



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Charbonneau.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Student Trustees	✓			
Vincent Atallah	✓			
Dallas McMahan	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item C8.1 of the Public Agenda, as she has a family member who is associated with the Quartek Group.

5. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 10, 2013

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 10, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Secondary Student Senate 2013-2014 Introductions

Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School Principal Ken Griepsma, who is also one of the administrative representatives to the Secondary Student Senate, welcomed the Secondary Student Senate representatives to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Student Trustees Vincent Atallah and Dallas McMahon spoke briefly on the Student Senate and asked the representatives to introduce themselves.

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau thanked the Student Senate members for their dedication to all the students within Niagara Catholic.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 24, 2013

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 24, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Policy and Guideline Review 2013-2014 Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2013-2014 Schedule for Trustees' Information.

2. French Immersion in Niagara Catholic Elementary Schools 2013-2014

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Jayne Evans, FSL/ESL/Arts Consultant, who presented the report on French Immersion in Niagara Catholic Elementary Schools 2013 – 2014. Ms. Evans asked the FSL teachers to highlight different experiences they have had with the students in the program.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that an update on the French Immersion Program will be presented in the spring of 2014.

3. Annual Catholic School Council Financial Report 2012-2013

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the Annual Catholic School Council Financial Report 2012-2013.

4. Accommodation Review Committee Report for St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School and St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Accommodation Review Committee Report for St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School and St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School. The report requests that the deadline for a report to the Board be amended from January 2014 to April 2014 in order to meet Ministry of Education timeline requirements and to provide sufficient time for consultation.

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that Senior Staff bring the St. Christopher /St. Theresa Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee Report to a Committee of the Whole Meeting no later than April 2014.

CARRIED

5. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Results 2012-2013

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells presented the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Results 2012-2013 and answered Trustees questions.

6. Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee Approvals – 2013-2014

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information.

7. Professional Development Update – September & October 2013

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources, invited presented the Professional Development Update – September & October 2013 for information.

Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development, provided a brief overview of the October 11, 2013 PA Day and answered Trustees questions.

8. Monthly Updates

8.1 Capital Projects Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

Trustees asked that Appendix K – St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, be amended to update the timelines based upon the recent re-zoning of land and traffic concerns in Smithville.

8.2 Student Trustees' Update

Vincent Atallah and Dallas McMahon, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

8.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Ciccarelli

- Jessie MacDonald, Teacher at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School, won a bronze medal in the 51-kilogram division in the world senior freestyle wrestling championships held in Hungary.

Director Crocco

- Larry Reich retirement celebration was held in the Fr. Kenneth Burns Board Room earlier today with a tremendous turn out. Larry was very pleased with the event and continues to recover nicely from his health issues.
- The Board was asked to keep the students serving in Dominica in their prayers. The students are participating in the Niagara Catholic International Co-operative Experience (NCICE) program.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 10 & September 24, 2013

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 10 & September 24, 2013 issues for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2013

Director Crocco presented the October 2013 Calendar of Events for Trustees' information.

1.3 Director of Education Inspiration Award 2012-2013 St. Alfred Church - October 10, 2013

Director Crocco presented information on the Director of Education Inspiration Award 2012-2013 recipients who will be presented with their awards on October 10, 2013 at St. Alfred Church.

Trustees received a copy of the media release which lists the recipients of the award.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

1.4 Niagara Catholic School Council Chair & Members Meeting
Monsignor Clancy Catholic – October 23, 2013

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic School Council Chair & Members Meeting being held at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School on October 23, 2013.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1.1 International Education Partnership Agreements

Director Crocco provided an update on the delegation from Niagara Catholic who will be travelling to China and South Korea to sign the partnership agreements and formalize the delivery of programs and services by Niagara Catholic staff.

1.2 Proposed Highway 406 Interchange

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented information on the Proposed Highway 406 Interchange.

Director Crocco asked Trustees for their input and answered their questions and concerns based on the information available.

1.3 Proposed Trustees Retreat Date

Director Crocco has proposed a tentative Trustee Retreat with Bishop Bergie with a date and time to be determined.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 2013.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on September 10, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on September 10, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the October 8, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 8th, 2013.**

Approved on the **12th** day of **November 2013.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer