



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 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 7:10 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Charbonneau

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik				✓
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera				✓
Fr. Paul MacNeil				✓
Ed Nieuwesteeg				✓
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal		✓		
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; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

Vice-Chair Sicoli called upon Director Crocco to review the Board By-Laws on quorum. Director Crocco stated that in accordance with Board By-Law, Section 10, Quorum, as of 7:10 p.m. the March 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting did not reach quorum with a majority of all Trustees present. As noted in Sub Section 6 “Unless there is a quorum present within thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for the start of the meeting, the Secretary of the Board or Chairperson of the Board Committee shall record the names of those present, the time of adjournment, and the Board and its Committees shall stand adjourned.” A decision on if Committee of the Whole reaches quorum will be made at 7:40 p.m.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Speak Out Showcase 2015

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Speak Out Committee Co-Chairs, Lisa Incaviglia Acting Vice-Principal at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Grimsby and Christine Battagli Consultant for Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Lisa and Christine introduced the speakers who presented their award winning speeches to the Board.

Catholic Messenger: Jonathan Krekorian, Assumption Catholic Elementary School
Topic: Stewardship

Team 1: Erica DaSilva, St. Martin Catholic Elementary School
Topic: Why Nursery Rhymes are Bad for Children

Team 2: Madison Caldwell, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School
Topic: The Real Cost of the Oil Sands Project

Team 3: Melissa Loeffen, St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School
Topic: Memory

Vice-Chairperson Sicoli and Trustee Charbonneau congratulated the students on their award winning speeches and along with Trustee O’Leary and Director Crocco presented them with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Academics” Pins.

Vice-Chairperson Sicoli announced at 7:40 p.m. that the Committee of the Whole Meeting did not achieve quorum as provided in Board By-Law, Section 10, and the March 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda items have been deferred as follows;

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

5. Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting to the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee items 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 to the April Committee of the Whole Meeting.
2. Mental Health and Addiction Strategy to the March Board Meeting.
3. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities to the March Board Meeting.
4. Preparation of System Priorities and Balanced Budget 2015-2016 – March 2015 Update to the March Board Meeting.
5. Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2015
Director John Crocco announced that at the Selection Committee Meeting of March 5, 2015, the committee selected Joseph Noonan (posthumously) and Anna Racine as the recipients of the Award of Distinction 2015. With the notification of the Committee of the Whole, Director Crocco and Superintendent Iannantuono will contact Mrs. Noonan and Anna Racine to inform them of the selection and issue a Communications Notice to the system and local media of the recipients who will be presented with their award at the Bishop's Gala. Director Crocco will email all Trustees with this information.
6. Monthly updates 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 to the April Committee of the Whole Meeting.

D. INFORMATION

Director Crocco informed the Committee of the Whole that item 1.3 – March Break 2015 will be e-mailed to all Trustees for information.

E. Business in Camera

In-camera session Section A and Section B items were deferred to the March In-Camera Board Meeting.

The March 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting stood adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 10, 2015.**

Approved on **April 14, 2015.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer