



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 23, 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.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Sicoli.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson MacNeil noted that Trustee O'Leary and Trustee Fera are excused.

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 Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2016, 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 Board Meeting of February 9, 2016

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 9, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education introduced Mary Lou Vescio, Principal of Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Vescio, with the assistance of students, parents and staff showcased Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil and Trustees Nieuwesteeg and Charbonneau thanked Principal Vescio, the staff, parents and students for their presentation and performance.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2016 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2016;

2.1 Approval of Policies

2.2.1 Facility Partnerships Policy (800.6)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Facility Partnerships Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2.2 Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (701.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2.3 Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.6)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2.4 Elementary Standardized Dress Code – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.10)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary Standardized Dress Code – Safe Schools Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2.5 French Immersion Policy (NEW)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the French Immersion Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Long Term Accommodation Planning – Phase One

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Long Term Accommodation Planning Principles, as presented.

CARRIED

2.3 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2016-2017

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented.

CARRIED

Director Crocco informed Trustees that Superintendent Iannantuono will submit approved calendars to the Ministry of Education for approval.

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of January 6, 2016

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 6, 2016, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report 2015-2016

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report 2015-2016 for information.

Trustee Charbonneau thanked Superintendent Vetrone for the clarity within the revised monthly financial reports.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 February 12, 2016 Letter – St. Alfred Roman Catholic Parish

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the letter from Father Gibson, Pastor of St. Alfred Roman Catholic Parish and a member of the Man of the Shroud Steering Committee showing appreciation to the Board for its support of the exhibit.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Chair MacNeil, Trustee Burtnik and Director Crocco reported on the Ontario Education Services Corporation's Chair, Vice-Chair & Director of Education Provincial Roundtable Conference they attended on February 10, 2016.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Senior Administrative Council continues to work on the design of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 report and recommendations to the April Committee of the Whole meeting; as well as Phase 2 of the Long Term Accommodations Plan which will be presented at the March Committee of the Whole meeting towards a recommendation for the Long Term Accommodations Plan at the April Committee of the Whole Meeting.

With the approval of the Facility Partnerships Policy a recommended Facilities Partnership Plan will be presented at the April Committee of the Whole Meeting.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 2016

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 2016.

4.2 Calendar of Events – March 2016

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – March 2016 for Trustees information.

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education noted the omission of the NCPIC meeting of Thursday March 3, 2016 on the March 2016 calendar.

4.3 OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar Registration Information

Director Crocco presented the OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar Registration Information memo and noted the cancellation deadline date of April 1, 2016. Trustees are asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

Chair MacNeil extended an invitation to the upcoming CCSTA 2017 AGM Planning Committee meeting on April 16, 2016 at the CEC at 10:00 a.m. and requested Trustees consider joining one of the committees. A reminder will be sent out to all Trustees prior to the event by Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 7:49 p.m. and reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2016.

CARRIED

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 January 26, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 9, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 January 26, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 February 9, 2016, 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 February 9, 2016:

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 F5.1

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 F5.2

CARRIED (Item F5.2)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 F5.3

CARRIED (Item F5.3)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 F5.4

CARRIED (Item F5.4)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the February 23, 2016 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 23, 2016**.

Approved on **March 29, 2016**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer