



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 14, 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 Chairperson Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole	✓		
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi	✓		
<b>Student Trustees</b>			
Shelby Levesque	✓		
Patrick Fowler	✓		

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 September 14, 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 June 1, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 1, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

Chairperson Burtnik announced that His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, has appointed Bishop Gerard Bergie as the new Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines. Chairperson Burtnik and Director Crocco were in contact with Bishop Bergie to express the Board's pleasure at the appointment and stated that the Board is looking forward to the spiritual guidance that he will provide to the Diocese of St. Catharines and Niagara Catholic.

1. **Director's Introduction to 2010-2011 School Year**

Director Crocco provided Trustees with an update and a preview of the Board's System Priorities and initiatives for the 2010-2011 school year. He stated that 2010-2011 will continue to be a year of a faith based, distinctive Catholic education with innovative programs and services – all focused on the Board's 24,000 students.

Yolanda Baldasaro and Frank Iannantuono, Superintendents of Education, and James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented information reports on the new school year.

**2. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities  
September 1st Faith/Professional Activity Day**

Superintendent Iannantuono and Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities and September 1st Faith/Professional Activity Day for information.

Mr. Syne presented a DVD highlighting the September 1, 2010 Faith Day which was attended by the Board's 3,000 employees.

**3. Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program 2010-2011**

Superintendent Baldasaro introduced the report on the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program, which was implemented in eight Niagara Catholic elementary schools as well as being extended into an additional five Catholic Elementary schools.

Superintendent Baldasaro, along with members of Senior Staff, visited several of the classrooms on the first day of school, and reported that the students had a very positive experience.

Mark Lefebvre, Administrator: School Effectiveness, elaborated on the program.

**4. Student Achievement K-12 - Executive Summary of Programs, Services and Resource Implementation for 2010-2011**

Superintendent Baldasaro introduced the report on Student Achievement K-12 - Executive Summary of Programs, Services and Resource Implementation for 2010-2011, stating that the Student Achievement K-12 Department oversees system responsibilities in the areas of School Effectiveness, Student Success and Special Education.

The three administrators, Mark Lefebvre, Administrator: School Effectiveness; Marcel Jacques, Administrator: Special Education; and David Pihach, Administrator: Student Success, work cooperatively with school and system level personnel to provide programs, services and resource implementation to support the Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions and Priority Indicators.

**5. Capital Projects 2010**

Controller of Plant Woods presented the report on the Capital Projects 2010. In the summer of 2010, teams of consultants, contractors and Plant staff worked on over 310 projects worth approximately \$54 million. The projects ranged from flooring replacement to new school buildings.

**6. Niagara Catholic Annual Accessibility Plan – September 2010 – August 2011 (Year 8)**

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the Niagara Catholic Annual Accessibility Plan – September 2010–August 2011 (Year 8), which describes the measures the Niagara Catholic District School Board has taken in the past as well as the measures which will be taken during the 2010-2011 school year to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodations, employment, buildings, structures and premises.

## **7. Financial Reports**

### **7.1 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 months of June, July and August 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at August 31, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **8. Monthly Updates**

### **8.1 Policy Development Update**

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

### **8.2 Capital Projects Progress Report**

Controller of Plant Woods presented the Capital Projects Progress Report.

### **8.3 Student Trustees' Update**

Shelby Levesque and Patrick Fowler, Student Trustees, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

### **8.4 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update**

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

#### **Superintendent Ciarlo**

- The Principals, Staff and Students of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary Schools are extremely pleased with their two beautiful new schools.
- St. Mark Catholic Elementary School is proud to boast about the new landscaping which enhances the front of the school. The school received support in excess of \$12,000 for the project. Students assisted in the laying of the flagstones and interlocking blocks.
- The Niagara Catholic Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Program received full accreditation and recognition for TESL Ontario as a full 300 hour academic program.

### **Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

- St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School is holding its Opening Mass on Friday at St. Kevin Church with Father James Mulligan. St. Kevin students and their Historical projects will be featured this week at the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society Annual Fair at the Exhibition Fairgrounds in Welland.
- Saint Paul Catholic High School welcomed Grade 9 students with a standing ovation by the student body and staff at the Opening Assembly.
- St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School will be hosting its Open House/ Program Night for the community on September 22, 2010 featuring the newest initiative, “Collaborative Inquiry” for Mathematics. Pro Grant funds have been used to provide resources for parents to sign out to support the numeracy skills of their students.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 15, 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 15, 2010 issue for Trustees’ information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – September 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – September 2010 for Trustees’ information.

#### **1.3 Niagara Catholic Calendar of Events - 2010-2011 (DM-034)**

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic Calendar of Events - 2010-2011 (DM-034) for Trustees’ information.

#### **1.4 Municipal, Provincial and Federal Election Administrative Procedures (DM-036)**

Director Crocco presented Municipal, Provincial and Federal Election Administrative Procedures (DM-036) for Trustees’ information.

#### **1.5 Director’s Letter to Students & Parents – September 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Director’s Letter to Students & Parents – September 2010 for Trustees’ information.

#### **1.6 Register as a Catholic School Supporter**

Director Crocco presented the flyer “Register as a Catholic School Supporter” for Trustees’ information. He informed Trustees that posters and flyers were delivered to all parishes with a letter from the Director asking parish priests to post them, and to make special announcements at the end of Mass.

**1.7 The Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade – September 25, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Float being entered into the Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade on September 25, 2010. Denis Morris and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary Schools will also enter floats in the parade featuring the theme “How Green It Is” promoting Niagara Catholic being the first Board in Ontario to have all its schools become 100% ECO-certified.

Trustees, Senior Staff, Principals, Staff and Students are invited to walk in the parade. Trustees were asked to respond to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of there intention to attend.

**1.8 When Faith Meets Pedagogy – October 21-23, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on When Faith Meets Pedagogy – October 21-23, 2010. Trustees were asked to respond to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications of there intention to attend.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

**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 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

**G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2010.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**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 June 1, 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 June 1, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the September 14, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 14, 2010.**

Approved on the **12th** day of **October 2010.**

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John Dekker  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer