



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 24, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson MacNeil.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Vernal

2. Roll Call

Chairperson MacNeil noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

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				
Michaela Bodis	✓			
Aidan Harold	✓			

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of November 24, 2015, as presented.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F9.1.1 F9.2.1 and F9.2.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2015

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education introduced Theresa Murphy, Principal and Angela Vilella, Vice Principal of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Murphy and Vice-Principal Vilella showcased Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil and Vice-Chair Sicoli thanked Principal Murphy, the staff and students for their attendance, presentation and performance.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2015

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of September 17, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of September 17, 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Trustee Burtnik announced the re-election of Shonna Daly as Chair of NCPIC.

4. **Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of October 7, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 7, 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5. **Rescind the Approval of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Members 2014-2018**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education provided an explanation for the necessity to rescind the approval of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members 2014-2018.

Trustee Burtnik recommended the motion include “as they do not meet the criteria outlined in Regulation 464”.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board rescind the January 27, 2015 Board Motion approving the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2014-2018: Cindy Palumbo – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative) and Mario Palumbo – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative) as they do not meet the criteria outlined in Regulation 464.

CARRIED

6. **Annual Culture of Life Conference 2015**

Director Crocco introduced Stephanie Jarrett, Chaplaincy Leader at Notre Dame College School and Greg Robertson, Chaplaincy Leader at Saint Paul Catholic High School who presented the report on the 3rd Annual Culture of Life Conference.

Chair MacNeil thanked Ms. Jarrett and Mr. Robertson for their presentation.

7. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics – 2014-2015

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells presented the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics – 2014-2015 for Trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

8. Multi-Year Snowplowing and Salting Tender Approval

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the multi-year contracts for snowplowing and salting.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Multi-Year Contracts for Snowplowing and Salting as presented.

CARRIED

9. Financial Reports

9.1 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2014-2015

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services introduced the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2014-2015 report and the recommendation from the Audit Committee. Superintendent Vetrone introduced Mark Palumbi, CPA, CA Crawford, Smith and Swallow Chartered Accountants LLP, who presented highlights from the Niagara Catholic District School Board Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2014-2015.

Chair MacNeil and Trustee Burtnik thanked Mr. Palumbi and the Audit Committee.

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2014-2015, as presented.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 November 3, 2015 Letter from Superior-Greenstone District School Board

Director Crocco highlighted information contained in the letter from Superior-Greenstone District School Board addressed to The Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education regarding their support for the Bluewater District School Board communique sent to the Minister of Education on October 1, 2015

1.2 November 11, 2015 Letter from Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario

Chair MacNeil highlighted information contained in the letter from the Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario expressing sympathy for the passing of Debra McCaffrey.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco reported that as noted at the November Committee of the Whole meeting, a number of Multi-Year Reports as required by the Board approved System Priorities 2014-2015 will be the focus of upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings for the consideration of Trustees.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco noted there was an update on the St. Martin Catholic Elementary School construction schedule – Item 4.7.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 10, 2015

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 10, 2015 for Trustees information

4.2 Calendar of Events – December 2015

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - December 2015 for Trustees information

4.3 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 1, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

4.4 December Committee of the Whole – December 1, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the December Committee of the Whole on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

4.5 Annual Administrators, Trustees and Parish Priests Faith Formation – December 10, 2015

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Administrators, Trustees and Parish Priests Faith Formation on December 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Club Roma in St. Catharines and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications.

4.6 CCSTA 2017 AGM Niagara Update

Chair MacNeil provided an update on the CCSTA 2017 AGM Niagara and noted next meeting will be on Thursday January 28, 2016 at the Catholic Education Centre.

4.7 St. Martin Catholic Elementary School Update

Controller Whitwell announced that the letter of approval has been received from the Ministry of Education and two potential ground breaking ceremony dates of December 4, 2015 and December 11, 2015 are being considered. Trustees will be advised of the date once confirmed.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
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 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of November 24, 2015.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 October 27, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Vernal
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 A: Student Trustees Present of November 10, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 October 27, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 November 10, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 24, 2015:

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F6

CARRIED (Item F6)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the November 24, 2015 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:46

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 24, 2015**.

Approved on **December 15, 2015**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer