



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00pm
Blessed Trinity Theatre**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Mr. Whittard.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer was led by Mr. Whittard.

2. Roll Call

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP		Present	Excused	Absent
Principal	Mr. Whittard	✓		
Chair	Audra McMaster	✓		
Co-Chair	Vacant			
Teacher Representative	Anne Lanthier	✓		
Non-Teaching Representative	Josie Sampson	✓		
Vice Principal	Krista Moscato	✓		
Vice Principal	Dominic Scozzafava	✓		
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
Lori Laird		✓		
Penny Locco		✓		
Karen Lord			✓	
Lisa Maisonneuve		✓		
Sarah Pegg		✓		
Ildi Smilsky		✓		
Anna Sorbara			✓	
Jacqueline Swart		✓		
Jill Traynor		✓		
Anne Watt		✓		

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Anne Watt

Seconded by Jill Traynor

THAT the Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council approve the Agenda of the Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council Meeting of October 6, 2021

CARRIED



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4. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

No Disclosures of Conflict of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council Meeting of June 10, 2021**

Moved by Audra McMaster

Seconded by Penny Locco

THAT Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council approve the Minutes of the Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council Meeting of June 10, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

- Council Positions/Elections
 - Chair/Co-chair
 - Elections were held. Audra McMaster was nominated for a second term as co-chair, and Anne Watt was nominated as a new co-chair; both were elected. Following by-laws, there will not be an elected treasurer or secretary as the school secretary will report on finances and the school VPs will record the meeting minutes.
- Gently used uniform sale – Audra McMaster
 - The uniform sale raised \$3235.00. Discussed a second uniform sale possibly in the evening to allow for those who work during the day, and intake again in June with out of uniform days to be offered to students who return uniform items.

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING & FEEDBACK

- [Naming of a Board Facility Designated Area or Chapel Policy 100.15](#)
- [Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Policy 100.13](#)

Please submit your feedback to jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com by October 28, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.

D. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – President/Vice President of Student Council

- Student Council Report from Scout Duern
- Thundercards
 - Annual fundraiser was very successful this year - 800 cards were sold, selling for \$20.00 each, raising a total of \$16 000.00
 - \$2500.00 was spent on prizes which included: a MacBook Air, Apple Watch, Instax mini printer, Canada's Wonderland gold pass, AirPods, custom Air Force One's (Nike shoe), and a JBL speaker
 - Money raised from sale of Thundercards is used to better our school such as paying for the outdoor eating area just outside the cafeteria, the bleachers for the football field
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - Posters hung throughout school informing students about the horrors of residential

schools

- Our equity representative played Indigenous music over the announcements as we wanted students to be educated on the topic while still celebrating the beauty of Indigenous culture.
- Student Council Elections
 - On October 7, 2021 elections for Grade 9 Student Council representative will be held
 - There are 4 candidates who are running
 - Once the result is known, our student council will be complete, which is very exciting
- Halloween
 - Trying to plan something fun for Halloween, in the early stages of planning
 - Student council meets twice a week to discuss and plan upcoming events and we are always open to ideas from students, staff, and parents alike

E. STAFF REPORT

- Reporting Periods
 - Reporting periods are November, 2021, February, April and June, 2022
 - Assessment/Evaluation: look for culminating activities and rich performance tasks, and/or exams - you will see some courses with exams and some without - new messaging from the Board is allowing Principal to work with program chairs to make best decisions regarding assessment for students in their respective buildings
 - Ms. Lanthier will act as liaison for the CSC fund applications - collection and distribution to council - amount to be distributed as requested and will follow in the near future
- Extracurricular
 - All fall sports and clubs are running including: men's volleyball, football, men's and women's golf, women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, and cross country
 - Upcoming NCAA meeting will determine what winter sports are going to look like
 - Clubs running include: book club, eco club, music performance, cheerleading, and art club
- Student Services/Literacy/Numeracy/Special Education
 - NCVLE pathways featuring grade level information is available to students
 - Gr. 9 transition interviews have taken place
 - All Gr. 12 presentations regarding post-secondary have taken place
 - IEP's have been published and distributed
- Community Service Hours
 - Participating in a pilot project for Grade 9 students only with Hour Republic to track community service hours digitally - hope to see this expand to all grade levels
- Blood Donor Clinic
 - Blood donor clinic for BT staff and parents will be held November 6, 2021

F. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- COVID update
 - Continuing to follow all guidelines from Board and Niagara Public Health
- Pastoral Care
 - Our annual pilgrimage will be moved to the spring during Catholic Education Week
 - Grade 9 retreats will be beginning in the upcoming weeks with a focus on religious art creation
 - Looking at potential Grad retreat in the spring of 2022
 - Masses and liturgical plan has been created for 2021-2022 academic year
 - There is a Youth Ministry Club that is available to students during lunch times at St. Joseph Church
- Academics:
 - Literacy Prep is under way for OSSLT with Grade 11's writing in the fall and Grade 10's writing in the spring - all students will have access to OSSLT literacy prep materials in the NCVLE
 - Looking at future GLS classes with a literacy focus to support at risk students
 - Numeracy Prep is underway, with a GLS class with a numeracy focus taking place in Quadmester 2 to fill gaps
 - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment will be written at the end of each Quadmester
 - BT has been chosen as one of three schools to offer AP (Advanced Placement) courses - we have support from Senior Admin at the Board level and we are in the process of completing the required applications in order to offer these courses to our students - this is an opportunity for students who excel in academics to expand their resume, build their portfolios and obtain university credits
- Take Your Kid to Work Day
 - Has been cancelled this year
- New school year update
 - Are in the process of initial design process for new turf field with plan to be ready for the 2022-2023 school year
 - BT has been listed as one of two schools that is expanding, there could be a facility expansion in the future
- Graduation update
 - Graduation for class of 2021 students will be virtual and take place October 8, 2021
 - Planning for an in person Graduation for the class of 2022 on June 28, 2021 and with prom being held on June 26, 2021
- Spirit Wear Days
 - first date is October 7, 2021 and will be held the first Thursday of each month
- New BT Website
 - We are in the process of updating and reimagining our BT website, it will be launched in the near future
- Family of Schools meetings with all Feeder schools taking place October 7, 2021 to support transition planning



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- Issues with Parent Portal and COVID Daily Screening
 - Disconnect is because of not having accurate email on file
 - If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the school
- Financial report – Josie Sampson - will be shared with co-chairs once roll-over has been completed

G. REPORTS: NCPIC, OAPCE, SEAC – none received.

- Seeking representative(s) from CSC to be BT rep
 - Please let co-chairs know if you are interested in being a BT representative

H. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- By-laws for review/feedback
- Requests for Catholic School Council funds

I. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Nov. 24, 2021; Feb. 16, 2022; Apr. 20, 2022; Jun. 8, 2022, all at 6:00pm in the Auditorium

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Audra McMaster

Seconded by Anne Watt

THAT the October 6, 2021 meeting of the Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council be adjourned

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

K. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mr. Whittard.