAPSE, Mr. Ian Woods.
- Discussed Fr. Paul's connections newsletter and how we will pass it along to the members.

-SEAC:

-Ready, willing and able – great organization that advocates for those who have a disability to gain fair and gainful employment. They work with many large businesses and are always looking for employers to join.

- The 2 goals for this year are;

1. Improve transitions for all students into school 1st time around (elementary into secondary and secondary into post-secondary).

2. Improve and promote access to knowledge of success outside of the school board and organizations including professionals and government funding options.

- Belief is 'People Helping People Achieve'. We are all equal, we all deserve to have opportunities, we should not feel alone. They would love to expand their membership.

OAPCE: Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education – The website is filled with lots of awesome information for parents strengthening their relationship with our faith.

4) - Parish Report- Lynne Orr

Our Lady of the Scapular Parish invites staff, parents and students to participate in the life of the parish. Strengthen your relationship with Jesus, Our Saviour, by frequenting the sacraments, especially Reconciliation (confession) and Eucharist (at Mass).

Mass times: Saturdays @ 5pm and Sundays at 8am, 9:30 and 11am.

Please encourage your teens to attend; invite them to come with you. And remind them they can go to a different Mass, if their work or sports conflict with when the rest of the family is going.

Weekly bulletin : Sign up to receive parish news by email:

<https://www.ourladyofthescapular.net/bulletin-news>

Highlights from this week's bulletin:

1. Welcome to Father Michael Basque, newly assigned Pastor to Our Lady of the Scapular Parish. He has come from Holy Rosary Parish in Thorold, where Fr. Jose Karikompil was recently appointed to assist with the Italian language Masses offered there. We are pleased to have Fr. Michael here to serve our parish community!

2. Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, our parish Book of Remembrance will be on display. This book contains the names of those who have died and were buried through our Parish since November 2021. If you would like to include the names of deceased loved ones, you wish to be remembered at the November masses please complete an envelope (located in the church) and clearly PRINT their names. We will be receiving names for the book up until Sunday, November 13 with the final update to the book taking place on Monday, November 14.

3. Adult Faith Formation: RCIA

Christians seeking baptism, baptized non-Catholics wanting to be received into the Church, and Catholics who simply want to know more about your faith,... you are invited to join our adult catechesis for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) . To register, please visit our website or contact the office. Sessions take place every Tuesday immediately following the 7pm Mass in the Ferrando Room. If you are interested in helping facilitate these sessions, please contact Fr. Daniel at fr.daniel@scapular.ca

4. Many prayer groups invite you to increase your devotion to God through community prayer and socials: The Holy name Society (men, 3rd Sundays at 8am), The Catholic Women's League, the Legion of Mary, Queen of Angels Cenacles, and so many more. See the bulletin for details.

5. And don't miss Fr Daniel's Gospel message each week in his "Lion's Den" section of the bulletin. This week, **Worth Dying For: The Resurrection of the Dead**, from 2 Maccabees 7: 1-42 is worth a read!

5) Staff Report – M. Angrilli

Sports:

- The Fall sports season is coming to a conclusion.
 - Sr. Girls Basketball played Holy Cross today in semi-final action;
 - Jr. Girls Basketball plays on Thurs.; playoffs begin next week;
 - Sr. Football team, who had a successful season finishing 3rd, play on Thurs. vs. Saint Michael in a Jamboree format;
 - Sr. Boys Volleyball played today vs. S.F. in semi-final action;
 - Jr. Boys Volleyball will host Saint Francis in NCAA final; date t.b.d.
- The Winter sports season is starting up. Sports include Hockey, Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Swimming, and Curling. Schedules to be posted soon.
- Schedules and results can be found on the board's N.C.A.A. website (<http://www.ncaa.ca/>).

Co-curriculars:

- The Robotics Club is gearing up for the board-wide competition at Holy Cross on Dec. 8; they currently have 3 groups (4 students per) creating their own robot; if they do well at this completion, the club will be looking at entering VEX, a province-wide completion held in Mississauga on Dec. 17 (which leads to a national completion in Halifax, which in turn leads to a world-wide completion in Beijing); if any groups make it to the VEX competition, they are looking at funding options and opportunities to help offset costs.
- S.P. is hosting our feeder school girls junior soccer tournament; it was scheduled for today but will be re-scheduled; our Athletic Council will be moderating the event.
- The music department has been diligently rehearsing for upcoming events including The Santa Clause Parade (Sat. Nov. 12), Christmas Roadshow (Dec. 15 and 16), and Open House (Wed. Nov. 23).
- For Halloween, The Key Club made and delivered candy packages (treat bags and balloons filled with candy) to residents of Women's Place of South Niagara.

Spec. Ed:

- The Spec. Ed. Room. Students are integrated and doing great things in a variety of classes including Construction, Physical Education, Food and Nutrition, Art, Technology and Math.
- On Thursday Nov. 4, the Spec. Ed. students made several pizzas in class as a group project.

- The class has been participating in and enjoying an interactive music program called “Niagara Catholic ROCKS with Mendelt!”).
- The class has entered two unified teams in the Special Olympics Ontario basketball qualifiers, which will be held on Fri. Dec. 16 at Thorold High School.

6) Principal Report – L. Stranges

We have hit the Midterm point of Semester 1. It has been an action packed start to the school year with so many activities and events that bring so much energy and life to the school. From the colour wars pep rally, to the 1st Annual Fred Girardo Cup Memorial Football game to our Muskoka Woods Patriot Camp and so many more, we have created so many memories for our students and staff.

On Friday, October 28th our annual Pilgrimage campaign culminated with our Pilgrimage Mass and Walk. Our school community raised over \$12000 to support our brothers and sisters in Milot, Haiti. The entire student body participated in the mass and approx. 250 students walked the pilgrimage.

Midterm reports will be available on the Parent Portal during the week of November 18th. Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held on Wed. Nov. 16th from 3 – 6pm in the Gymnasium and the Cafeteria. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to meeting with their child’s classroom teachers to get updated on progress and achievement in all subject areas. Appointments are to be made online through the online registration portal which is available on our website. The link to the portal will also be sent through an email to the parent community during the week of Nov. 6th.

Our Patriot Mentorship team under the leadership of Mr. Keighan, Mrs. DiCarlo Mclean, Mr. Candeloro and Chaplain Paul participated in a 3 Day Leadership Camp at Muskoka Woods. Over 150 Gr. 8 students from 7 of our feeder schools joined our team in Muskoka for an energy filled, spirited excursion loaded with activities and opportunities to make connections. A special thank you to our Elementary School principals, teachers and chaperones who were so supportive of this transition activity.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary that Saint Paul opened its doors to families living in the North end of Niagara Falls. Our 40th Anniversary Committee chaired by Mr. Tropea has been busy posting photos/videos promoting our Celebration on Nov. 18th at the School. Tickets are available on school cash online. Avenue Inn (STP Alum) will be the house band and it will be a licensed event. The evening starts at 7pm and ends at 11pm. Our Staff and students are looking forward to our Gr. 8 Open House on November 23rd starting at 6:30pm. This will be our first opportunity in 3 years to showcase all the wonderful things that make Saint Paul such a special high school.

As we approach the Advent season, we are gearing up for another Christmas Basket Campaign. It is our school’s opportunity to make a difference in our local community. Also, our annual Christmas Roadshow is scheduled for Dec. 15 and 16th. 2 day shows (Gr. 7 classes) and 2 night shows are scheduled. Tickets will be available for purchase in the next few weeks.

Finally, I would like to share some preliminary EQAO data from the 2021-22 school year with respect to the Gr. 9 Mathematics and Gr. 10 Literacy Test. This data is based on 1st time Eligible participating students. Our participating Gr. 9 Math result was 77%. This means that 77% of our students achieved Level 3 or better. This exceeded the board average of 58% and the provincial average of 52.3%

With respect to our 2021-22 First Time Eligible Literacy Test writers, Saint Paul students achieved an 84.7% success rate, outperforming the board and provincial averages as well. Coming off 2 years of school closures and remote learning and although we are always looking at ways to improve student achievement, we are very proud of our results.

C. OPEN DISCUSSION –

Robyn P.: Question to Student Council President: How do kids find out what is going on?

Stefan C.: QR codes around the school for all sports, tryouts, music, clubs etc.. Listening to the announcements. Postings on social media apps. Also, a white board in the cafeteria that lists all of the events happening for the entire month.

Alexandria A.: EQAO is done at the end of the semester- with the AP Program, how does it work for them?

Lou S.: A: They would also have to do it too.

Julie B.: Q: Wanted to confirm what was a requirement, grade 9 math or grade 10 literacy test?

Lou S.: A: Grade 9 , not a requirement, but the grade 10 literacy test is a grad requirement.

Robyn P.: Q: How many students did write the grade 9 math EQAO to achieve those results?

Lou S.: A: The Math was written in 3 groups, totaling 50 students, none were exempted.

Diana S.: Q: Asked about the evening University Fairs where they come set up all at once for students to attend.

Lou S.: A: The evening University Fair as we once had no longer exists anymore. Universities now come on different days and students need to sign up to attend. i.e. Western University was here today and only 3 students in attendance.

These University presentations are mentioned in the morning announcements, and around the school. Students need to sign up. Also found on the school website calendar. www.spchs.ca

D. NEXT MEETING DATE;

- **Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 @ 6.00pm Saint Paul School Library.**

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E. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Mary Carlesso.

F. ADJOURNMENT

That the November 8th, 2022, meeting of the SPHS Catholic School Council be adjourned. Moved by Lisa C. and seconded by Mary C.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.