



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA

### BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC) MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 6:00PM

ROOM 130

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#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS – Anne Watt, Diana Marrese

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Blessed Trinity Catholic School Council Meeting of Wednesday, October 4, 2023

#### B. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – President/Vice President of Student Council – Evan MacIntyre (Mental Health Rep)

- Thunder Card will move to physical format instead moving forward due to issues with electronic copies – will be a sticker on the back of Student ID card
- Conversation with Pegasus will continue next year – digital or physical card?
- Students seem to be excited about receiving physical cards
- Halloweek occurred the week leading up to Halloween – Student Council had special events each day, i.e. food trucks, mummy runs, etc.
- Mental Health Week – will be organized by Student Council, school nurse, CYW, MHAN
- Nov. 20-23 – Prevention of Bullying Week – bead bracelets for anti-bullying, posters for Pathstone Mental Health
- Christmas Activities – will include decorating, 12 days of mental health → will include resources, games, popcorn day, etc.
- “Super Locker” project on it’s way to BT → hopefully by beginning of semester 2
- Planning 2 formals this year to boost school spirit and invite more students to attend (i.e. Junior and Senior)

#### C. PRESENTATIONS / NEW BUSINESS – Co-chairs/Principal

- **Advanced Placement Night - November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – All FOS invited to attend → emails from elementary principals should have gone out to all FOS families
- NUSTEP program → sr. level French courses line up with Niagara University → great for people who want to become French teachers → eligible for credit at NU
- In the future, may have a connection for Sport Management in the NUSTEP program
- Parents of students at BT also welcome to attend AP Night
- **Grade 8 parent night – Thurs. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**
- Parent engagement funds – Science Olympics (WEB, LAV) proposal to help subsidize cost of travel to McMaster, Brock, STEM program visits – **Approved.**
- Proposal from WID – help subsidize cost of Chrome Books – **Approved.**
- Proposal from WHI – Grade 12 Retreat – Battle of the Campfire – help subsidize reward grade 12s with a lunch (i.e. Pita Pit) – **Approved.**
- Facility Update – Field, Building Expansion (Principal’s Report)

#### **D. POLICIES FOR VETTING – FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

The following Governance Policies are currently being reviewed as part of the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5) review process.

To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific Governance Policy and include your name, phone number, address and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.

*Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered*

**Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6**

**Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6**

**Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4**

*Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. December 13, 2023*

**Employee Hospitality Policy 201.14**

**Student Transportation Policy 500.2**

*Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. January 23, 2024*

#### **E. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Jim Whittard**

- Financial report – Josie Sampson
- 1100 students walked our annual Pilgrimage – walked with grade 8 students from FOS
- “Literacy Lunches” – to help support previously eligible OSSLT students (OSSLT prep)
- 2 sections of ELS2O and 2 sections of GLS1O to support literacy and numeracy
- Grad photos coming up soon
- BT football team – semi-finalists
- New clubs forming at BT – Philosophy, Fashion, etc.
- New sports forming at BT – beach volleyball, female varsity lacrosse
- Turf field – all ready except the turf – needs at least 10 C weather – hoping for April or May – track asphalt in the spring and should be ready in the summer
- Potential expansion at BT – top of the priority list for the Board
- Parents will be consulted in the design of the expansion at every step
- PD Day – November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Wine Fundraiser upcoming – co-curricular fundraising – will be assembly with students and info coming home soon

#### **F. STAFF REPORT – Ann Lanthier**

- Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 23, 4-7pm
- Report Cards will be available on Parent Portal – November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Midterm marks for grade 12s go out to OUAC November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Presentations on how to apply to university now done
- Universities still presenting to grade 12s
- Grade 11 presentations starting now
- SHSM, Co-op, OYAP programs being advertised to grade 10s now
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – AP/NUSTEP Night – AP numbers are growing
- OSSLT window for writing is November 14-29 – grade 10 students in English this semester will write then – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester window will be in semester 2
- Literacy prep activities happening across all departments
- Phys. Ed. – 3 athletes signing to D1 schools – Rowing, Soccer, Track and Field
- Winter Sports now up and running – Fall Sports all done

#### **G. REPORTS: NCPIC, OAPCE, SEAC – Jocelyn Geoghegan**

- Jocelyn will forward any time-sensitive issues/info to Ann Watt, who will distribute to CSC members

**H. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**I. CLOSING PRAYER**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**