



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 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, who chaired the January Committee of the Whole for Vice-Chair Burtnik.

#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Fera

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	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F4.2.1 and F4.2.2 and Trustee Fera with Items F4.1.1 and F4.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda. Both trustees declared that they have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 1, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 1, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Holy Childhood Walk 2015**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education presented the Holy Childhood Walk 2015 report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Lefebvre answered questions of Trustees.

**2. Revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2015-2016**

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education presented the Revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2015-2016.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars in selecting April 15, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year as per Regulation 304 as amended by Regulation 364/15, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update – January 2016**

John Crocco, Director of Education presented the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update – January 2016 for Trustee information.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

**4. Technology Blueprint 2016-2020**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented the background information of the Technology Blueprint 2016-2020 and introduced Grant Frost, Education Technology Officer.

Superintendent Farrell and Mr. Frost presented the Technology Blueprint 2016-2020 report.

Superintendent Farrell, Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services and Mr. Frost answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board endorse the Niagara Catholic Technology Blueprint 2016-2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Preparation of System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017**

Director Crocco presented the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 report.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities 2016**

Superintendent Iannantuono, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

Superintendent Iannantuono answered questions of Trustees.

**7. Monthly Updates**

**7.1 Capital Projects Update**

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

**7.2 Student Trustees' Update**

Aidan Harold and Michaela Bodis Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

### **7.3 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

#### **Superintendent Farrell**

- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School photography teacher Ms. Gandola received the Architectural Conservancy Ontario NextGen Award and has collaborated with Amy Friend, Artist and Photographer and Peter Vietgen, Visual Arts Professor at Brock University. The results of the collaboration will be displayed in February at Gallery 44 Centre of Contemporary Photography in Toronto.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 15, 2015**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 15, 2015 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – January 2016**

Director Crocco presented the January 2016 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

#### **1.3 Annual Baby Day – January 13, 2016**

Director Crocco extended an invitation to Trustees for the Annual Baby Day being held on January 13, 2016 at the Catholic Education Centre.

#### **1.4 ELKP – Grade 9 Open House & Registration – January 12-14, 2016**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the ELKP – Grade 9 Open House & Registration taking place January 12-14, 2016 and encouraged Trustees to visit our Niagara Catholic sites the showcased three school-based All Are Welcome videos.

#### **1.5 OCSTA PD Session – January 14-16, 2016**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the OCSTA PD Session being held January 14-16, 2016 in Toronto.

#### **1.6 Business Education Council 2016 Annual Partners Breakfast – February 5, 2016**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees about the Business Education Council Annual Partners Breakfast being held on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Marriott Gateway on the Falls, Niagara Falls from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

#### **1.7 DRAFT Board Committee Membership 2016**

Chair MacNeil presented the Draft 2016 Board Committee Membership and requested Trustees to advise him of any committee membership changes. The confirmed 2016 Board Committee Membership will be provided at the January Board Meeting.

Trustee O'Leary extended an invitation to "Soups On" on Friday January 29, 2016 at St. Kevin Catholic Church. Proceeds from the event will fund the St. Kevin's Social Justice Fund.

**1.8 Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Nomination**

Director Crocco provided Trustees with information about the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2016 and the Bishops Gala on April 1, 2016.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**1.1** Director Crocco informed the Board the Multi-Year Accommodations Plan reports is scheduled to be presented at the February 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Senior staff is currently in the process of conducting the Mid-Year Achievement Review and will be presenting the Annual Mid-Year System Priority Achievement Report to the January 2016 Board Meeting.

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**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 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**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 December 1, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

**SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F3.1)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**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 December 1, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the January 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 12, 2016.**

Approved on **February 9, 2016.**

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary –Treasurer