

**NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT PARENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
Faculty Dining Room – Niagara Falls High School**

Present: Makeesha Booker, Tomasina Cook, Stephanie Dolson, Laura Hood, Karen Howard, Denise Jackson, Heather Johnson, Stacey Kok, Lynn Pasek, Charlotte Robinson, Staci Rowe, Raquel Satarian, Cindy Smith, Marlo Stearns, Dot Swift, Kaylee Ulrich, Stephanie Lee-Martin (Gaskill), Chery Vilaro (Principal NFHS), Cathy Sullivan.

Schools Represented: Abate, Bloneva Bond, Cataract, GJ Mann, Hyde Park, Kalfas, Maple, 79th Street, LaSalle Prep, Gaskill Prep and NFHS

Schools Missed: All Schools Were Represented!

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Philosophy And Purpose of the District Parent Committee:

Procedural Matters

1. Take your nametag when you come in and initial the sign-in sheet.
2. All concerns should be taken to your building principal or School Quality Council before being brought up at the District Parent Committee meeting.
3. The information discussed at the DPC meeting is to be relayed back to your school parent group.
4. At least one representative from each school should attend each meeting. If one representative cannot attend a certain meeting, they should notify their alternate representative.
5. The meeting agendas and minutes can be found at www.nfschools.net under the “Parent & Guardian” tab, “District Parent Committee” heading.

Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Sullivan welcomed the committee members and thanked them for coming.

News and Updates

Superintendent, Mr. Mark Laurrie – Thanks to everyone for attending tonight’s meeting. If there is anything needed for the meat raffle, just let him know. He encouraged the committee to use the District’s tables rather than renting tables/chairs from an outside vendor. Members agreed. Round tables and chairs will be set-up for the event.

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects Review

Hands-on teaching/learning green houses will be built at Kalfas Primary School, Bloneva Bond Primary School, both Prep Schools and NFHS. This is perfect timing as the opening of the Green Houses are in alignment with the implementation of the revised NYS Science Standards. Air Conditioning will be installed at both LaSalle and Gaskill Prep schools. New heating and cooling systems will be installed at NFHS, Kalfas Primary School and Bloneva Bond Primary School. A new roof will be installed at the Community Education Center.

Safety measures such as cameras, new doors and alarm systems *continue* to be added to all district schools as discussed in previous meetings.

Holiday time can be difficult for many of our district families and community members. Many students express this by acting out. Mr. Laurrie has asked all teachers and staff to be *especially* sensitive to all cultures, beliefs and family situations throughout the holiday season. The district has attempted to bridge the gaps between groups of students by hosting a fieldtrip to the Underground Railroad, inviting students from neighboring districts to shadow students at NFHS and offering an adult English class to the parents of district ENL students. The adult English class will continue in January. Conversations in the class resulted in schools offering more appropriate meal choices to ENL students at breakfast and lunch.

Mr. Laurrie reminded the parents to vote on January 17th.

Ms. Charlotte Robinson facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

The focus was on the Meat Raffle, each sub-committee gave their report.

The committee toured the area where the raffle will be held.

Committee members will attempt to recruit at least 10 volunteers from their home schools between now and the next meeting. They will display flyers in local businesses and encourage vendors to set up a table to sell their wares on the night of the meat raffle.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2023