



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
Saint Paul School Library**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Saint Paul High School Catholic School Council, held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm 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	O		
Chair – Secretary	Mary Carlesso*	O		
Teacher Representative	Mauro Angrilli	O		
Student Representative	Stefan Candeloro		E	
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			E	
Jose Evangelista			E	
Amanda Leon			E	
Robyn Pearson			E	
Kelly Catalfamo				A
Diana Scott		O		
Julie Bateman			E	

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Alex A. and Seconded by Erin C.

**THAT** the SPHS Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the SPHS Catholic School Council Meeting of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Saint Paul High School Catholic School Council Meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Moved by Alex A. and seconded by Lynne O.

**THAT** SPHS Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the SPHS Catholic School Council Meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- Pupil Accommodation Review policy 701.2

Feedback due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

- Bottled Water Policy 701.5
- Environmental Stewardship Policy 400.6
- Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Policy (new)
- School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy 500.1
- Student Senate – Elementary Policy 100.6.2
- Student Senate – Secondary Policy 100.6.1

All feedback due by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**2)- Student Report – Stefan Candeloro presented by L. Stranges**

- Student Council major fundraiser will be selling bags of quality popcorn, to take place before March Break, run for 2 weeks and orders to be placed thru cash online.
- Spirit week to take place late march, early Spring.
- Annual student leadership symposium at the end of April.
- Elections for the new student council is to take place early-mid April.
- Student Council also raise funds from pizza day Fridays and once weather permitting, food truck Fridays too.

**3)-NCPIC and SEAC Report – Alex Attree**

-NCPIC :

- They will be eliminating level readers at the elementary schools.
- Looking to review the 2023-2024 school calendar

- Next meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm, all are welcome to attend.

-SEAC:

- There are 2 student senates on SAEC and 1 representative is from Saint Paul High School!
- Saint Paul is hosting a formal dance on April 20<sup>th</sup>
- The Niagara Children Centre has a long wait list and SAEC is helping with the programming to help with the wait list. Check out their new website.
- Autism Ontario – teaming up to centralize SAEC news for all.

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.

\*\* Not too late to register for guest speaker Miguel Martinez, Life Coach MTC Life. (January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting changed to February 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **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).

Do you know “**The Weight of a Mass**”?

Treat yourself to a short video story based on *an actual miracle*: <https://youtu.be/ICDdm-NqtoQ>

**Mass times: Saturdays:** 5pm or **Sundays** at 8:00 am, 9:30 and 11:00 am.

Please encourage your teens to attend Mass each Sunday; invite them to come with you. See diocesan website for other parish Mass times. [www.saintcd.com](http://www.saintcd.com)

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

#### **Parish Highlights:**

1. Fr Michael and Fr Daniel have begun a dedicated schedule of offering Masses in the schools. This helps students to get re-acquainted with the Mass and receiving the Eucharist, as well as hearing the Gospel proclaimed more often. All students can attend Mass at least twice a month now, and are already showing improved familiarity with Mass responses, and reverence when receiving Jesus at Communion. Parents are encouraged to also bring them to Sunday Mass, since a parent's commitment is still the biggest influence on a child's faith.

2. Our 2 priests also attended a new initiative in one of our schools – a Family Prayer Revival Event was held at Mary Ward on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, after school. Children who attended with a family member enjoyed a variety of interactive activities (including “Family Feud”) that highlighted the importance of faith, prayer, Mass and the rosary. The games, prizes and discussions hopefully inspired attendees to adopt more prayer habits as a family. With a handful of volunteers, a similar event could be put on at our own school, too!

3. See “The Lion's Den” <https://www.scapular.ca/blog> where you can read weekly messages from Fr Daniel, often related to Sunday's Gospel. (this week - <https://www.scapular.ca/post/ beholdthe-lamb>)

4. You are invited to sign up with other parishioners to a “Catechism-In-A-Year” study. This is an online daily walk through the Catechism beginning January 1; but it's not too late to sign up. It runs similar to the “Bible in a Year” study, with a podcast sent to you daily, where you can listen to a reading and explanation by the host priest (Fr Michael Schmit).

5. “40 Days for Life” begins on Wed Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> (Ash Wednesday) and runs the 40 days of Lent.

Come be a silent witness, during any hour of the day (8am – 8pm) in front of the GNGH, praying for the dignity and safety of all unborn children.

6. Please pray for each of the children making a sacrament this year, and their families. First Reconciliation is in February, and First Communions and Confirmations are in April.

7. Fr Michael is looking for new members in all “assistance” ministries, including those who assist at Mass (readers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters) and those who assist in our community (St Vincent de Paul, Out of the Cold, CWL, Legion of Mary, Holy Name, Knights of Columbus, etc). Please phone the office (905-358-7611) or talk to a parishioner in that ministry if you would be generous enough to share your time and talent. Training available.

8. Our Adoration chapel still offers you a quiet place to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Hourly prayer spots are still available, for those who can keep Jesus company in prayer for one hour a week, at the same time & day each week. If not, then please drop in anytime for even just a few minutes. “Time spent in Adoration with Our Lord is the best time you could ever spend” - Mother Teresa of Calcutta. (refer to the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Schedule attached)

### **5) Staff Report – M. Angrilli**

#### **Sports:**

- The Winter sports season is up and running. Highlights include:
  - Boys Hockey team will likely qualify for the playoffs which begin in mid-Feb.
  - Boys Sr. Basketball team is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in AA loop with 3 games left
  - Boys Jr. Basketball team is in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall with a 4-1 record with 1 game left
  - Girls Jr. Volleyball team is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 4-1 record with 2 games left.
  - The Swim team had 6 members advance to SOSSA in February.
- Schedules and results can be found on the board’s N.C.A.A. website (<http://www.ncaa.ca/>).

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

- On Dec. 8, the Robotics Club participated in a board-wide competition at Holy Cross. They placed second and qualified for the Provincial completion (see next bullet).
- This past weekend, our Robotics team competed in a national qualifying Vex Robotics competition. Our team battled various schools across the province and ended up as one of the finalists in a series of over 70+ teams. We are currently waiting to hear if we have advanced to nationals! Mr. Maiuri would like to thank everyone on all of their hard work and dedication to this team over the past two years!
- Our Tech Department now has a fully functioning professional recording studio.
- In December, the Key club made and delivered Christmas cards to the residents of Millennium Trail Manor.
- The Music Department had a tremendously successful run with their Christmas Roadshow!! They ran 3 days of Feeder school performances and 1 sold out evening show! The Concert Band, Drumline, Vocal ensemble and Rock ensemble each performed a 20-minute festive set!
- Students will begin rehearsing again at the start of Semester 2 - preparing for 2 Music festivals (one of them at Canada's Wonderland) and a performance at the beautiful Performing Arts Centre on Music Monday in May!
- Our musician for the month of December was Halle Artista!

#### **Spec. Ed:**

- As Semester 1 comes to an end, students of the Spec. Ed. Room are looking forward to new learning opportunities in Semester 2.

- On Friday December 16, the Spec. Ed. class had two unified teams participate in the Special Olympics Ontario basketball qualifiers held at Thorold High School. Although neither team advanced, they played very competitively and all participants had a great time!
- On Friday Mar. 3, the Spec. Ed. Class will be participating in Special Olympics Bocce tournament at Sinnicks; the S.P. Athletic Council will be moderating the event.
- On Thurs. Jan 26, staff and students will be participating in a “Polar Plunge” fundraiser. Video clips of the event, and a donation link, will be found on the S.P. Instagram page. Money raised will be donated to Special Olympics Ontario.
- On April 20, Saint Paul will be hosting a Semi-formal social for all secondary Spec. Ed. Classes. The event will include lunch, music (by D.J. Matt), dancing, and miscellaneous activities. There will be approximately 200 staff and students attending the event.

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

Good Evening and I hope you all had a great start to 2023. Today was the last official day of classroom instruction for Semester 1 classes. Semester 1 Final Exams will begin on January 25 and will run through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Students who do not have a final exam scheduled do not have to attend. Bus arrival and bus departure will run as per regular schedule. We know this is a stressful time for both students and parents, especially with the return of formal exams.

Our Gr. 9 Destreamed Math students completed the EQAO Math Assessment this past Thursday and Friday.

Our turnaround day will be held on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will have an opportunity to view final assessments and final marks during the first portion of the day followed by students attending their semester 2 classes. Semester 2 timetables will be finalized in Parent Portal on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Semester 1 Final Reports will be available on the Parent Portal during the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. Hard copies will be available through the main office as per parent request.

Before the Christmas Break, our Saint Paul Community through Project Share donated 15 \$100 gift cards to families in need. In addition, Mrs. Cadorette’s Art Class and Mrs. Serravalle’s History class made over 200 Christmas Cards for Niagara Falls Community Outreach.

Many of our students have already begun pathway planning for the 2023-24 school year by meeting with our guidance counsellors. Mrs. Lennox and Mr. Shellhorne will begin with course presentations during the week of Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> with course selections submitted by the beginning of March Break. I encourage all parents and guardians to discuss intentions with their children throughout this process. Counsellors Lennox and Shellhorne are available to discuss course options and pathway planning until the registration period has been completed.

Our 12B and Gr. 12 graduating students have been receiving early acceptance offers from College and University Programs. Exciting decisions will have to be made by families in the months ahead. The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for the evening on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Niagara Falls Convention. The Graduation Fee will be determined in the coming weeks. Graduation activities such as the Grad Mass and Luncheon, Graduation Retreat, the Prom will be presented to Graduates at the beginning of March. Cafeteria services are still be provided by Casablanca Inn. Caf services are available to students from Mon-Thursdays. We typically have a food truck or a pizza day on Fridays. We will continue with these services until a board appointed vendor has been approved.

We continue to have construction meetings for our renovation project of the Special Education, Music and Resource Rooms. We will need to make changes to the locations of classes for semester 2 to accommodate the project. Music classrooms will be moved to the Theatre for the entire semester and the special education classroom will move to the cardio room in mid-May. Demolition of the music room and the resource rooms are set to begin on Feb. 6/22. Completion for the entire project is set for mid July.

## **C. OPEN DISCUSSION –**

### **Additional Items:**

- Polar Bear Plunge to take place at Saint Paul – Information to be found on social media. Many staff, including Principal Stranges and Mr. Angrilli, will be participating in the cold bucket drop!
- Week of February 13<sup>th</sup>, the parent portal will contain the grade results for semester one. Hard copies can be requested by the office.
- On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the parent portal will contain the finalized semester 2 timetable information.
- Students will learn which teachers they have for semester 2 on turnaround day.

### **Question Period;**

Lynne O.: Q: Are buses running on exam days to follow the exam schedule or as a usual school day?

Lou S.: A: Board has moved away from a special bus schedule, offering the regular bus route times only. There is an astronomical cost issue to change the run time.

Alex A.: Q: Did Josie Rocca come in as Chaplin?

Lou S.: A: Current Chaplin is on a leave, and yes Josie came in to cover part time.

## **D. NEXT MEETING DATE;**

- **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6.00pm Saint Paul School Library.**

## **E. Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Mary Carlesso.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

That the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the SPSHS Catholic School Council be adjourned. Moved by Lisa C. and seconded by Mary C.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.