



AGENDA AND MATERIAL
BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010
7:00 P.M.

FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayers – Trustee Dekker -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest -
5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings
5.1 April 27, 2010 A5.1
5.2 May 11, 2010 A5.2

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Saint Michael Catholic High School Mustangs Boys Hockey Team - OFSSA Silver Medalists B1
2. St. Denis Catholic Elementary School Saints in Motion Robotics Team B2
3. Student Senate Scholarship Award B3

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program C1
Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School
2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010 C2
and Consideration of Recommendations
2.1 Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan C2.1
2.2 Financial Reports
2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions for the Month of April 2010 C2.2.1
2.2.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010 C2.2.2
3. Approved Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting of April 7, 2010 C3
4. Facility Partnerships Policy C4
5. Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair – 2010 C5
6. Early Learning Extended Day Program C6

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| 7. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information | C7 |
| 8. H1N1 Pandemic Update – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management | C8 |

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. Correspondence | |
| 1.1 BEC – Congratulations on Winning Canada’s Global Best Award | D1.1 |
| 2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended | |
| 2.1 OCSTA AGM – Thunder Bay | - |
| 3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action | |
| 3.1 Draft Niagara Catholic Mission Statement Feedback | D3.1 |
| 3.2 Annual Budget 2010-2011 | - |
| 3.3 OESC & Ministry of Education: PROGRAM - Equity and Inclusive Education Symposium | - |
| 4. Trustee Information | - |
| 4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 11, 2010 | D4.1 |
| 4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2010 | D4.2 |
| 4.3 Graduation Celebration 2010 | - |
| 4.4 Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School – Blessing of Renovation
May 31, 2010 – 6:30 pm. | - |
| 4.5 Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association AGM – Ottawa - June 3-5, 2010 | - |
| 5. Open Question Period | - |
| <i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night’s public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i> | |

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
APRIL 27, 2010**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of Board Meeting of April 27, 2010, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 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 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Crole.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010.

CARRIED

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau			✓
Gary Crole	✓		
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi	✓		
Student Trustees			
Juliana Ciccarelli			✓
Megan Grocholsky	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, 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 Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010, as presented.

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 30, 2010

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 30, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Denis Morris Catholic High School Athletic Champions

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Mike Sheahan, Physical and Health Education Consultant, who presented brief background information of the accomplishments of the athletic teams and athletes from Denis Morris Catholic High School.

Tony Bozza, Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School, introduced the Denis Morris Boys' Hockey Team who won a Gold Medal at OFSAA; the Girls' Wrestling Team who competed at All-Ontario (OFSAA) level resulting in a Gold Medal and a 4th overall win as a team; as well as a Denis Morris Para-Swimmer who won a Gold and a Silver Medal.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

**1. School Excellence Program
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent Ciarlo introduced Marilyn Burcsik, Principal of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines.

Principal Burcsik with the assistance of school staff showcased Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines, as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Burcsik and the school staff for their presentation.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010:

2.1 Approval of Policies

2.1.1 The Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.1.2 Admission of Students Policy

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Admission of Students Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.1.3 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (Safe Schools Policy)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (Safe Schools Policy), as presented.

CARRIED

2.1.4 Progressive Student Discipline Policy (Safe Schools Policy)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Progressive Student Discipline Policy (Safe Schools Policy), as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March 2010, as presented for information.

CARRIED

2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2010, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2010

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2010, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. Catholic Education Week

Director Crocco presented the information on Catholic Education Week, and distributed the Catholic Education Week Schedule of Events and A Child's Book of Prayers, written by Niagara Catholic Elementary School Students.

Superintendent Baldasaro presented further background information on the distributed materials as well as a brief overview of the activities taking place in the schools.

5. Town of Grimsby - Niagara Catholic Community Auditorium Partnership

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the report on the Town of Grimsby - Niagara Catholic Community Auditorium Partnership, which refers to the twenty three (23) classroom addition to the school building to replace the portables at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, and the potential partnership between the Town of Grimsby and the Board to add to the project an 422 seat auditorium for community and Board.

6. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

7. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School Addition and Alterations Proposed Budget

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the report on the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School Addition and Alterations Proposed Budget.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the project budget of \$5,700,000 funded from the sources as presented, for the addition and alterations to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil Report

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 13, 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 13, 2010.

4.2 Calendar of Events – May 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 2010.

4.3 International Education Business Partnership Presentation – April 26, 2010

Director Crocco presented information on International Education Business Partnership Presentation – April 26, 2010, at which the Niagara Catholic District School Board had a booth showcasing Niagara Catholic's Programs and Services.

Niagara Catholic participated in a panel presentation, which resulted in invitations to visit Japan and the United Kingdom, as well as being asked to share information with the Prime Minister's office and presenting the Board's innovative programs and concepts in Ottawa as part of a National Discussion on Education.

4.4 Global Best Award 2010 – April 27, 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the Global Best Award 2010 – April 27, 2010.

Niagara Catholic is the only school board in the Americas to receive a Global Best Award, and as a result have been invited to make a presentation at the next conference in two years in South Africa.

4.5 Catch the Spirit – May 3, 2010 – Denis Morris Catholic High School

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Catch the Spirit Celebration – May 3, 2010 – Denis Morris Catholic High School, and asked that they respond if they are attending to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department.

4.6 Staff Excellence – May 4, 2010 – Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Staff Excellence Celebration – May 4, 2010 – Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, and asked that they respond if they are attending to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department.

4.7 Director's Information to Trustees

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the following:

- The Vision 2020 Summit which took place recently, with seventy-six (76) participants in attendance, along with Senior Staff and the Niagara Catholic Alliance Committee, resulted in very positive comments on the process the Board has engaged in by the parents in attendance.
- All flags will be flown at half mast April 28, 2010 at all Board Sites and the day will begin in prayer in recognition of the National Day of Mourning.
- Niagara Catholic's Marco Magazzeni, Consultant – Technology/Specialist High Skills Major, was selected as a recipient of a 2010 Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 30, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 13, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 30, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 13, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the April 27, 2010 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held **April 27, 2010**.

Approved on the **25th** day of **May 2010**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
MAY 11, 2010**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of Special Board Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 9:00 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 9:35 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustees Crole, Fera and Nieuwesteeg from attending the Special Board Meeting of May 11, 2010.

CARRIED

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole			✓
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera			✓
Ed Nieuwesteeg			✓
Tony Scalzi	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

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

B. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board determine that the number of trustees in its jurisdiction be a total of 8 trustees in the 2010 Elections.

and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that it has decided not to designate any low population areas in the 2010 Elections.

and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that the eight (8) trustees in its jurisdiction be distributed in the 2010 Elections as follows:

1 for West Lincoln, Lincoln, Grimsby, Pelham

2 for St. Catharines, (less Merritton area)

1 for Thorold (including Merritton area)

1 for Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet

1 for Welland

2 for Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake

and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that by January 1, 2013 the Committee of the Whole will review the Trustee Determination and Distribution in preparation for the 2014 election.

CARRIED

C. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the May 11, 2010 Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 11, 2010**.

Approved on the **1st** day of **June 2010**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS BOYS
HOCKEY TEAM - OFSSA SILVER MEDALISTS**



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PRESENTATION BACKGROUND

Board Meeting
May 25, 2010

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' OFSSAA HOCKEY SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

The St. Michael's Catholic High School Boys Hockey Team epitomizes the adage, '*PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY*'. After winning the SOSSA 'A/AA' Championship, the Mustangs advanced to the OFSAA Championship game by winning both quarter-final and semi-final games by one goal and lost a heartbreaker in the final game in overtime. Although disappointed with the outcome, the St. Michael's team, led by an exemplary coaching staff, showed their true Championship character as perhaps the most respectful, classy and successful team at this year's OFSAA tournament. Congratulations to St. Michael's Catholic High School who represented Niagara Catholic like true champions!

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: ST. DENIS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SAINTS IN MOTION ROBOTICS TEAM**



PRESENTATION BACKGROUND

Board Meeting
May 25, 2010

ST. DENIS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAINTS IN MOTION ROBOTICS TEAM

The First Lego League Robotics Program at St. Denis Catholic School was established last school year. The program involved a team of 10 intermediate students working together to complete various components including building a game board, constructing a functioning robot using lego Mindstorms, programming the robot to complete various missions and conducting an extensive research project that connected with the year's theme. Last year, the team qualified for the provincials after winning the project award, receiving recognition in the teamwork category. In its second year, St. Denis formed the 2009-2010 team "Saints in Motion". This year, the theme focussed on transportation and the team chose to highlight what was unique to our community in the research category: the St. Lawrence Seaway's Welland Canal.

St. Denis Catholic School was once again recognized for its outstanding project as well as second place in the robot performance at the Niagara Regional Qualifier in December, 2009 which sent the team to the Provincial Championship in Oshawa in January, 2010. At the provincial championships, the "Saints in Motion" were named Champions in the Teamwork Category, one of the top 5 awards presented in a competition that featured 40 teams from all over the province.

Shortly after the team's trip to the Provincial Championships, our "Saints in Motion" were extended an amazing opportunity from the Ontario First Lego League. The team was nominated as a Core Values team to attend the World Championships in Atlanta, Georgia. We believe that this honour was bestowed on us due to our commitment to the Gospel Values that we hold so important in our daily lives. The children were gracious ambassadors for not only our school but for Niagara Catholic as they interacted with judges, referees and their competitors. In February, it was announced that our team was selected from the World Judges to attend the First Lego League World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia. We were one of only 14 teams selected from around the world to attend as a Core Values Team and the first team from the Niagara Region to attend. With much gratitude to our Niagara Catholic School Board and countless sponsors and supporters, the team was able to make the journey to Atlanta for this once in a lifetime opportunity. The team competed in the Georgia Dome alongside teams that spanned the globe and were quite excited about finishing in the top half of over 90 teams.

The First Lego League program is an excellent way for our students to experience the excitement of technical creativity and gain insights in the possibility of technical careers. The students participating on our First Lego League team had endless fun and it taught them many transferrable skills including mechanical design and computer programming as well as teamwork and an attitude of gracious professionalism. The St. Denis Catholic School community is very proud of the team's accomplishments and the enhancements it has made in the area of technological studies.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

TOPIC: STUDENT SENATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PRESENTATION BACKGROUND

Board Meeting
May 25, 2010

STUDENT SENATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The 2009-2010 Student Senate has initiated a new tradition at the annual May Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration.

The Student Senate is proud to introduce, for the first time, a Student Senate Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00 for two outstanding graduating students from our eight Catholic secondary schools. The funds for this scholarship are provided from each of our Catholic secondary schools.

The award is designed to recognize participation and excellence in academics, athletics, co-curricular activities and above all, community and Catholic involvement.

Student Senators reviewed the profiles which were submitted with students using their Ontario Education Numbers only as identifiers when submitting their profile. Student Senators did not know the names of the students who submitted applications and the recipients of the award until they were announced at the Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration on Thursday, May 20th, 2010.

The inaugural recipients of the Student Senate Scholarship Award for 2010 are - Harish Aggarwal from Saint Paul Catholic High School and Tyler Pyley from Saint Michael Catholic High School.

Both Harish and Tyler will attend the May 25th, 2010 Board Meeting to be recognized as the first recipients of the Niagara Catholic Student Senate Scholarship Award.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Principal
 Mr. Blaine MacDougall
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Catholic School Profile

Mother Teresa Catholic School

Nagara Catholic District School Board

October 2009

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Superintendent

Mr. Robert Ciarlo

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Parish

Star of the Sea
 Father Peter Walton

Board Mission

"The Mission of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, as a Catholic Community of learners, is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and values to reach their full potential, with Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Light."

School Mission Statement

"It is not how much we do but how much we love ... that makes our offering something beautiful to God."

Mother Teresa

School Motto or Theme

"We are all pencils in God's hands"

Who We Are

Mother Teresa Catholic School is located in the Martindale area of west St Catharines. It is bounded by Erion Rd. on the north, Martindale Rd on the east, Fourth Avenue on the south and Highway 406 on the west. This vibrant community continues to enjoy a steady influx of new families with expectations for continued growth for the foreseeable future.

- ◆ Grades in the school: JK to Grade 8
- ◆ Total enrolment as of September 19, 2009: 374
- ◆ Our staff includes 15 Classroom Teachers, 2.5 French as Second Language (FSL) Teachers, 1 Library Assistant, 1 Resource Teacher, 2.5 Educational Assistants, 1 Child & Youth Worker, .5 ESL/ELL Teacher, 1 Custodian, 2 Cleaners, 1 Secretary and 1 Principal.

What We Stand for

Community Projects

The Mother Teresa Community is dedicated to the development of our students' social conscience & their understanding of Social Justice issues through our involvement in annual projects such as:

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| ◆ S.C.O.E.P. Gr. 8 program | Christmas Shoeboxes of Hope |
| ◆ Holy Childhood Walkathon | Wells of Hope |
| ◆ Teny Fox Drive | Kids Helping Kids - NPCC |
| ◆ United Way Drive | Recycling |
| ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Food Drives | Altar Servers/The Power of Prayer |
| ◆ Early Acts Club (Rotary) | Heart Healthy School |
| ◆ Alzheimer's | Staff Dress Down Days |
| ◆ Community Service Projects | Stair Climb for Cancer |

Special Activities/Programs

Our students are also involved in many different opportunities that engage the various talents & gifts that they have been given by Our Lord. They include the following:

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| ◆ Speak Out Public Speaking | Reading Program |
| ◆ Daily Physical Activity | Scrabble Club |
| ◆ Carousel Players/Theatre Tour | School Choir & Band (Titan Canon) |
| ◆ Primary Christmas Concert | Chess Club |
| ◆ Talent Show/Spring Concert | Science Fair |
| ◆ Student Council | P-3 Homework Club |
| ◆ Kiwanis Speech Arts | Drama Festival |
| ◆ Lion's Quest - Social Skills Programs | School Spirit Assemblies |
| ◆ School/Business Partnerships | Board Wide Sports Tournaments |
| ◆ Intramurals | S.N.A.P. Program - Brock University |
| ◆ St. Catharine's Family of Schools Sports Events | (Special Needs Activity Program) |

Ideals, Values/Commitments

- ◆ The Mother Teresa Catholic School community is committed to following in the footsteps of Mother Teresa.
- ◆ At Mother Teresa Catholic School, the staff, students, parents and volunteers all strive to work together to motivate every student to achieve their highest potential - spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.
- ◆ Mother Teresa Catholic School is a faith-centered community that promotes and models Catholic values.

In May and June of 2009, the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics were administered. The results of these provincial assessments were released in September 2009. Students who have achieved a Level 3 or 4 on an EQAO Assessment have achieved the Provincial Standard as established by the Ontario Government.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is celebrating the achievement of students in Grades 3 and 6 for exceeding the provincial averages in the EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our commitment to quality Catholic Education, and to the achievement of each individual child, has been demonstrated by the participation of 99% of all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to facilitate Student Achievement on the EQAO Assessments through the dedicated and coordinated efforts of its staff through continuous School and Board Improvement Planning initiatives.

Niagara Catholic System Priorities:

- Nurturing our Distinctive Catholic Education
- Improving Student Achievement
- Building Capacity with Trustees, Administrators, Staff and Parents
- Improving Efficiencies in the Structure and Operations of the System to Maximize Performance

EQAO Background Information

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics at key points in their elementary-school education. Students are tested twice:

- at the end of Grade 3, to assess what they've learned throughout the Primary Division (Grades 1–3)
- at the end of Grade 6, to assess what they've learned throughout the Junior Division (Grades 4–6).

Why does Ontario conduct province-wide tests of reading, writing and mathematics?

In 1995, Ontario's Royal Commission on Learning recommended such tests for Ontario students. The Commission made this recommendation after consulting with parents, educators, students and others who wanted greater accountability and assurances of quality in the publicly funded education system.

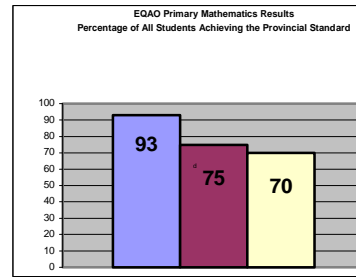
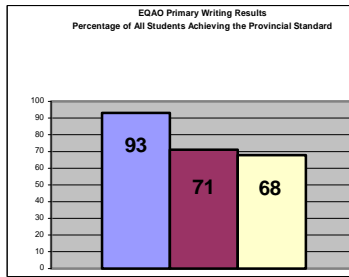
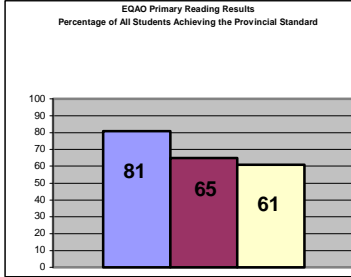
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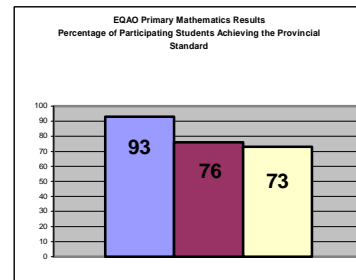
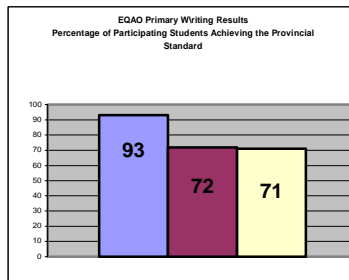
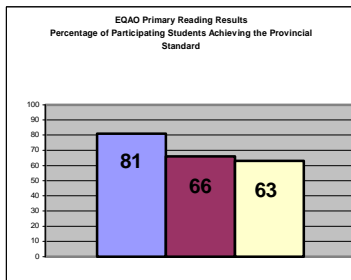
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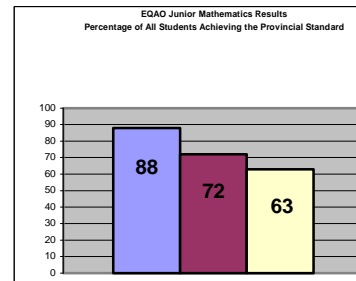
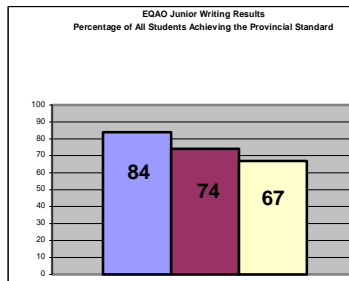
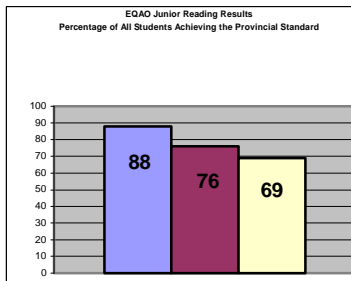


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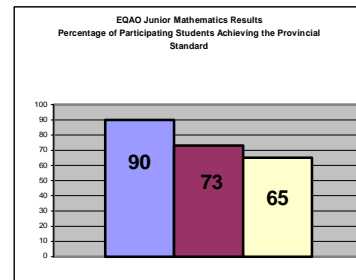
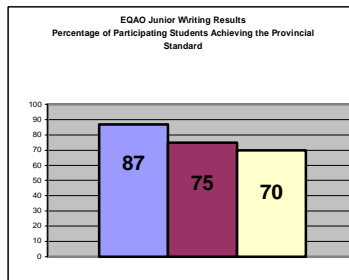
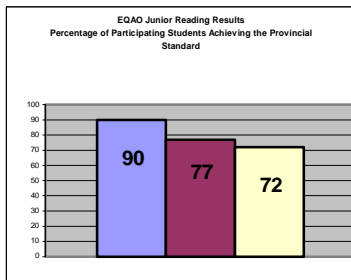


EQAO Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Results

All Students (including Exempted and No-Data Students)



Participating Students (excluding Exempted and No-Data Students)



School
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Board System Priority**Improving Student Achievement**

- To reduce the gap in student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's "16 by 16" achievement level an average of 3% and the Board graduation rate an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To improve student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's EQAO scores and the OSSLT achievement results an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To develop a Niagara Catholic Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting K-12 Document that will complement and comply with the Ministry of Education Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy by June 2010.
- To sustain literacy and numeracy initiatives and implement programs to improve student achievement and pathway success, Kindergarten to Graduation, as outlined in Board and School Improvement Plans.

Board Improvement Planning**SMART Goals**

Niagara Catholic has developed SMART Goals in the Four Pillars of Student Success:

Literacy: To improve student achievement on the EQAO Primary and Junior Reading and Writing Assessments and the

OSSLT through data analysis, targeted interventions and instructional strategies to increase the number of students who achieve the Provincial Standard by 2% by June 30, 2010.

Numeracy: To improve student achievement on the EQAO Primary and Junior Mathematics Assessment and the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics (Academic and Applied) through data analysis, targeted interventions and instructional strategies to increase the number of students who achieve the Provincial Standard by 2% by June 30, 2010

Pathways: To improve student achievement by targeting instructional supports, programs, strategies and resources that support student transition:

- from home to school entry
- between elementary divisions
- between elementary and secondary panels
- to post secondary destinations

in order to reduce learning gaps and to improve the high school graduation rate by 2% by June 30, 2010.

Faith, Community, Culture, and Caring: To improve student achievement by continuing to foster a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment that

- ensures the distinctive nature of Catholic education
- reflects the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations
- employs focused interventions

to reduce the overall number of suspensions by 2% by June 30, 2010.

Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School Improvement Planning**Faith, Community, Culture & Caring:**

Nurturing souls while building community will be a focal point throughout the school year. Our entire school community will continue to partner with our parish, Star of the Sea, as we further develop our Power of Prayer program with the parishioners of this church. Our new partnership with the South St. Catharine's Rotary Club will be in full development this year. Students involved in our Early Acts Club will continue to work on 3 fundraising drives which will touch the lives of families locally & in countries around the world. This sense of awareness, appreciation & responsibility will also be the central focus on a monthly basis as we continue to impress upon our students the importance of the monthly virtues & how we can all make a difference.

Literacy:

Developing minds in this area is of critical importance & our students are being challenged through high expectations in this area. The implementation of a balanced literacy program focussing on the improvement of critical reading, improved writing skills & inferencing will be our target for all students. Utilizing data from our Student Data Profiles, term reports & EQAO scores staff will continue to analyze this information for student success & areas for improvement.

Numeracy:

Critical & creative thinking along with high expectations will be a major focus as we continue to strive to push our students to achieve a level 3 or higher in all mathematical strands that include: Numeration, Measurement, Data Management, Patterning & Geometry throughout the year.

Pathways:

Improved student achievement is at the forefront with the development of three teaching-learning critical pathways (TCLP) in the areas of literacy & numeracy throughout the school year. More importantly, best practices will be shared with our TCLP partners & mentors at St. Ann's School so that our students & staff can continue to garner the best ways & share the most effective teaching practices that will attain a higher level of success for our students.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF MAY 11, 2010**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010.

2.1 Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, its Vision Statements and Strategic Directions as presented.

2.2 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2010, as presented.

2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 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 Dekker.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Charbonneau.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole			✓
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera			✓
Ed Nieuwesteeg			✓
Tony Scalzi	✓		
Student Trustees			
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓		
Megan Grocholsky			✓

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

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

5. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Niagara Catholic Teacher Recognized for Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence**

Director Crocco congratulated Marco Magazzeni, Technological Education/SHSM Consultant, who was selected as a recipient of a 2010 Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence. This provincial award recognizes Mr. Magazzeni's exemplary talent, passion, dedication and commitment to student achievement.

Chairperson Burtnik, Vice-Chairperson Dekker and Director Crocco presented Mr. Magazzeni with a Board certificate of recognition.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes**

Policy Committee Meeting – April 26, 2010

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 26, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 **Policy Development Update**

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

2. **Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan**

Director Crocco presented the report on the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, which represents and culminates two years of prayer, dialogue and listening to over 4,700 participants which included Trustees, staff and a wide representation of the Catholic community. The plan and recommendations have set the path of the Niagara Catholic School Board for the next ten years.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that with the approval of the Strategic Plan, the Board will enter “Stage 4 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation – June 2010 to June 2020”. This Stage involves the development of the System Priorities for 2010-2011 which will be presented at the May 25, 2010 Board Meeting. The Annual Indicators will align with the approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and presented to the Board annually for the next ten (10) years. The draft Mission Statement will be vetted with all eighty (80) Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit participants, administrators, Catholic School Councils, Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC, SEAC and the Diocese of St. Catharines for input and recommendations for presentation at the June 15, 2010 Board Meeting.

Chairperson Burtnik recommended a word change to the School in Community Vision Statement. Director Crocco provided a recommendation that was agreed upon by all Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, its Vision Statements and Strategic Directions as presented.

CARRIED

3. Trustee Determination and Distribution

Director Crocco presented the report on Trustee Determination and Distribution, and stated that under Ontario Regulation 412/00 and the related Amendments, a very specific process must be followed in calculating Trustee determination and distribution for the upcoming elections. It is the responsibility of the Board to notify the Minister of Education; the election clerks of each municipality and the secretaries of each coterminous school board.

At this time the Trustee Distribution will remain status quo.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board determine that the number of trustees in its jurisdiction be a total of 8 trustees in the 2010 Elections.

and

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that it has decided not to designate any low population areas in the 2010 Elections.

and

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that the 8 trustees in its jurisdiction be distributed in the 2010 Elections as follows:

- 1 for West Lincoln, Lincoln, Grimsby, Pelham
- 2 for St. Catharines, (less Merritton area)
- 1 for Thorold (including Merritton area)
- 1 for Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet
- 1 for Welland
- 2 for Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake

and

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that by January 1, 2013 the Committee of the Whole will review the Trustee Determination and Distribution in preparation for the 2014 election.

CARRIED

4. Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, introduced Rob Di Persio, Administrator of Special Projects and Chairperson of the Growing Success, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Board Steering Committee, who presented the report on Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools.

The Committee will review the current assessment, evaluation and reporting procedures and practices in the Board, and will be making recommendations for the implementation of the Ministry of Education, "Growing Success, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools, First Edition, Covering Grades 1-12, 2010" in the elementary and secondary schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

5. Niagara Catholic Intensive French Update

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Jayne Evans, FSL/ESL/Arts Consultant, who presented the Niagara Catholic Intensive French Update. The Intensive French Program is a literacy-based approach to teaching French as a second language that is incorporated into the Grade 5 or Grade 6 Core French program for five months of the school year. In this program, French is offered intensively for approximately 70% of the school day from September through January.

**6. Niagara Catholic Elementary French as a Second Language (FSL) Speech Arts Festival
Niagara Catholic Secondary French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest**

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Jayne Evans, FSL/ESL/Arts Consultant, who presented the report on the Niagara Catholic Elementary French as a Second Language (FSL) Speech Arts Festival/ Niagara Catholic Secondary French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest. The FSL Festival was open to all students in Grade 4 through Grade 8, providing them the opportunity to prepare a short speech in French on a topic familiar to them, where as the Secondary French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest was open to secondary students.

7. Niagara Catholic 7th Annual Regional Ontario Heritage Fair

Superintendent Baldasaro asked Mark Lefebvre, Administrator of School Effectiveness Framework to introduce the Regional Ontario Heritage Fair Committee members Sheri Bassett, Junior Consultant; Sheila Lohnes, Supervisor of Library Information Centres; and Marg Marion, Principal of St. Peter Catholic Elementary School. Sheri Bassett presented information on the Niagara Catholic's 7th Annual Regional Ontario Heritage Fair, and listed the seventeen (17) award recipients.

8. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

9. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

10. Financial Reports

10.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

10.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

11. Monthly Updates

11.1 Capital Projects Progress Report

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Capital Projects Progress Report on behalf of James Woods, Controller of Plant.

11.2 Student Trustees' Update

Juliana Ciccarelli, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

11.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

The Family of Schools Superintendents gave brief verbal reports highlighting the activities in their schools.

Superintendent Ciarlo

- St. Edward Catholic Elementary School transformed the school into a Medieval Castle for a day full of interesting activities. A Medieval meal was served to students, invited guest, staff, parents and guests from St. Nicholas and St. John Catholic Elementary Schools.
- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School celebrated Catholic Education Week several activities which included, Field Lacrosse jamboree, Rugby Tournament, Physics Contest, French Contest, Student Council Elections, and the Jr. and Sr. Badminton Teams attending OFSSA

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Trustees were presented with a copy of St. Vincent de Paul's first edition of "Our Catholic Faith Journey" which contains student work in the form of prayers, letters and poems from Grades JK to 8 that reflect the distinctive nature of our Catholic education and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. The book has been published and is registered with Library and Archives Canada.
- The Welland Tribune Great Kids Gala featured thirteen (13) Niagara Catholic Students who were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and efforts in the community.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic- April 27, 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 27, 2010 Board Meeting issue for Trustees’ information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – May 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – May 2010.

1.3 Catholic Education Week 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the various activities that occurred during Catholic Education Week 2010.

A DVD highlighting the various Catholic Education Week events was presented.

Director Crocco congratulated all staff on the exemplary Catholic Education Week activities that occurred throughout the system.

1.4 Graduation Celebration 2010 Thursday May 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - Niagara Regional Fairgrounds

Director Crocco presented information on the Graduation Celebration 2010 being held Thursday May 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the Niagara Regional Fairgrounds.

Trustees were asked to respond if they are attending to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department.

1.5 Niagara Catholic System Faith Day - Friday, May 21, 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the school based Niagara Catholic System Faith Day being held Friday, May 21, 2010.

Niagara Catholic will launch the new Niagara Catholic Virtues Education Model with all staff. Director Crocco provided Trustees with a 8 x 10 print size of the Niagara Catholic Virtues poster to be placed in all classrooms across Niagara Catholic.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

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 Meeting at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section A: Student Trustees Present held on April 13, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded held on April 13, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee

THAT the May 11, 2010, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 11, 2010,**

Approved on the **1st** day of **June 2010.**

John Dekker
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

TOPIC: NIAGARA CATHOLIC VISION 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, its Vision Statements and Strategic Directions, as presented,

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF MAY 11th, 2010**

NIAGARA CATHOLIC VISION 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the fall of 2008, the Director of Education presented to the Board a four stage strategy to design an inaugural strategic plan for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Entitled “*Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan*”, the Board approved the following four stages and timelines;

- Stage 1 – Niagara Catholic Staff Consultation – September 2008 to May 2009
- Stage 2 – Data Analysis – April 2009 to August 2009
- Stage 3 – Strategic Plan Development and Approval – September 2009 to May 2010
- Stage 4 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation – June 2010 to June 2020

Throughout the first three stages, regular updates and feedback were provided to Trustees.

Stage 1 – Niagara Catholic Staff Consultation – September 2008 to April 2009

On September 1st, 2008, all Niagara Catholic staff received a letter from the Director of Education inviting participation in an on-line Director’s Survey. Three weeks were provided to complete the survey with an invitation to meet with the Director to provide personal feedback. Forty-three percent (43%) of Niagara Catholic employees responded to the electronic survey, with 144 staff requesting a personal conversation with the Director.

Between October and December 2008, the results of the survey were collated, analyzed and categorized based on frequency of response. Commencing in January 2009, the Director met with all 144 staff who had requested a personal meeting as part of the staff consultation process. The meetings averaged between thirty (30) minutes and two (2) hours in length and were concluded in April 2009.

Stage 2 – Data Analysis – April 2009 to August 2009

As part of the consultation process, between April 6th and May 13th, 2009, the Director shared the common themes and feedback from the survey through presentations to staff. The schedule included presentations to Trustees, Senior Administrative Council, Principals, Vice-Principals, Managers, academic and support staff. The presentations provided an additional opportunity to dialogue with employees on the results of the survey and to receive additional feedback and recommendations as part of the consultation and data analysis stage.

Presentation Schedule 2009

- April 6 – Administrative Council
- April 8 – Director’s Meeting
- April 14 – Committee of the Whole

Presentation Schedule 2009 - continued

- April 15 – Council of Presidents
- April 16 – Saint Michael FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- April 17 – Catholic Education Centre Staff
- April 20 – Saint Paul FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- April 27 – Notre Dame FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- April 28 – Lakeshore Catholic FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- April 29 – Blessed Trinity FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- May 4 – Denis Morris FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- May 6 – St Francis FOS – Elementary and Secondary
- May 13 – Holy Cross FOS – Elementary and Secondary

In June 2009, the Board approved the request for proposal process to select a facilitator for Stage Three of the design of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and funding was approved in the 2009-2010 Niagara Catholic Annual Budget.

Throughout the spring of 2009, the Director of Education continued his consultation with various individuals seeking recommendations for individuals or companies with prior experience facilitating the design of strategic plans with Catholic organizations. Over the summer of 2009, the Director contacted recommended companies and dialogued, either in person or through telephone conversations, extending an invitation to present a request for proposal to Senior Administrative Council to facilitate the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

Four companies accepted the invitation to present a request for proposal, three (3) presented on August 31st, 2009 and one (1) presented on September 14th, 2009. Following the four presentations, Senior Staff discussed each presentation according to a pre-designed appraisal format towards a recommendation to the September 2009 Committee of the Whole.

Stage 3 – Strategic Plan Development and Approval – September 2009 to May 2010

At the September 29th, 2009 Board Meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development Stage Three of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

The objective of the strategic planning development process was to provide opportunities for trustees, priests, administrators, staff, students, parents and the various partners in Catholic education within Niagara to participate in facilitated dialogue through discovery sessions.

Commencing November 12th, 2009 through February 29th, 2010, one-hundred and sixty (160) Discovery Sessions were held involving over 3,300 participants. (Appendix A)

Following the analysis of the data during March 2010, a *Vision 2020 Discovery Report* was issued during the first week of April 2010. On April 14th, 2010, eighty (80) participants accepted an invitation to attend the Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit. Based on the *Vision 2020 Discovery Report*, through prayer and rich dialogue, Summit participants discerned recommendations for the future of Niagara Catholic.

Stage 3 – Strategic Plan Development and Approval – September 2009 to May 2010 - continued

The input from the Director's Survey, Discovery Sessions and the Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit would formulate a Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Report. The report provides recommendations for Vision Statements, a revised Board Mission Statement and Strategic Directions for the next ten (10) years of Niagara Catholic. A Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan would be presented to the Committee of the Whole on May 11th, 2010 for consideration.

The Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan would be divided into three (3) major parts; the Vision Statements, Mission Statement and Strategic Direction as defined;

Vision Statements – captures imagination for the future; states the key organizational achievements in the next ten (10) years.

Mission Statement – the primary purpose of the organization; what good for what people.

Strategic Directions – statements that articulate the direct focus of an organization which are aligned to the Vision and Mission Statement.

Enabling Strategies – key focus areas which support the Strategic Directions and will enable the Vision to be achieved

Stage 4 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation – June 2010 to June 2020

Respecting the valued input, conversations, language and recommendations from over 4,700 individuals representing the Catholic communities served by Niagara Catholic who actively participated in the two year Vision 2020 Strategic Planning process, the following schedule will be implemented;

System Priorities 2010-2011

With the approval of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan by the Board, Senior Administrative Staff will design aligned System Priorities for 2010-2011 for presentation to the May 25th, 2010 Board Meeting. Annual System Priorities will align with the approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and presented to the Board annually for the next ten (10) years.

Draft Mission Statement

With the approval of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan by the Board, the draft Mission Statement will be vetted with all eighty (80) Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit participants, administrators, Catholic School Councils, Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC and SEAC for input and recommendations. A recommendation for a revised Niagara Catholic Mission Statement will be presented at the June 15th, 2010 Board Meeting.

Implementation of Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

At the September 1st, 2010 Niagara Catholic Professional Activity day, the Board approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan would be shared with all employees of Niagara Catholic.

In the fall of 2010, Senior Administrative Staff would commence the design of an implementation process to achieve the specific recommendations of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. The Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation Process would be presented to the Board for consideration.

Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

A copy of the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan is attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, its Vision Statements and Strategic Directions as presented.

PREPARED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education and Senior Administrative Council

PRESENTED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

DATE: May 11th, 2010

Attached

Appendix A – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan - Discovery Sessions

Appendix B – Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan



Vision 2020 Strategic Plan – Discovery Sessions

Thursday, November 12th, 2009 – Director’s Meeting

- Principal, Vice-Principal and Manager Discovery Session

Tuesday, November 17th, 2009

- 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. – Administrative Council – Internal Analysis (CEC)
- 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. – Niagara Catholic Education Alliance Committee Meeting (CEC)
- 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. – Student Senate – Student Council Discovery Planning Session (CEC)
- 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. – Principal and CSC Chair Facilitators Training Session (CEC)

November 18th, 2009 to February 26th, 2010

- Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education School Community Discovery Session
- Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education School-based Academic and Support Staff Discovery Session

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

- 6.00 p.m. – SEAC Discovery Session (CEC)

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

- 6.00 p.m. – Trustee Discovery Session (CEC)

Thursday, January 7th, 2010

- 1.00 to 3.00 p.m. – Bishop and Priest Discovery Session (CEC)
- 5.00 to 7.00 p.m. – Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC Discovery Session (CEC)

Thursday, January 28th, 2010

- 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. – CEC Staff, Presidents of OECTA / CUPE Discovery Session (CEC)
- 12.00 – 2.00 p.m. – Selected Catholic Community Representative Discovery Session (CEC)
- 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. – AIP / LIP Discovery Session (CEC)

Tuesday, February 9th, 2010

- 9.00 – 1.00 p.m. – Elementary and Secondary Student Council Discovery Session

March 2010 – Data Analysis and Report Writing

Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 – Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Discovery Report Released

Wednesday, April 14th, 2010

- 4.00 to 9.00 p.m. – Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Summit (Saint Michael)

Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Report to the Committee of the Whole

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
APRIL 2010**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2010, as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAY 11, 2010**

**MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2010**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2010 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a monthly list of payments is available in the Holy Cross Community Room for the TRUSTEES to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2010 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: May 11, 2010

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES
APRIL 30, 2010**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010, as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAY 11, 2010**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT APRIL 30, 2010**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a copy of the Financial Statements is available in the Holy Cross Community Room for the TRUSTEES to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: May 11, 2010

**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT APRIL 30, 2010**

ACCOUNT DISCRPTION	THIS YEAR					LAST YEAR		
	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL	\$ AVAIL	COMMITTED	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL
REVENUE								
REVENUE	-159,080,010	-230,111,033	30.9%	-71,031,023	0	-166,812,934	-221,457,182	24.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	-159,080,010	-230,111,033	30.9%	-71,031,023	0	-166,812,934	-221,457,182	24.7%
EXPENDITURES								
BOARD ADMINISTRATION	4,828,168	7,315,444	34.0%	2,487,276	342,931	4,857,774	7,168,736	32.2%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	74,294,848	108,279,161	31.4%	33,984,313	170,569	71,854,663	103,557,495	30.6%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	45,042,179	65,163,057	30.9%	20,120,878	161,549	43,230,544	62,845,816	31.2%
CONTINUING EDUCATION	3,841,056	6,497,202	40.9%	2,656,146	107,028	3,544,965	5,986,817	40.8%
PLANT OPERATIONS	11,173,378	16,631,386	32.8%	5,458,008	205,034	11,274,593	16,683,203	32.4%
PLANT MAINTENANCE	2,244,014	3,538,658	36.6%	1,294,644	92,217	2,177,128	3,358,014	35.2%
TRANSPORTATION	7,031,480	10,641,107	33.9%	3,609,627	7	7,208,917	10,779,861	33.1%
CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	5,798,583	12,045,018	51.9%	6,246,435	265,495	6,202,454	11,077,240	44.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	154,253,706	230,111,033	33.0%	75,857,327	1,344,830	150,351,038	221,457,182	32.1%

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
Finance Department

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2010**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7, 2010, as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 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 Chair Racine.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Chair Racine.

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Anna Racine (Chair)	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario	✓		
Kim Rosati (Vice-Chair)	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	✓		
Connie Parry	Association for Bright Children	✓		
Heather Schneider	Community Living-Welland/Pelham	✓		
Carole Fuhrer	Learning Disabilities Association	✓		
Sarina Labonte	Community Living-Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln	✓		
Rob Lavorato	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)		✓	
Mike Gowan	Autism Ontario	✓		
Jim Wells	John Howard Society of Niagara	✓		
Dianne Radunsky	Ontario Brain Injury Association	✓		
Mona O'Brien	IEWS			✓
Trustees				
Gary Crole			✓	
Maurice Charbonneau			✓	
Tony Scalzi		✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

Marcel Jacques, Administrator Special Education; **Mary Kay Kalagian**, Principal – Elementary; **Tina DiFrancesco**, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sarina Labonte

Seconded by Heather Schneider

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7, 2010.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2010

Moved by Mike Gowan

Seconded by Sarina Labonte

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Local Health Integration Network (LHINS) – Bill Millar

Sarina Labonte introduced Bill Millar of the Local Health Integration Network (LHINS). Mr. Millar presented an overview of the LHINS and how it was formed. Handouts were provided to the SEAC members for information. Questions were asked following the presentation. Chair Racine asked staff to approach CCAC and NCYS to do a future presentation.

C. VISIONING

1. Goals and Vision for 2009/2010

1.1 Survey to ERT's

SEAC members will attend the April 20th ERT meeting at 11:30a.m. to introduce their agencies and participate in the ERT discussion. Final plans were discussed by the SEAC members. A copy of the SEAC questionnaire will be forwarded to all Educational Resource Teachers prior to the April 20th meeting.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2010

1. **Learner Advocacy**
2. **Parent Outreach**
3. **Program and Service Recommendations**
4. **Special Education Budget**
5. **Annual Review, Special Education Plan**
6. **Other Related Items**

6.1 SEAC Logo

Chair Racine asked members for their input in regards to a SEAC logo. There was discussion about having students create the logo. More information is forthcoming.

7. **Policy Review**

E. AGENCY REPORTS

1. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Kim Rosati

- Update on the Mentorship Program; Babette Bailey, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from the Niagara Catholic District School Board and Anita Bernstein, Director of Therapy Services at VOICE started the program in February 2010.
- VOICE is celebrating its 45th Anniversary
- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Conference is being held on Saturday, May 15th in Niagara Falls.

2. Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Rob Lavorato

- Nil Report

3. Community Living – Welland/Pelham – Heather Schneider

- Summer Camp and S.T.E.P. will be held on April 14th, 2010 at 7:00p.m., located at 535 Sutherland Ave. in Welland. Come out and learn about potential summer opportunities for your child/relative between the ages of 3 – 21 years.
 - ◆ Learn about the city of Welland camp for children ages 3-12 years
 - ◆ Explore the idea of the Summer Transitional Experience Program (S.T.E.P.) for youth up to the age of 21
 - ◆ Hear about past successes
 - ◆ Learn about new potential alternatives and options for the summer
 - ◆ Start your application process
 - ◆ Share your ideas and suggestions

4. Association for Bright Children – Connie Parry

- Association for Bright Children has received a *Parent Reaching Out Grant* that was used to update the ABC website. More information can be found at www.abcontario.ca.

5. Community Living – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln – Sarina Labonte

- Community Living is working on budget preparations for the new fiscal year.

6. Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara – Carole Fuhrer

- Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara is currently searching for a new Executive Director.

7. Autism Ontario – Mike Gowan

- Nil Report

8. The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine

- Nil Report

9. John Howard Society of Niagara – Jim Wells

- There are four Niagara Catholic District School Board Elementary schools participating in the Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) program.
- JHS is developing evening recreation programs with the YMCA
- JHS will be speaking with school boards to involve more schools in the SNAP program

10. Ontario Brain Injury Association – Dianne Radunsky

- Ontario Brain Injury Association is currently looking for a new CEO.

11. VIEWS – Mona O'Brien

- Nil Report

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Mary Kay Kalagian – Principal, Elementary

- During the last week of March our elementary schools participated in our chess tournament. On Wednesday, March 31, St. Alexander School held the tournament for our Welland, Port Colborne and Wainfleet schools. Every school had many teams participate
- Many schools participated in dramatic performances of the Stations of the Cross or attended performances to honour Holy Thursday and prepare for Easter.
- We are beginning to plan for Catholic Education Week “Rejoicing in Hope” which is occurring during the first week of May. Schools will be displayed in different areas around the Region. Our Welland schools will be set up at the Seaway Mall.
- Teachers are beginning to plan end of the year class trips.

2. Ken Griepsma – Principal, Secondary

- Nil Report

3. Marcel Jacques – Administrator Special Education

- On behalf of Superintendent Baldasaro, Marcel Jacques informed members of the SEAC that the *Equity and Inclusive Education and Religious Accommodation* template has been received. SEAC members will be involved in the vetting process.
- April 14th, 2010 is the Summit for the Vision 2020 Discovery sessions.
- The annual review of the Special Education Plan is now complete. Major revisions will be sent to the SEAC members electronically for information and review. The final copy will be distributed to the members at the next meeting and will be approved at the June 15th Board meeting.

4. Yolanda Baldasaro – Superintendent of Education

- Nil Report

G. TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. Gary Crole – Trustee

- Nil Report

2. Maurice Charbonneau– Trustee

- Nil Report

3. Tony Scalzi – Trustee

- The Board is looking forward to the Summit on April 14th, 2010.
- Trustee Scalzi thanked the SEAC members on behalf of the Policy Committee for their input on the vetting of policies this past year.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Learner Advocacy**
2. **Parent Outreach**
3. **Program and Service Recommendations**
4. **Special Education Budget**
5. **Annual Review, Special Education Plan**
6. **Other Related Items**
7. **Policy Review**

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Letter from Julie Williams, Acting Director Special Education Policy & Programs**

Chair Racine spoke of the letter from Julie Williams outlining how the Ministry has identified opportunities to improve communication and information sharing with SEACs. Members were provided a copy of the letter for information.

2. **Letter from Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education**

Chair Racine provided a copy of the letter to the SEAC members for information. A recommendation was made to review the SEAC e-learning website at <http://seac-learning.ca> and bring forth suggestions on how it can be utilized to be a more effective source of information for SEAC members. Paper copies of the information from the website were provided to the members for review at the next meeting,

3. **IEP Survey**

An IEP survey response was forwarded to Chair Racine and will be included in the IEP survey results.

4. **Response Letter from Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education**

Chair Racine spoke of the response letter from Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education in regards to the letter the SEAC sent about funding for psychological and speech and language assessments. This correspondence is hereby attached and forms part of the minutes.

J. NOTICES OF MOTION

K. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

M. INFORMATION ITEMS

L. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Carole Fuhrer

Seconded by Jim Wells

THAT the April 7, 2010 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

TOPIC: FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Facility Partnerships Policy, as presented.

Prepared by: James Woods, Controller of Plant
Presented by: James Woods, Controller of Plant
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: May 25, 2010



FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS

Adopted: May, 2010

Policy No. 700.5

STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Niagara Catholic District School Board recognizes its primary responsibility to support the achievement and safety of students, and its authority to make decisions regarding its school facilities and the use of its facilities that are consistent with its Mission, Vision and Values.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board also recognizes its responsibility to provide, operate and maintain school facilities as effectively and efficiently as possible, while taking into account the best education of students, as well as recognizing the value of Catholic schools in fostering a spirit of cooperation between the home, the school and the church.

Where opportunities exist to form partnerships that complement Catholic Education or the union of home, school and church, the Niagara Catholic District School Board may enter into licence or joint use agreements for unused space in open and operating facilities during school hours, or may co-build a new school or addition with such partners.

The Director of Education will issue Administrative Guidelines in support of this policy.

References:

Ontario Regulation 444/98 – Disposition of Surplus Real Property

- Paragraph 44 on subsection 171(1)
- Paragraphs 48 & 49 of subsection 171(1)
- Paragraph 4 of subsection 171.1(2)
- Section 183
- Section 196
- Section 194

Ministry of Education – Facility Partnerships Guideline

Board Policy #701.2 – Accommodation Review

Board Policy #701.3 – Attendance Areas



FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS

Issued: May 2010

Policy No. 700.5

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

The *Facility Partnerships Policy and Administrative Guidelines* implements the *Facility Partnerships Guideline* released by the Ministry of Education on February 11, 2010. A copy of the Policy and Guidelines as well as a list of available space and/or co-building opportunities will be posted on the Niagara Catholic District School Board website and made available, through the Plant Department, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario.

The Board will continue to follow Ontario Regulation 444/98 – *Disposition of Surplus Real Property* regarding the lease or sale of surplus assets, to co-build facilities with other entities, and to enter into a variety of facility partnerships through a licence or a joint use agreement.

FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS AND BOARD PLANNING

The Controller of Plant shall report annually to the Director of Education identifying facilities that may be suitable for facility partnerships with respect to new construction and unused space in open and operating schools and administrative buildings. The information will be provided to potential partners through the notification process outlined below.

Facility partnership information will also be included in school information profiles when the Board is undertaking accommodation review processes.

SUITABILITY OF FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS

The suitability of facility partners shall be determined by criteria including the following:

- the use of facilities is in compliance with the *Education Act* and Board policy;
- the use of facilities is consistent with the Board Mission, Vision and Values;
- the partnership adds value for Niagara Catholic students and staff;
- the health and safety of students is protected;
- the partnership is appropriate for a school setting;
- the partnership does not compromise the student achievement strategy;
- the partner does not provide competing education services.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Facilities

The Controller of Plant will post information on the Board website, under the *Facilities* tab, regarding the intention to build new schools and to undertake significant renovations, as well as information regarding unused space in open and operating facilities that is available for facility partnerships. This information will be updated at least once per year in the case of space in existing facilities, and as needed in the case of co-building opportunities. The name and contact information of the staff member who will respond to questions regarding facility partnerships throughout the year will also be posted.

Potential Partners

The Controller of Plant will create a notification list of Potential Partners who will be notified when information about facility partnership opportunities is updated on the Board website. This list, at a minimum, will reflect the potential listed in Ontario Regulation 444/98 – *Disposition of Surplus Real Property*. If childcare operators and government-funded agencies request it, they will be added to the notification list.

Public Meeting

The Controller of Plant will coordinate a public meeting once per year to discuss potential facility partnership opportunities with the community and/or to listen to what needs or plans community partners may have. The potential partners on the notification list and the general public will be notified about the meetings through the Board website and three (3) local newspapers: the *St. Catharines Standard*, the *Niagara Falls Review*, and the *Welland Tribune*.

CO-BUILDING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

When considering building a new school or undertaking a significant addition or renovation, the Controller of Plant will inform Potential Partners on the notification list one (1) to three (3) years prior to the potential construction start date. The notification must be supported by a Board approved motion. An identified source of funding or Ministry approval is not required at this point. Administrative Council will receive and evaluate expressions of interest from select partners.

Approval by the Minister of Education may be required depending on the provision under the *Education Act* authorizing the transaction. Partnership agreements cannot be finalized until the Board and the partner/s have an approved source of funding. Prior to receiving Ministry approval to proceed with new construction or major renovation projects, the Board will be required to demonstrate that potential partnerships have been considered.

SHARING UNUSED EXISTING SPACE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Underutilized open and operating school and administrative facilities will be reviewed for their suitability for partnership based on the following criteria:

- space needs of existing educational programming and initiatives has been taken into consideration;
- student safety will not be compromised;
- student achievement strategy will not be compromised;
- pupil accommodation strategy has been taken into consideration;
- the partnership will be in compliance with zoning and site use restrictions;
- facility condition is suitable, or will be addressed at the partner's cost;
- configuration of existing space is suitable or will be altered at the partner's cost; and
- there is an ability to separate the student space from the partner space.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

The Board should not incur additional costs to support facility partnerships. On a cost-recovery basis, the fees charged to partners should cover the operations, administrative and capital cost to the Board of the space occupied by the partner. Additional costs to perform minor renovations to protect student safety, provide appropriate washrooms, and otherwise make the space suitable for use by facility partners should be borne by the partners.

In co-building, partners will be required to pay for and finance their share of construction, including a proportional share of joint-use or shared space. Construction is required to be within Ministry funding and space benchmarks for the Board portion of the facility.

The Director of Education shall ensure the provision of proper legal agreements to potential partners that respect the *Education Act* and protect the rights of the Board.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: NIAGARA REGIONAL SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING FAIR – 2010**

The report on the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair – 2010
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Dino Petruzzi, Chair: Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Dino Petruzzi, Chair: Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING MAY 25, 2010

NIAGARA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR - 2010



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the encouragement of science in students within the Niagara Region. The fair is a prestigious annual science event within the region sponsored by local businesses, and held at Brock University.

Over 150 young Canadian scientists participate at this event. Their accomplishments are reviewed by approximately 100 judges and delegations of local scientists, engineers and businessmen.

The fair is economically beneficial to the community and also provides a scientific stimulus for our youth facing a challenge in our modern society. The Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair is endorsed by Brock University, Niagara College, the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the District School Board of Niagara, and le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud.

For over forty years, students have been benefiting from the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair. There are close to 200 schools that are encouraged every year to participate in the fair. Students who win at their school fair progress to the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Students spend a good part of the year preparing for the Fair.

During the awards night ceremony, students receive trophies and purses that are donated by local businesses and philanthropists. The best projects are selected and funds are provided to send representatives from the Niagara Region to the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Mission Statement of the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair:

- To foster an interest in science in elementary and high school students in the Niagara Region.
- To provide guidance for these students.
- To assist teachers in the further education of students in science.
- To recognize student excellence in science and technology.
- To improve the science education of our local community.

**Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair – 2010 Committee Members
(Representatives from the Niagara Catholic District School Board)**

Chair: Dino Petruzzi (Teacher, Denis Morris)
Vice-Chair: Nancy Krakar (Occasional Teacher, Niagara Catholic DSB)
Awards: Kathryn Traynor (Teacher, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Catharines)
Heidi Poltl (Teacher, Mother Theresa)
Treasurer: Adriana Weber (Occasional Teacher, Niagara Catholic DSB)

**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DIVISIONAL
AND SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS**

Each year over 40% of the projects are submitted by Niagara Catholic schools and students. A list of the recipients for the Divisional and Special Awards chosen by the fair judges is provided in the pages attached.

CANADA-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR

The following students and their projects will represent Team Niagara 2010 at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, from May 15th to 23rd in Peterborough, Ontario.

Name	School	Topic
Michael Ross	St. Alexander	Shedding Some Light
Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alkaloids To Be, Or Not To Be In Catharanthus
Jennifer Csele	Alexander Kuska	Flame Spectroscopy
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross & Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

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Dino Petruzzi, Chair: Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair

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Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010

**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
DIVISIONAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS**

DIVISIONAL MEDAL WINNERS

Juvenile Division

	Name	School	Topic
Bronze Medal	Selena Morales	St. Vincent de Paul	Landfills and Recycling
Silver Medal	Billy Henderson & Adam Haine	Assumption	Cross Border Quiz

Junior Division

	Name	School	Topic
Honourable Mention	Kevin & Cody Vender Kooi	Assumption	Recycling Gray Water: Can Plants Tolerate It?
	Alexander Keats & Spencer Turcotte	St. Anthony	Think Outside the Box, The Electric Box
Bronze Medal	Michael Ross	St. Alexander	Shedding Some Light
Silver Medal	Jennifer Csele	Alexander Kuska	Flame Spectroscopy

Intermediate Division

	Name	School	Topic
Bronze Medal	Mah-E-Lequa Jadgal	Holy Cross	Where are they?
	Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home

Senior Division

	Name	School	Topic
Honourable Mention	Shawna Daley	Holy Cross	Release of Medicinal Honey From Silicone Based Emulsions
	Jessica Neufeld	Holy Cross	Preservation of Bacteriophage 21-4 and its Host Pantoea using Trehalose and Milk Proteins
Bronze Medal	Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alakaloids To Be, Or Not To Be in Catharanthus
Gold Medal	Ilia Choly and David Irwin	Holy Cross Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

SPECIAL AWARDS

Canadian Army Reserve Award

Name	School	Topic
Zhanybek Orozaliev	St. Alfred	Inflatable Construction Blocks
Marcus Riganelli & Lucas Marconi	Mother Teresa	The Roman Onager
Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross & Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

United States Army Bronze Medallion

	Name	School	Topic
Medallion Winner	David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross & Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration
Certificate & Backpack	Emma Rudachuk	St. Joseph (Snyder)	Scents
Certificates	Billy Henderson & Adam Haine	Assumption	Cross Border Quiz
	Dylan Cox	St. Michael	Which Material is the Best Insulator
	Elizabeth Perretta & Isabelle Pardoe	St. Michael	What is the Effect of a Music Genre on a Person's Blood Pressure
	Jessica Neufeld	Holy Cross	Preservation of Bacteriophage 21-4 and its Host Pantoea Using Trehalose and Milk Proteins
	Robert Thomson	Holy Cross	Using Simulated Fractal Earthquakes to Test Earth-Quake Damage Prevention Methods

American Meteorological Society Certificate

Name	School	Topic
Fraser CuvIELlo	St. Mary (N.F.)	What Makes Ice Slippery

A.E. Howey Jeweller Physics Award

Name	School	Topic
Robert Thomson	Holy Cross	Using Simulated Fractal Earthquakes to Test Earthquake Damage Prevention Methods

Brock University Psychology Department

Name	School	Topic
Victoria Hills	Denis Morris	Ultrasonic Discrimination In Adult Rats

Niagara Electrical Association – Robert Burk Memorial Award

Name	School	Topic
Jenna Greco & Vanessa Elefante	Notre Dame Elem.	Wind Energy
Michael Ross	St. Alexander	Shedding Some Light
Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home

Environmental Innovator Award – Sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment

Name	School	Topic
Jurgen Sosa	St. Vincent de Paul	Green Roofs

Canadian Federation of University Women

Name	School	Topic
Jessica Neufeld	Holy Cross	Preservation of Bacteriophage 21-4 And it's Host Pantoea Using Trehalose and Milk Proteins

Ontario Power Generation Award

Name	School	Topic
Jenna Greco and Vanessa Elefante	Notre Dame Elem	Wind Energy

**Ontario Horticulture Society Award – Sponsored by Niagara District 9
of the Ontario Horticultural Society**

Name	School	Topic
Austin Karner	St. Michael	Bamboo

Hatch Award – Sponsored by Hatch Limited

Name	School	Topic
David Irwin and Ilia Choly	Denis Morris & Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration
Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home

Brock Social Science Award

Name	School	Topic
Billy Henderson and Adam Haine	Assumption	Cross Border Quiz
Alexander Keats and Spencer Turcotte	St. Anthony	Think Outside the Box

Consulting Engineers of Ontario, Niagara Chapter

Name	School	Topic
Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home
Robert Thomson	Holy Cross	Using Simulated Fractal Earthquakes to Test Earthquake Damage Prevention Methods

Hydro One Networks Inc. Award

Name	School	Topic
Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home

University of Ontario Institute of Technology Award

Name	School	Topic
Marc Mailhot	St. Alexander	eGo: A Plan for Electric Vehicles

Ontario Association of Medical Laboratories Award

Name	School	Topic
Shawna Daley	Holy Cross	Release of Medicinal Honey from Silicone-Based Emulsions

James Draper Memorial Award

Name	School	Topic
Michael Ross	St. Alexander	Shedding Some Light

Brock University Biology Award

Name	School	Topic
Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alkaloids To Be, Or Not To Be In Catharanthus

Brock University Chemistry Award

Name	School	Topic
Jennifer Csele	Alexander Kuska	Flame Spectroscopy
Mah-E-Leqa Jadgal	Holy Cross	Where Are They?
Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alkaloids To Be, Or Not To Be In Catharanthus

Accipter Radar Technology Award for Engineering Innovation

Name	School	Topic
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross and Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

Brock University Physics Award

Name	School	Topic
Robert Keller	Denis Morris	Lithium Molybdenum Oxide Superconductors
Michael Ross	St. Alexander	Shedding Some Light

Vineland Research and Innovation Centre

Name	School	Topic
Austin Karner	St. Michael	Bamboo
Mah-E-Leqa Jadgal	Holy Cross	Where Are They

University of Guelph Plant Science Award

Name	School	Topic
Jurgen Sosa	St. Vincent de Paul	Green Roofs

Niagara Peninsula Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

Name	School	Topic
Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alkaloids To Be, Or Not To Be in Catharanthus
Kevin Van Der Kooi & Cody Van Der Kooi	Assumption	Recycling Gray Water: Can Plants Tolerate It?

Professional Engineers of Ontario

Name	School	Topic
Hailey Slamka	Holy Cross	Using Hydrogen to Store Green Power in Your Home
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross and Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

Ontario English Catholic Teacher's Association

Name	School	Topic
Abbie Gowans	St. Michael	The Effect On The Heart Rate While Playing Video Games
Dylan Cox	St. Michael	Which Material Is The Best Insulator
Christopher Pasquale	Mother Teresa	My Homemade Laser
Hannah Gill	St. Mary (N.F.)	Effective Learning

Vale Inco Senior Division School Participation Award

Awarded to the school with the most projects receiving the highest marks in the Secondary Division
WINNER: Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Brock Faculty of Mathematics and Science Award

Awarded to the project that received the highest mark in the Senior Division

Name	School	Topic
David Irwin and Ilia Choly	Holy Cross and Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

University of Ottawa Admission Scholarship

Name	School	Topic
Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alkaloids To Be, Or Not To Be In Catharanthus

Brock University Entrance Scholarship

Name	School	Topic
Shawna Daley	Holy Cross	Release of Medicinal Honey From Silicone-Based Emulsions
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross and Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

Canada-Wide Science Fair Award

Name	School	Topic
Michael Ross	St. Alexander	Shedding Some Light
Tyler Plyley	Saint Michael	Alkaloids To Be, Or Not To Be In Catharanthus
Jennifer Csele	Alexander Kuska	Flame Spectroscopy
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross and Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

The Niagara Science and Engineering Fair “Best in Fair” Award

Name	School	Topic
David Irwin & Ilia Choly	Holy Cross & Sir Winston Churchill	Autonomous Cooperative Exploration

Dr. Richard Hiatt Plaque for Outstanding Science Fair Teacher

WINNER: Ms. Kerry Farrell (Holy Cross)

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

TOPIC: EARLY LEARNING EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve a fee for the Extended Day Program for the 2010-2011 school year of \$8.00 per day before school and \$12.00 per day after school.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve, if required for financial viability, the inclusion of 6 to 12 year olds in the Extended Day Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Prepared by: James Woods, Controller of Plant
Presented by: James Woods, Controller of Plant
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: May 25, 2010



REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING MAY 25, 2010

EARLY LEARNING EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 27, 2010, Bill 242, “The Full Day Early Learning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2010”, was passed in the Legislature. As well as new core Early Learning Program obligations, the amendments to the *Education Act* create an obligation for boards to operate an integrated Extended Day Program for four and five year old students on instructional days, for periods before and after school.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board has received approval for funding from the Ministry of Education to implement the operation of the Early Learning and Extended Day Program at eight (8) school sites in the 2010-2011 school year. Under Bill 242, boards are responsible for setting fees for the Extended Day Program, and the Ministry of Education has stated that the following general principles should be applied:

- Fees are intended to recover incremental costs associated with the Extended Day Program;
- Fees must reflect a reasonable connection to the operating cost of the program;
- Extended day fees are not to be subsidized by other board revenues;
- Fees are not to be designed to raise additional resources to supplement other board revenues or offset school day costs; and
- Fee setting is to be transparent.

Also, the following key process requirements apply to the setting of fees:

- Boards are required to set fees annually and approve them through a regular, open meeting of the Board;
- Boards are required to publish fees for Extended Day Programs on the Board website;
- Prior to final approval, boards are required to disclose proposed daily fees and fee calculations to the Ministry and their coterminous boards.

For children that will be 4 to 12 years old in 2010-2011 at the eight approved schools, a survey was sent to parents and guardians asking for expressions of interest in the Extended Day Program. An approximate fee of \$8.00 per day before school and \$12.00 per day after school was proposed. These fees have been calculated as indicated in Appendix A, and are similar to the fees suggested by the Ministry.

Appendix B provides a calculation of profit or loss at the eight Early Learning Program school sites, based on the calculated proposed fee and the number of pupils determined by the expressions of interest received to date. Appendix B assumes that the existing daycares at Holy Name, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph and St. Mary would provide the before and after school care for 6-12 year olds. Appendix C provides the profit or loss calculation at the eight sites assuming that Niagara Catholic includes all children aged 4-12 in the Extended Day Program.

The calculations based on interest expressed to date indicate the need to include 6-12 year olds in the Extended Day Program at the proposed fee to make the program viable. As well, principals and parents have generally expressed a preference for only one “before and after” service provider per school.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Calculation of Proposed Fees for Extended Day Program.
- Appendix B: Calculation of Profit or Loss for Extended Day Program not including 6-12 year olds.
- Appendix C: Calculation of Profit or Loss for Extended Day Program including 6-12 year olds.

Report on Early Learning Program Extended Day Fees - Appendix A

DAILY FEE PER PUPIL CALCULATION

	Before School 7:00 to 9:00 2 hr/day	After School 3:00 to 6:00 3 hr/day	Total Before + After 5 hr/day
Benchmark			
ECE COSTS			
\$20.39	\$3.14	\$4.71	\$7.84
24.32%	\$0.76	\$1.14	\$1.91
15%	\$0.47	\$0.71	\$1.18
2%	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.16
5%	<u>\$0.16</u>	<u>\$0.24</u>	<u>\$0.39</u>
1) ECE/STAFF COSTS (a+b+c+d+e)	\$4.59	\$6.88	\$11.47
\$10.00	\$1.54	\$2.31	\$3.85
\$1.00	\$0.40	\$0.60	\$1.00
\$2.00	<u>\$0.80</u>	<u>\$1.20</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
A) ESTIMATED COSTS (1+2+3+4)	\$7.33	\$10.99	\$18.32
10%	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$2.00
2%	<u>\$0.20</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>	<u>\$0.40</u>
ESTIMATED FEE (A+B+C)	\$8.53	\$12.19	\$20.72
PROPOSED FEE	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$20.00

EARLY LEARNING EXTENDED DAY REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Based on Expressions of Interest 17 May 2010

NOTE
4-5 YEAR OLDS ONLY AT
SCHOOLS WITH EXISTING DAYCARES

ECE Wage 29.83
A.M. Fee 8.00

CASUAL Wage 18.49
P.M. Fee 12.00

School	Core ELP		Extended Day - AM		Extended Day - PM		Revenue		Expenses			PROFIT		
	ELP Students	ECE's x 5 hr	AM Ext Day Students	ECE's x 2 hr	PM Ext Day Students	ECE's x 3 hr	Ext Day Revenue	Ministry Revenue	Plant Costs	Misc Costs	ECE Costs	Casual Costs	Daily Profit	Annual Profit
Father Hennepin	41	2	6	1	11	1	\$180	\$409	\$100	\$27	\$537	\$0	(\$75)	(\$14,083)
Holy Name	84	3	19	1	21	1	\$404	\$614	\$150	\$61	\$716	\$92	(\$1)	(\$268)
Our Lady of Fatima SC	22	1	6	1	6	1	\$120	\$205	\$50	\$18	\$358	\$0	(\$101)	(\$19,072)
St. Denis	66	2	20	1	23	1	\$436	\$409	\$100	\$65	\$537	\$92	\$50	\$9,445
St. Joseph, Grimsby	48	2	10	1	16	1	\$272	\$409	\$100	\$41	\$537	\$55	(\$52)	(\$9,810)
St. Mary, Welland	57	2	3	1	2	1	\$48	\$409	\$100	\$7	\$537	\$0	(\$187)	(\$35,176)
St. Patrick, NF	33	1	4	1	5	1	\$92	\$205	\$50	\$14	\$358	\$0	(\$125)	(\$23,546)
St. Therese	38	2	4	1	7	1	\$116	\$409	\$100	\$17	\$537	\$0	(\$129)	(\$24,310)
	389	15	72	8	91	8	\$1,668	\$3,068	\$750	\$250	\$4,117	\$240	(\$621)	(\$116,819)

NUMBER OF STAFF REQUIRED PER SHIFT

School	ECE		ECE		ECE		CASUAL		CASUAL		TOTAL HOURS	
	6:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	11:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	ECE	Casual	ECE	Casual
Father Hennepin	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	18	0	18	0
Holy Name	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	24	5	24	5
Our Lady of Fatima SC	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0
St. Denis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	5	18	5
St. Joseph, Grimsby	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	18	3	18	3
St. Mary, Welland	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	18	0	18	0
St. Patrick, NF	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0
St. Therese	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	18	0	18	0
	8	8	2	7	2	3	7	3	138	13	138	13

EARLY LEARNING EXTENDED DAY REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Based on Expressions of Interest 17 May 2010

NOTE
4-12 YEAR OLDS
AT ALL SCHOOLS

ECE Wage	29.83
A.M. Fee	8.00

CASUAL Wage	18.49
P.M. Fee	12.00

School	Core ELP		Extended Day - AM		Extended Day - PM		Revenue		Expenses			Casual Costs		PROFIT				
	ELP Students	ECE's x 5 hr	AM Students	Ext Day Students	ECE's x 2 hr	Casual x 2 hr	PM Students	Ext Day Students	ECE's x 3 hr	Casual x 3 hr	Ext Day Revenue	Ministry Revenue	Plant Costs	Misc Costs	ECE Costs	Casual Costs	Daily Profit	Annual Profit
Father Hennepin	41	2	6	6	1	0	11	11	1	0	\$180	\$409	\$100	\$27	\$537	\$0	(\$75)	(\$14,083)
Holy Name	84	3	30	30	1	1	44	44	2	1	\$768	\$614	\$150	\$115	\$895	\$92	\$129	\$24,251
Our Lady of Fatima SC	22	1	15	15	1	0	15	15	1	0	\$300	\$205	\$50	\$45	\$358	\$92	(\$41)	(\$7,688)
St. Denis	66	2	20	20	1	1	23	23	1	1	\$436	\$409	\$100	\$65	\$537	\$92	\$50	\$9,445
St. Joseph, Grimsby	48	2	25	25	1	1	42	42	2	1	\$704	\$409	\$100	\$106	\$716	\$92	\$99	\$18,623
St. Mary, Welland	57	2	6	6	1	0	10	10	1	0	\$168	\$409	\$100	\$25	\$537	\$0	(\$85)	(\$16,000)
St. Patrick, NF	33	1	4	4	1	0	5	5	1	0	\$92	\$205	\$50	\$14	\$358	\$0	(\$125)	(\$23,546)
St. Therese	38	2	4	4	1	0	7	7	1	0	\$116	\$409	\$100	\$17	\$537	\$0	(\$129)	(\$24,310)
	389	15	110	110	8	3	157	157	10	3	\$2,764	\$3,068	\$750	\$415	\$4,475	\$370	(\$177)	(\$33,307)

NUMBER OF STAFF REQUIRED PER SHIFT

School	ECE		CASUAL		ECE		CASUAL		TOTAL HOURS	
	6:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	11:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	ECE	Casual	ECE	Casual	
Father Hennepin	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	18	0	
Holy Name	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	30	5	
Our Lady of Fatima SC	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	12	5	
St. Denis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	5	
St. Joseph, Grimsby	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	24	5	
St. Mary, Welland	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	18	0	
St. Patrick, NF	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	
St. Therese	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	18	0	
	8	10	4	7	4	7	4	150	20	

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: EXTENDED OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP/
EXCURSION/EXCHANGE TRIP INFORMATION**

The report on the
Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING MAY 25, 2010

EXTENDED OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP, EXCURSION AND EXCHANGE APPROVAL COMMITTEE – 2010-2011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee continues to review proposals for 2010-2011 extended overnight field trips, excursions and exchanges as submitted to date. The composition of the approval Committee is as follows:

1 Supervisory Officer	-	Yolanda Baldasaro
1 Secondary School Principal	-	Mario Ciccarelli
1 Secondary School Vice-Principal	-	Jeff Smith
1 Education Services Member	-	Mike Sheahan

As defined in the Niagara Catholic Educational Field Trip Policy (400.2) Administrative Guidelines, an Extended Overnight Field Trip is:

- “Any school/board sponsored and supervised activity, on scheduled instructional days, beyond the school property that requires four or five more night lodgings”
or
- “Requiring an individual flight ticket of \$600.00 or more.” (Part II, A.4)

An Excursion is defined as follows:

- “A trip not directly linked to specific subject curriculum expectations, but provided to enrich a student’s overall Catholic education. An excursion is a trip that is planned and arranged for secondary school students that would be held during the year when the students are not normally expected to be attending classes and that does not adhere to all guidelines and procedures relating to Educational Field Trips.” (Part II, A.5)

Attached to this information report is an Executive Summary of a 2010-2011 Extended Overnight Field Trip as submitted on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010.

The report on the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee for May, 2010 is presented for information.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: May 25, 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Appendix A

Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee Approvals – 2010-2011

School	Type	Approval Required	Destination	Curriculum Unit/Theme	Education Value	Date	Students on Trip	Duration	Cost (Approx)	Transportation
Approved May 2010										
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Extended Overnight Field Trip	Superintendent and Extended Overnight Field Trip Committee	France, Italy	History, cultural	Students will have the opportunity to use their French and Italian knowledge to communicate with native speakers. They will also export the culture of these two countries; social customs, art, literature and history. Students will also enrich their faith and gain a better understanding of our Catholic essence through our visit to the Vatican.	Friday, March 11, 2011 to Sunday, March 20, 2011. Evening departure	28 students 2 staff 0 chaperones	10 days 9 nights (0 school days)	\$3381.00/ person \$150.00 additional costs for transportation to and from Airport and gratuities	Air/Coach
St. Francis Catholic Secondary School	Extended Overnight Field Trip	Superintendent and Extended Overnight Field Trip Committee	Costa Rica	History, cultural	Students will be exposed to the language, culture and ECO systems of Costa Rica. This experience will entice students to seek further educational experiences with languages, arts, and history/geography and foster an appreciation for other global civilizations.	Friday, March 11, 2011 to Saturday, March 19, 2011. Evening departure	12- plus students 2 staff 0 chaperones	9 days 8 nights (0 school days)	\$2430.00/ person \$129.00 optional insurance \$115.00 optional excursions	Air/Coach
St. Francis Catholic Secondary School	Extended Overnight Field Trip	Superintendent and Extended Overnight Field Trip Committee	Italy	History, cultural	To reinforce course expectations as shown in IDD3M course outline – Basic Italian Unit: communicating in target language – Experience first hand the geography, history, art and architecture and the daily life and culture of Italy.	Saturday, March 5, 2011 to Friday, March 18, 2010	20-25 students 2-3 staff 3 chaperones	13 days 12 nights (5 school days)	\$3500.00/ person \$500 additional lunch, insurance, airport fees, spending money	Air/Coach

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: H1N1 PANDEMIC UPDATE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

The H1N1 Pandemic Update
– Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management
is presented for information.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: May 25, 2010

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Flu Tracking in Niagara

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A community-wide outbreak was declared in Niagara on October 30, 2009. This means there is a significant amount of flu circulating in Niagara.

Niagara Region Public Health uses many sources of information to understand the amount of flu in the community. These sources include:

- Laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 and Influenza A/B
- Student absenteeism from elementary and high schools
- Visits to doctors for symptoms of the flu

Confirmed H1N1 Cases in Niagara

- No confirmed cases since January 2010
- 252 total confirmed cases
- 4 deaths associated with H1N1

School Absenteeism

There are 229 schools in the Niagara region. This chart shows the average number of schools reporting student absenteeism.

This information is not exact and some **students may have been absent for reasons other than H1N1**. This information is based on the 5-day school week.

Average # of Schools with >10%, 20% and 30% School Absenteeism by Week

Absenteeism Rates (Average # of schools with)	Wk 45* Nov 9-13	Wk 46 Nov 21-27	Wk 47 Nov 28-Dec 5	Wk 48 Dec 5-11	Wk 49 Dec 12-18
> 10% Absenteeism	17	7	6	5	9.8
> 20% Absenteeism	1	0	0	0	0
> 30% Absenteeism	0	0	0	0	0.8

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
BEC – CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING
CANADA’S GLOBAL BEST AWARD**



May 4, 2010

Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road,
Welland, ON L3C 7C1
Attention: Kathy Burtnik, Chair, and John Crocco, Director of Education

Dear Mrs. Burtnik and Mr. Crocco,

On behalf of the BEC Board of Directors and myself, I would like to congratulate the Niagara District Catholic School Board on winning the prestigious Conference Board of Canada's Global Best Award for Business Education Partnerships. It is testimony to the continued commitment of administration and staff to building these important relationships in Niagara. As you know, BEC has promoted and assisted in the development of these types of partnerships since our inception. We believe, as you do, that providing pathways to sustainable employment for students at all levels are enhanced by experiential learning. Participation by the business community ensures they are contributing to the development of the talent they need to grow and prosper. Please pass on our congratulations to the administration and staff who are responsible for these partnerships. Recognizing staff in partnership programs was the reason we initiated the Lincoln Fabrics Teacher Award.

We strongly showed in the BEC video "Niagara's Education Assets" that Boards of Education are the foundation piece in Niagara's exemplary education system. As Director John Crocco indicated in that video "we all have a piece of the puzzle". I believe the Global Best Award indicates NCDSB is contributing a major piece of that puzzle.

Congratulations again and good luck in all the business education initiatives that you have underway now and in the future. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with the Board and will do all we can do to support your endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Palmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Palmer
Executive Director
Business Education Council

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
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MAY 25, 2010**

**TOPIC: GENERAL DISCUSSION TO PLAN FOR FUTURE ACTION
DRAFT NIAGARA CATHOLIC MISSION STATEMENT
FEEDBACK**



MEMO #: Director's Memorandum – DM 030 (2009-2010)

MEMO TO: Trustees
Diocese of St. Catharines Catholic Centre and Parish Priests
Senior Administrative Council
Elementary and Secondary Principals and Vice-Principals
Managers
Niagara Catholic Alliance Committee
Vision 2020 Summit Participants
Catholic School Council Chairs
SEAC
Niagara Catholic Regional School Council / CPIC
OECTA Elementary
OECTA Secondary
CUPE 1317

FROM: John Crocco, Director of Education

DATE: Wednesday, May 12th, 2010

RE: **DRAFT Niagara Catholic Mission Statement Feedback**

In the fall of 2008, the Niagara Catholic District School Board embarked on a strategic planning process. On Tuesday, May 11th, 2010, following two years of prayer, dialogue and active listening, Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan was presented to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Inspired by more than 3,300 dreams and more than 4,700 voices representing our Niagara Catholic community, the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan was recommended by the Committee of the Whole to the Board Meeting on May 25th, 2010.

The strategic plan was divided into three (3) major parts; the Vision Statements, a draft Mission Statement and Strategic Directions. The Vision Statements captured the future of Niagara Catholic through key organizational achievements in the next ten (10) years. The Strategic Directions articulated the key focus of Niagara Catholic which are aligned to the Vision and Mission Statement.

The Mission Statement articulates the primary purpose of Niagara Catholic; what good for what people.

Throughout the two year Vision 2020 process, discussions took place regarding the current Mission Statement of the Board and whether it continued to define the primary purpose of Niagara Catholic, or whether it required revision. At the Vision 2020 Summit on April 14th, 2010, the vast majority of the eighty (80) participants recommended that the mission statement be revised. Through a discernment process, key words, phrases, thoughts, insights and recommendations were provided in drafting a new Mission Statement for Niagara Catholic.

Draft Mission Statement

Listening to the voices and recommendations from the Summit, a new and draft Niagara Catholic Mission Statement was included within the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan report. The draft Mission Statement as presented to the Committee of the Whole is as follows;

Within the context of Niagara Catholic's charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, we provide an enriching Catholic learning community for all students to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.

The word "charism" is a word unique to our Catholic faith and tradition. It has its roots in Romans 12:6 and speaks to the power whose source is the Holy Spirit; the gift of grace.

Feedback on Draft Mission Statement

With the recommendation of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, it's Vision Statements and Strategic Directions approved by the Committee of the Whole to the Board, a process was pre-designed to invite input and recommendations on the draft Mission Statement portion of the strategic plan given the draft Mission Statement was not discussed in its finalized form with Summit participants.

Our pre-designed process is to vet the draft Mission Statement with all eighty (80) Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit participants, Trustees, administrators, staff, Catholic School Councils, Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC and SEAC and invite input, comments and/or recommendations by Thursday, June 10th, 2010 at 4.00 p.m.

Niagara Catholic administrators will engage school staff and members of their Catholic School Councils for feedback, while Chairs of various Board committees are requested to discuss the draft Mission Statement with their committee and provide a response as part of our vetting process.

We are inviting your input and recommendations on the draft Mission Statement by June 10th, 2010 to Linda Marconi, Executive Assistant at linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

Senior Administrative Council will review all input and recommendations and submit a final Niagara Catholic Mission Statement to the June 15th, 2010 Board Meeting for consideration.

Once the Board approves the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and the draft Mission Statement, our plan is to share the complete Vision 2020 Strategic Plan with all staff and members of the Niagara Catholic community.

Thank you in advance for your continued participation in our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan process as we continue to engage members of our Niagara Catholic community.

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC
MAY 11, 2010**



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Niagara Catholic Trustees Get First Look at Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

Niagara Catholic Trustees had their first look at the Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at the May 11th meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Director of Education John Crocco presented a 50-minute overview of the Plan, which is the culmination of two years of meetings and consultation to chart Niagara Catholic's course for the coming decade.

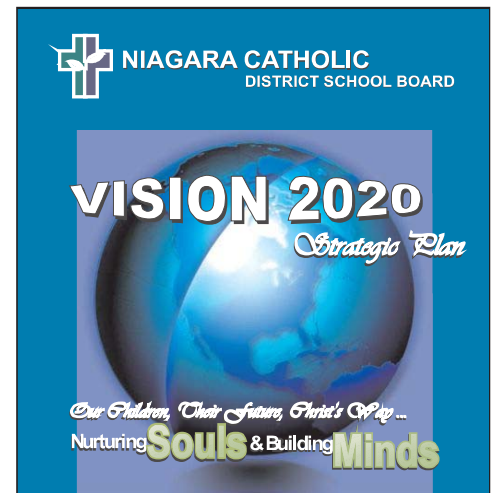
Mr. Crocco provided a history of the process the Board and Facilitator Maria Sanchez-Keane followed to create the final report. Mr. Crocco explained the steps taken during the first three stages of the Vision 2020 process to ensure all Niagara Catholic stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide input into the future of Niagara Catholic through 2020.

He also shared plans for the fourth stage of the Vision 2020 plan, which will run from May 2010 through June 2020.

! Among the highlights of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan is a change to Niagara Catholic's Mission Statement. A draft version of a new Niagara Catholic Mission Statement, which reflects the current priorities and goals for Niagara Catholic, was introduced in the Strategic Plan, and will be vetted by the 80 Vision 2020 Summit participants, administrators, Catholic School Councils, Regional Catholic School Council/CPIC and SEAC for input and recommendations. A final recommendation for a revised Niagara Catholic Mission Statement will be presented at the June 15th Board meeting.

With the approval of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan by the Board, Senior Staff will design aligned 2010-2011 System Priorities, which will be presented at the May 25th Board meeting. Annual System Priorities will be consistent with the approved Strategic Plan and presented to the Board annually through 2020.

On September 1, the Board-approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan will be shared with all Niagara Catholic staff. In the fall, Senior Staff will begin designing an implementation process to achieve specific recommendations in the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. The



Intensive French Program Expands to Four Schools

The Ministry of Education has granted Niagara Catholic additional funds to expand the Intensive French Grade 6 program to an additional two schools.

Now in its third year at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School in Thorold and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls, the Intensive French program offers students in Grade 6 the chance to study in French for 70 per cent of the school day from September through January, allowing students to receive three to four times the amount of French instruction normally devoted to French. The remaining 30 per cent of the day, students learn Mathematics, Religion, Music and Physical Education in English.

Students who have completed the Intensive French program continue to follow the post-Intensive French program in Grade 7 and 8. Post-Intensive French students at Monsignor Clancy study History and Geography in French, making them eligible for additional funding through the Extended French program.

Recruitment of students has taken place for the coming school year, but the location of the additional sites has yet to be determined. Elementary school administrators have been invited to consider offering the Grade 6 Intensive French program in 2010-2011.

Status Quo for Trustees

Niagara Catholic supporters will have the opportunity to cast ballots for eight trustees in six jurisdictions in the 2010 municipal election.

The jurisdictions and Trustee allocations are as follows:

- West Lincoln, Lincoln, Grimsby, Pelham - 1 trustee
- St. Catharines (excluding Merriton) - 2 trustees
- Thorold (including Merriton) - 1 trustee
- Fort Erie, Port Colborne Wainfleet - 1 trustee
- Welland - 1 trustee
- Niagara Falls - 2 trustees

Niagara Catholic Students Celebrate Heritage Fair

On April 27th, 99 Niagara Catholic elementary students represented their schools at the 7th Annual Heritage Fair at Brock University. The projects were selected from nearly 2,300 projects created and presented by students at 26 Niagara Catholic elementary schools this year.

In the past, students would be selected from within the winners' list to represent Niagara Catholic at provincial and national heritage fairs. Funding is no longer available for federal and provincial fairs. This did not dampen enthusiasm for a local fair. The following is a list of winners:

- **Bird Kingdom Award** : Jennavieve Jawor, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School (SC); *Native Canadian Settler Medicines and Remedies*.
- **Guinness World Record Museum Award**: Brianna Walters, Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School; *Maple Syrup*
- **Heritage Niagara Esther Summers Award**: Palmira Conversano, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (SC); *The War of 1812*
- **Niagara Falls Historical Museum Award**: Raiven de Souza, St. James Catholic Elementary School; *Port Dalhousie Carnival*
- **Niagara Parks Award**: Olivia Shaw-Szymanski, St. Peter Catholic Elementary School; *The Underground Railroad*
- **Norval Johnson Heritage Award**: Alexa Del Priore, St. Ann (SC); *Canada - The North Star*
- **Ontario English Catholic Teachers Award for a project focused on the labour movement or Catholicity**: Emily Dugo, St. Peter; *Craig Keilburger: A Voice that Changed the World*
- **Pastoral Productions Award for a project on a Canadian woman**: Stephanie Hutton, Our Lady of Fatima (SC); *Dr. Roberta Bondar*
- **Robert J. Foley, The Haunted Press Publishers and Distributors Award**: Ariel Cosonni, St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School; *Fort George*
- **Ontario Genealogical Society Award**: Alana Piece, St. Peter; *Ottavio Muratori*
- **Archives of Ontario Award**: Kevin Hatton, Holy Name Catholic Elementary School; *The Blizzard of '77*
- **Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Award**: Mitchell McArthur, St. Peter; *The Halifax Explosion*
- **Ontario Historical Society Award**: Melinda Mitterhauser, St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School (PC); *I Have Come to Serve*
- **Ontario Heritage Fairs Association Multiculturalism Award**: Vanessa Muraca, St. Vincent de Paul; *The Longhouse*
- **Ontario Heritage Fairs Associations Founders' Award**: Matthew Avakian, St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School; *Juno Beach: D Day*
- **Canada's National History Society Award**: Liam Proctor, St. Peter; *Vimy Ridge - Canada's Greatest WWI Victory*
- **Niagara Catholic Award of Excellence**: Cara Lozano, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School Grimsby; *Cirque du Soleil*

Successful Catholic Education Week Now Complete

Niagara Catholic had a very visible presence across Niagara, during Catholic Education Week this year.

Staff and students were in shopping malls and libraries across Niagara May 6th and May 7th, and also held a special outdoor event at the Port Colborne Market Square on the final day.

Niagara Catholic published *With Hope in their Hearts*, a book of poems, drawings and inspirational messages by elementary students, as well as *A Child's Book of Prayers*, also written by elementary students. The books will be donated to local churches and libraries, and will also be available in Niagara Catholic elementary schools.

Secondary students from Notre Dame, Lakeshore Catholic and Denis Morris also wrote songs about hope. Listen to the songs online at niagaracatholic.ca. Videos featuring the songs will also be available on Facebook and YouTube.



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+ Congratulations to the students who took part in the Provincial Festival d'art oratoire at York University's Glendon College, May 8th:

- Larissa Della Ventura - Grade 4 - Core French, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School St. Catharines, **Les Jeux olympiques**
- Matthew Bignucolo, Grade 5 Intensive Core French, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, **La Motocross**
- Vince Attalah, Grade 8 Core French, St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School, **Haïti en douleur**
- Alexander Kubisheskie, Grade 9 Core French, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, **Le Pape Jean-Paul II**
- Patrick Stuart, Grade 10 FSL Plus, Lakeshore Catholic High School, **Une Grande famille**
- Elizabeth Angotti, Grade 12 Core French, Saint Michael Catholic High School, **La Pauvreté**
- Mark Dano, Grade 12 Extended French, St. Francis Catholic Secondary School, **Le Média**
- Rachel Buxton, Grade 12 FSL Plus, Denis Morris Catholic High School, **L'Influence des médias sur l'estime desol**

Rachel and Alexander each took third place finishes in their respective categories at the Festival d'art oratoire. The students were selected from 14 elementary and who took part in Niagara Catholic's 10th Annual French as a Second Language Speech Arts Festival at the Catholic Education Centre on March 24th and 85 secondary students who took part in the French-language component of the 14th Annual French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest at Club Roma on March 25th.

+ Congratulations to the First Lego League Team from St. Denis Catholic Elementary School in St. Catharines. The students had an amazing experience at the FLL World Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, in April. They returned with memorable experiences after meeting students from around the world that will last a lifetime.


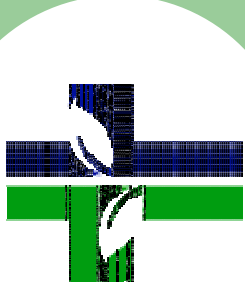



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PUBLIC SESSION
MAY 25, 2010**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE 2010**

June 2010

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 Canadian Environment Week May 30—June 5, 2010	1 Committee of the Whole Mtg	2 SEAC Mtg Clean Air Day	3 Director's & Administrative Leadership Symposium	4 World Environment Day		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Rivers to Oceans Week—June 8 to 14						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day 	Summer Solstice Celebrate Canada June 21 to July 1	Board Mtg	Staff Retirement Celebration	Graduation -Saint Paul		
27	28	29	30	Secondary Exams—June 22 to 28		
Graduation -Blessed Trinity -Holy Cross Sec Exams	Secondary PA Dy Graduation -Denis Morris -Notre Dame -St. Francis -Saint Michael	Elem & Sec PA Day Graduation -Lakeshore Catholic	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Celebrate Canada</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  National Aboriginal Day - June 21 Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day - June 24 Canadian Multiculturalism Day - June 27 Canada Day - July 1 </p> </div>			

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