



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 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 Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee MacNeil.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Burtnik noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Ted O'Leary	✓		
Dino Sicoli	✓		
Student Trustees			
Ryan Creelman	✓		
Patrick Morris	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2012, as amended:

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2012

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education introduced Michael Hendrickse, Principal of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby.

Principal Hendrickse with the assistance of students and staff showcased Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Hendrickse, the staff and students for their presentation.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012:

2.1 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2012-2013

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2012-201, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 7, 2012 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 7, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3.1 Change in Representation to the Special Education Advisory Committee - Ontario Brain Injury Association

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the change in representation for the Ontario Brain Injury Association to the Special Education Advisory Committee; Primary Representative: Katie Muirhead, Alternate Representative: Diane Dakiv, OBIA Address: PO Box 2338, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R9.

CARRIED

4. Policy Committee Meeting of April 24, 2012 – Recommendations

Director Crocco informed Trustees that at the request of the Student Senate, the Student Senate Policy and the Student Trustees Policy are being recommended for consideration directly from the Policy Committee Meeting of April 24, 2012, to be in effect for the Student Leadership Symposium in May 2012.

4.1 Student Senate Policy (100.6)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Senate Policy (100.6), as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Student Trustees Policy (10046)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Trustees Policy (100.4), as presented.

CARRIED

5. Vimy Ridge 2012 National Remembrance Tour: Beaches and Battlefields

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Jackie Watson, Equity and Student Leadership Consultant, who presented the report on the Vimy Ridge 2012 National Remembrance Tour: Beaches and Battlefields. Ms. Watson stated that the Tour which honoured Canadian soldiers and commemorated the 95th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge was experienced by forty-seven (47) students from Niagara Catholic's secondary schools.

6. Catholic Education Week 2012

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the report on Catholic Education Week 2012, which carries the theme "Walking in the Light of Christ". He stated that Catholic Education Week underlines the relationship of Catholic Schools with the broader Church community, especially our parishes. Trustees were provided with a compilation of Catholic Education Week 2012 Planners for all of schools in the system.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that a letter will be sent to all families regarding Catholic Education Week, from the Bishop, Chair and the Director, on behalf of the Diocese and Board. He also stated that students, parents, staff members, and/or Principals/Vice-Principals will read a Catholic Education Week message following Mass on the Saturday and Sunday to commence Catholic Education Week.

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7.3 March Revised Budget for the Year 2011-2012

Director Crocco introduced the report on the March Revised Budget for the Year 2011-2012 and stated that while the figures are unaudited and changes will continue to occur through August 2012, Senior Administrative Council will continue to identify opportunities to increase budget revenue and reduce budget expenditures as part of the continuous focus on reducing the funds from reserves to balance the budget.

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services highlighted the key areas of the revised budget.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the report on the March Revised Budget for the year 2011-2012, as presented.

CARRIED

8. Niagara Catholic System Priorities and Annual Budget Timelines 2012-2013

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities and Annual Budget Timelines 2012-2013, pointing out that the draft Priorities and the Budget which will be submitted to the Board for consideration are in keeping with the Board approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan; the Board approved System Priorities for 2012-2013; and funding from the Ministry of Education.

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities and Annual Budget Timelines for the school year 2012-2013, pending any changes by the Government of Ontario and/or the Ministry of Education, as presented.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Crocco presented the following correspondence.

1.1 OFSSA – Thank You for Support of Tournament

1.2 OSAID – Volunteer Service Award

1.3 Public Sector Compensation

1.3.1 Ministry of Education - 2012 Budget Long-Term Plan

1.3.2 Ministry of Finance - Public Sector Compensation

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 10, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 10, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – May 2012

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – May 2012 for Trustees' information

4.3 OCSTA AGM 2012 – April 25 to April 28, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the OCSTA AGM.

4.4 Niagara Catholic Festival of Faith – May 1 and 2, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Festival of Faith for all Grade 7 students in Niagara Catholic takes place May 1 – 2, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Suites and Convention Centre in St. Catharines, featuring keynote speaker Fr. Tony Ricard from New Orleans.

Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of their attendance.

4.5 Catch the Spirit 2012 – May 7, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on Catch the Spirit 2012 taking place May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Paul Catholic High School.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications prior to May 7, 2012 in order to arrange for seating, the procession into the gym and award distribution.

4.6 Annual Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat – May 10, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the Annual Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat scheduled for May 10, 2012, 4:30 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of their attendance.

4.7 Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration 2012 – May 17, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration 2012 being held May 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at the Scotiabank Convention Centre. He noted that Bishop Bergie would be in attendance.

Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of their attendance.

4.8 Partners in Catholic Education – May 17, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on Partners in Catholic Education taking place May 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m. at Denis Morris Catholic High School.

Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of their attendance.

4.9 CCSTA AGM – June 7-9, 2012 – Sudbury

Director Crocco presented information on the CCSTA AGM being held June 7-9, 2012 in Sudbury.

Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of their attendance.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 11:15 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of March 27, 2012. 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of March 27, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F11 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6)

The following motion was passed at 11:00 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Board Meeting be extended by fifteen (15) minutes.

CARRIED

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the April 24, 2012 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on April 24th, 2012.

Approved on the 22nd day of May 2012.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer