



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.  
Saint Paul School Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Saint Paul High School Catholic School Council, held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm 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	O		
OAPCE and NCPIC Representative	Alexandria Attree*	O		
PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERS				
Erin Clark		O		
Lisa Caruso		O		
Frank Caruso		O		
Sonia Craig		O		
Jose Evangelista			E	
Amanda Leon		O		
Robyn Pearson		O		
Kelly Catalfamo		O		
Diana Scott		O		
Julie Bateman		O		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Erin C. and Seconded by Alexandria A.

**THAT** the SPHS Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the SPHS Catholic School Council Meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes of the Saint Paul High School Catholic School Council Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Moved by Lisa C. and seconded by Erin C.

**THAT** SPHS Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the SPHS Catholic School Council Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the spchs.ca website.

**CARRIED**

**B. CHAIR ELECTIONS:**

Nominations and Volunteers were asked from the group for the position of Chair. Past Chair, Mary Carlesso volunteered to continue the position. Mary Carlesso\* was re-elected as Chair for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved by Lisa C. and seconded by Erin C.

**CARRIED**

**C. Volunteer for Secretary:**

Volunteers were asked from the group for the position of Secretary, Mary Carlesso volunteered to continue the position as CSC Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year.

**D. Volunteer for OAPCE and NCPIC:**

Volunteers were asked from the group for the position of OAPCE and NCPIC, Alexandria\* A. volunteered for the position.

**E. 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.

2)- Student Report – Stefan Candeloro

Current Student Council Reoccurring Initiatives

- Right now, Student Council is running Trivia Tuesdays every morning before class on Tuesdays; they are also providing weekly food trucks to replace the lack of the cafeteria and just started a school Tik Tok account to connect to the students.
- Student Council is ramping up to kick off Pilgrimage this October.
- Orange Shirt Day is on September 30th, and students are encouraged to wear orange. Student Council will also be painting parts of the sidewalks in orange to show support.

### Some of the Big Initiatives

- Grade 9 Day- Aug 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Included inflatables, a dunk tank, Q&A sessions, and time for grade nines to get comfortable with the school
- Semi Formal on Dec 2/22
- Upcoming Spring Patriot Palooza Carnival

### Big Funding

- Rolling out the PPP (Patriots Perks Program)- will include perks such as; out-of-uniform days, discounts on semis, and surprises.
- Pizza Days, Cookie sale days, in the cafeteria to come.
- Popcorn fundraiser in Winter/Spring

### **3)- 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 and Eucharist.

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

Please encourage your teens to attend; continue to invite them to come with you. Remind them to choose a different Mass to attend, if their work or sports conflict with when the family is going.

**Weekly bulletin:** Sign up to receive them by email:

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

### **Highlights from this week's bulletin:**

1. Welcome to Father Jose Karikompil, newly assigned Pastor to Our Lady of the Scapular Parish.
  2. Welcome to Father Daniel Corso, assistant priest and newly ordained, in May 2022.
  3. Volunteers still needed – if interested please contact the church office. 905-358-7611 ext.211 We are especially looking for \* young men to altar serve, and \* young women for our choir
  4. RCIA info night is Tuesday Oct. 4 following the 7pm Mass. All welcome – those who are new or who wish to “renew” their faith.
  5. An Outdoor Rosary will be prayed on **Saturday October 15th at NOON**, for the anniversary of Fatima. All are invited near the grotto at Scapular. Over 14,000 such groups will be praying throughout North America at the same time, for our families, our country and the world!
  6. Adoration is open 24/7 – just ask at the office for the security code if you plan to go during evening hours. Jesus is always waiting in the tabernacle for you to visit and pray. The chapel library offers hundreds of inspiring Catholic books to sign out and enjoy at home.
- Strive to become a Saint, who **MARCHES** into Heaven one day.

Adopt a new spiritual practice:

**Mass every Sunday** (an obligation, and a blessing)

**Adoration, rosary or chaplet** (Pray every day)

**Read scripture each day** (Old or New Testament)

**Confession**, once a month

**Humility** - the foundational virtue, the direct antidote to pride

**Evangelize** – witness to others; your faith is for sharing

**Spiritual reading** – continually learning & loving God more

Re: <https://youtu.be/xY8o49jHR6w> (1min:38)

#### **4) Staff Report – M. Angrilli**

##### **Sports:**

- The Fall sports season is under way – sports include Football, Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball, Cross Country, Tennis, and Golf. Our zone Senior Tennis tournament was today at the Welland Tennis Club. Senior football begins this Friday at home vs. Blessed Trinity at 7:00. Our junior football team also begins their season on Friday at home vs. Saint Francis at 5:00 in the Fred Girardo Cup Game.
- Schedules and results can be found on the board’s N.C.A.A. website (<http://www.ncaa.ca/>).

##### **Co-curriculars:**

- The cheerleading squad is picked and we are excited to cheer at not only our first game but the Fred Girardo Memorial Game.
- The music department is pleased to note that regularly scheduled rehearsals and practices are fully up and running since Covid restrictions have been lifted! Practicing groups include vocal ensemble (Tuesdays), rock ensemble (Wednesdays), concert band and drumline (Thursdays). They are currently practicing for several upcoming events including the Fred Girardo Memorial game, curriculum night, opening school mass, Grade 8 open house, Santa Claus parade, and the Christmas Roadshow.
- The Key Club had it first meeting yesterday and is planning its events. They are discussing some fundraising options including a carwash and bake sale.
- Saint Paul will be hosting and moderating our feeder schools boys and girls Senior Elementary Soccer tournaments on Sept. 28-29.

##### **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.
- There will be a number of activities, events and opportunities for these students to participate in during the school year (such as the 35-session program “Niagara Catholic ROCKS with Mendel!”); there will be more information as these events are offered and planned.

#### **5) Principal Report – L. Stranges**

##### Catholic School Council – September 2022 Principal’s Report

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time since September 2019, we had a fairly regular start to the school year with a 4 period day and a full co-curricular program. 2022 marks a special year for Saint Paul as it has been 40 years since we have opened our doors.

We had several new registrations over the summer with our school’s population hovering at approximately 670 students. Our largest cohort is our Gr. 9 class with 182 students! We several new staff members due to retirements and an increase in enrolment. Mme Oreskovich, Mr. Capretta and Mr. Degano have all retired and we miss their presence greatly but it’s great to see some new faces at Saint Paul – Mr. Quaranta – EA, Chaplain Paul McGuire and teachers Mr. Hladich, Ms. Almeida, Mr. Lostracco, Mr. Mannella, Mr. Rondinelli, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Seca and Mr. Doodeman.

Unfortunately, cafeteria food services are still not in place. The board has put out a proposal for potential vendors for bidding. Timeline for cafeteria service to continue is still unknown. We will continue to have food trucks/pizza days at least once a week. In addition, we have added to vending machines in our cafeteria area as well.

Pilgrimage - we will be running our annual Pilgrimage this year supporting our brothers and sisters in Haiti. After a couple years of “different versions” of Pilgrimage, we will be holding a traditional Pilgrimage on the last Sunday in October. The walk will be approx. 8 km and students will receive community service hours for raising funds and walking. We will finalize plans and roll out to the student through our student lead Pilgrimage committee during the 1<sup>st</sup> couple weeks in October.

Chaplain Paul has been busy preparing for our Grade Level retreats. Gr. 9 retreats will be happening this week while the gr. 12 retreat will take place in the spring. We are also looking forward to our first school mass on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Scapular Church.

There are many unique components to curriculum delivery at Saint Paul. To begin our French Immersion Program is now available to Gr. 9 and 10 students. Also, the Advanced Placement (AP Prep) program has started in our Gr. 9 classes in English, Geography, Mathematics and Science. This program complements the ministry driven destreamed program in Grade 9.

For the first time since 2019, we will be welcoming our parent community to our Grade 9 Curriculum Night on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents will have an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of their child's steps as they visit with their classroom teachers. Teachers will provide a brief but descriptive outline of the Grade 9 program specific to the subject. We will also be planning for a traditional in-person Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Midterm of Semester 1. This will likely be sometime during the middle of November.

## **F. OPEN DISCUSSION –**

Julie Q: Do the students attend the grade 9 curriculum night?

Lou S. A: The student can come but they don't have too.

Alexandria A: Asking if the non-phys ed or social climate clubs have started?

Lou S. A: Yes, many clubs have commenced including key club, chess club, student council junior elections, climate committee, music and vocal clubs. Lou stressed that students and parents should follow social media posts on Instagram or Facebook.

Frank C. Q: Inquired if Saint Paul would be partnering with Saint Michael's for Pilgrimage.

Lou S. A: Every High school withing NCDSB will be having their own Pilgrimage Mass and walk.

Frank C.: Inquired is Culinary could provide the food for students?

Lou S. A: Saint Paul Culinary does not have a chef or a typical period culinary class. There are nutritional options in the vending machines, milk, OJ, and many snack options.

Frank C. Q: In regard to the EQAO, has that returned to normal, pre covid?

Lou S. A: The literacy test is now strickly electronic, the previous pen and paper option is no longer available. The grade 9 Nath EQAO is all done online. And a diploma requirement for both, have to pass. There are two sittings, one in November and the other in the spring, based on the English class placement for grade 10. The grade 9 EQAO is at the end of their math course, not a diploma requirement but students still have to take the test.

Diana S. Q: Why were students unable to take the core French in the intensive French program?

Lou S. A: In the senior years students have to make a decision and cannot take all at once. In February when class selections are made, this is what drives the enrollments for the classes offered. A complication is the e-Learning courses are expanding. Students need to complete at least 2 e-Learning courses or opt out to graduate. Senior level courses are completed in grade 11 and 12 and summer counts.

Sonia C. Q: Are all subjects offered in e-Learning?

Lou S. A: No, e-Learning courses are very selective. There are approximately 18 e-Learn courses available.

Lisa C. Q: Are the e-Learning course selection on the enrollment sheet?

Lou S. A: Yes, enrollment would still dictate if courses ran.

Diana S. Q: Is there still an afterschool tutoring program?

Lou S. A: Previously the tutor would get 2% on math grade after so many tutoring hours. School board has discontinued ‘tutor for marks’ due to inequity within the schools. However, the school still promotes tutoring amongst students for Christian hours.

Diana S. Q: When do the post-secondary presentations start?

Lou S. A: These are mentioned in the morning announcements, and around the school – for example Waterloo presentation is tomorrow, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Students need to sign up. Also on the school website calendar. [www.spchs.ca](http://www.spchs.ca)

#### **G. NEXT MEETING DATE;**

- **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00pm Saint Paul School Library.**

-

#### **H. Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Mary Carlesso.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

That the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting of the SPSHS Catholic School Council be adjourned. Moved by Lisa C. and seconded by Mary C.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.