



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 9, 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.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Vice-Chair Burkholder

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole excuse Trustee Fera, from attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting September 9, 2014.

CARRIED

Trustee Charbonneau attended electronically, all other Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance for the Committee of the Whole Meeting September 9, 2014.

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				
Jessica Di Pasquale	✓			
Chloe Demizio	✓			

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 Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2014, as presented.

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 10, 2014**

Moved by Chair Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 10, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Nil**

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2014-2015 School Year**

John Crocco, Director of Education Secretary/Treasurer and Senior Administrative Council welcomed the Board to the new school year and presented a visual report on the beginning of the new school year with updates on each member of Senior Staff's roll of responsibility for Trustee information.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

2. **Parents Reaching Out Grants 2014-2015**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the report on the Parents Reaching Out Grants 2014-2015, a list of approved schools and funding amount was provided for information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

3. **The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services - Special Education Plan for information. All Trustees were presented a copy of the Special Education Plan 2014.

4. Monthly Updates

4.1 Capital Projects Update

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

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

4.2 Student Trustees' Update

Chloe Demizio and Jessica Di Pasquale, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

4.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Lefebvre

The Board of Directors of Skills Canada, Ontario awarded 7 (seven) \$500 scholarships to high schools students who earned a medal at the 2013 or 2014 Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC). Alex Hoelzli, student from Notre Dame College School, Welland will be furthering his education at Niagara College in the Mechanical Engineering Technology (COOP) Program after winning gold in the Precision Machining Contest at the 2014 OTSC.

Superintendent Farrell

Matt Vinc, a graduate of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and currently a teacher at Denis Morris Catholic High School was a member of the gold medal Canadian Field Lacrosse Team this past summer at the International Field Lacrosse Championships in Colorado. The team defeated the United States in the final. The gold medal that Matt earned is in addition to the several National Lacrosse League championships and MVP awards that he has won as a member of the Rochester Knighthawks.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

On September 8, 2014 Niagara Catholic, students, staff and dignitaries held the ground breaking Ceremony at Lakeshore Catholic High School to officially begin the 5 (five) million dollar renovation and expansion of the school. Construction will take place at Lakeshore Catholic High School throughout the school and upon completion in September 2015 all students will be housed under one roof.

Superintendent Vetrone

During the last week of August, the Canadian Cycling Federation, governing board for all cyclists, amateur and professional granted Anna Tykoliz, Administrative Assistant, Niagara Catholic along with 9 (nine) other amateur Canadians the opportunity to represent Canada at the United Cyclist International World Cycling Road Race Championship in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Anna competed in the Individual Time Trial Race of 18.6 km, placing 6 (six) in her category with a total of 362 athletes, from 45 (forty-five) countries.

Director Crocco

Ryan Nieuwesteeg, a graduate of Saint Paul Catholic High School who is attending University of Guelph and playing for the Guelph Gryphons football team was voted the Ontario University Athletic Association's Special Team Player of the week for having 227 yards in kick returns including a (sixty-two) 62 yard touchdown.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 17, 2014

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 17, 2014 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – September 2014

Director Crocco presented the September 2014 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

1.3 Director's Letter to Students and Parents – September 2014

Director Crocco presented a copy of the letter that was sent to Students and Parents for September 2014.

1.4 Director's Letter to Staff – September 2014

Director Crocco presented a copy of the letter that was emailed to all Niagara Catholic staff for September 2014.

1.5 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 17, 2014

Director Crocco presented the Agenda and Registration form for the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 17, 2014.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Kristine Murphy.

1.6 Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade – September 27, 2014

Director Crocco informed the Board that Niagara Catholic will once again participate in the Niagara Wine Festival's Grande Parade on September 27, 2014. Three (3) Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools will participate with floats along with a Niagara Catholic float with student ambassadors representing all of our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.

All Trustees were invited to walk in the annual parade with the Board float and asked to confirm their attendance with Kristine Murphy.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1** Director Crocco informed the Board of the new location for the Board's Fresh Start/Jump Start and alternative care program.

Director Crocco requested that the Board, endorse the recommendation of staff to name the new location the "*Pope Francis Centre*"

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee

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

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:54 p.m. and reconvened at 11:34 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2014.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on June 10, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on June 10, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.3 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.3)

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.4 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.4)

Moved by Chair Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.5 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.5)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.6 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.6)

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.7 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.7)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.8 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.8)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.9 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.9)

Moved by Chair Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.10 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.10)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.11 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded)

CARRIED (Item F4.11)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the September 9, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 9, 2014.**

Approved on **October 14, 2014.**

Rhianon Burkholder
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer