



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, in the Father Kenneth Burns C.S.C. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice-Chair Burkholder who presided over the meeting for Chair Burtnik. Trustee Charbonneau presided as Vice-Chair.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Charbonneau

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Chair Burtnik, Trustee Fera and Trustee Nieuwesteeg from attending the Board Meeting of September 23, 2014.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Burkholder noted that all other Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik				✓
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera				✓
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg				✓
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Student Trustees				
Demizio, Chloe	✓			
Di Pasquale, Jessica	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2014, as amended.

To switch the order of C7 Representation for VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children and C8 Niagara Catholic District School Board Mathematics K-12.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings

5.1 June 17, 2014

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 17, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 August 27, 2014

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 27, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

8:30 Timed Item

1. Country Garden School – Guangzhou, China – Live Partnership Agreement Signing

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources Services introduced Fred Wilson, Coordinator of International Education, who introduced a presentation on the Ontario Secondary School Diploma Credit Program Partnership Agreement between Niagara Catholic and Guangzhou Country Garden School, China.

Vice-Chair Burkholder welcomed via by Skype David Li, Principal at Country Garden School, who introduced Lindsey Lin Superintendent of Education, other administrative staff,

students and Niagara Catholic teachers, Michael Goodwin, Paulina Kociolek, Krystin Lessard and Maddalena Miele who are currently teaching at Country Garden School. Speeches were presented by administrators, staff and students of Country Garden School.

Vice-Chair Burkholder, Director Crocco, Principal Li and Superintendent Lin signed a Partnership Agreement providing Niagara Catholic the opportunity to develop the Ontario Secondary School Diploma Credit Course Program, teacher training and professional development on the Ontario school system to the administration and staff at Country Garden School.

Director Crocco, thanked Principal Li, Superintendent Lin, staff and students from Country Garden School for their commitment to the Dual Diploma Program Partnership Agreement and for taking care of the four (4) staff members from Niagara Catholic.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Mary Catholic Elementary School - Welland

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program.

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education introduced Scott Root, Acting Principal, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Welland.

Acting Principal Root, with the assistance of staff, showcased St. Mary Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Vice-Chair Burkholder and Trustee O’Leary thanked Acting Principal Root and staff for their presentation.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2014 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendation was presented for the Board’s consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2014.

2.1 Pathway to Care Program – Renaming

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board endorse the Director’s recommendation to name the location of the new pathway to care program, the “Pope Francis Centre”.

CARRIED

3. **Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 4, 2014**

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2014, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. **Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of May 8, 2014**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of May 8, 2014, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5. **Niagara Catholic Strategic Direction System Priorities 2013-2014 Achievement Report**

On behalf of Senior Administrative Council John Crocco, Director of Education-Secretary/Treasurer presented the report on the Niagara Catholic Strategic Direction Priority Indicators 2013-2014 Achievement Report, for information.

Director Crocco and Senior Administration answered questions of Trustees.

On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chair Burkholder congratulated Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council on the annual report and the achievements throughout 2013-2014.

6. **Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, presented the report on EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, for information.

7. **Representation for VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the recommendation for the Representation of VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the change in representation for VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children to the Special Education Advisory Committee; Primary Representative: Carol Baldinelli

CARRIED

8. Niagara Catholic District School Board Mathematics K-12

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent, presented the report on Niagara Catholic District School Board Mathematics K-12, for information.

Superintendent Lefebvre, introduced Beth Hulan, Consultant, K-12 Mathematics and Christopher Moscato, Numeracy Facilitator who presented visual reports on Niagara Catholic District School Board's Junior Interventions Project and the final report for the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat.

The 8:30 timed item – Presentation – Country Garden School – Guangzhou, China – Live Partnership Agreement Signing took place.

9. Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange

Superintendent Lefebvre, presented the report on Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange, for information.

10. Staff Development – September 2014-October 9, 2014

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources Services presented the report on Staff Development - September 2014 – October 9, 2014, for information.

11. Financial Reports

11.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the months of June, July, and August 2014, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at year end August 31, 2014, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Retirement Celebration – Thank you letter

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the letter from Cynthia Palumbo, retired teacher who expressed her appreciation to Niagara Catholic District School Board and Director Crocco for the recognition retirement dinner.

1.2 Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction – July 15, 2014

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the letter from Peter Clifford who expressed his gratitude on behalf of his family for Niagara Catholic selecting his Uncle Monsignor Matthew Clifford as the recipient of the 2014 Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction.

1.3 Office of the Mayor – City of Thorold

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the letter from Ted Luciani, Mayor, City of Thorold, regarding the Tennis Courts at Monsignor Clancy Catholic School.

Vice-Chair Burkholder recommended for consideration a proposed Community Garden to replace the unused Tennis Courts at Monsignor Clancy Elementary School.

Vice-Burkholder and Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

1.4 Niagara-on-the-Lake - Proposal

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the letter and proposal from Patrick Darte for a new Catholic Secondary School in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Director Crocco noted that a report and recommendations will be brought to a future Committee of the Whole or Board Meeting.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco expressed his appreciation to the Board for their approval of the renaming of the location of the new pathway to care program, the “Pope Francis Centre” and that the Trustees will be invited to tour the new site at an upcoming date.

A report on a new site location plan for the Educational Technology Services Centre in St. Catharines, the Facilities Services Maintenance Shop in Thorold and the future use of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls, will be brought to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting or Board Meeting.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – September 2014

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - September 2014 for Trustees information

4.2 Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade – September 27, 2014

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade – September 27, 2014 and that all Trustees were invited to walk with the Board float.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Kristine Murphy.

4.3 Director’s Inspiration Award 2014 – October 9, 2014 – St. Kevin Parish

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Director’s Inspiration Award 2014 – October 9, 2014 – St. Kevin Parish beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Kristine Murphy.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O’Leary

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

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 June 17, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 September 9, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

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 June 17, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of August 27, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of September 9, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of June 23, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the September 23, 2014 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 23, 2014**.

Approved on **October 28, 2014**.

Rhianon Burkholder
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer