



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 8, 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 7:12 p.m. by Chairperson MacNeil, who chaired the March Committee of the Whole for Vice-Chair Burtnik.

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				
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 O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 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 and F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are teachers, or 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 February 9, 2016

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Speak Out! Showcase 2016

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Speak Out Committee Co-Chairs, Lisa Incaviglia 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 Committee of the Whole.

Team 1: Milaina Wong, Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Cultural Diversity*

Team 2: Brianna Roussel, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, NF
Topic: *Fear*

Team 3: Cora House, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Celebrate Today*

Chairperson McNeil congratulated the students on their award winning speeches and along with Director Crocco presented them with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" Pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 23, 2016

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 23, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule for the information of Trustees and noted the policies currently being vetted in the system and policies scheduled for the March Policy Committee meeting including the 5 p.m. timed agenda item for Board By-Laws. Given that the Board By-Laws are the operational by-laws of the Board, all Trustees were encouraged to attend.

2. English as a Second Language (ESL) Delivery Model

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Randy Pruyn, Consultant – K-12 Literacy/ESL.

Mr. Pruyn presented the English as a Second Language (ESL) Delivery Model for information.

Mr. Pruyn introduced Rafael Argueta and Amal Abou-Kalam, settlement workers within Niagara Catholic. Rafael and Amal presented their approach to integrating new families into our Niagara Catholic schools.

Mr. Pruyn answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil thanked Mr. Pruyn, Rafael and Amal for their presentation.

3. Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Two

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education and Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Long Term Accommodation Planning – Phase Two for Trustee information.

Superintendent Farrell and Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

Director Crocco pre-reviewed the Phase Three report and asked Trustees if they required any additional information on the Phase Two report to contact him prior to the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

4. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update – March 2016

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council provided an update on the Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

5. Design of System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 Update – March 2016

Director Crocco provided an update on the Design of System Priorities and Budget with a summary of the major themes submitted for consideration as System Priorities for 2016-2017.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees and invited Trustees to review the draft system priorities and the major themes in preparation for discussion at the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2016

Director Crocco presented background information on the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2016.

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education presented the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2016 results. Superintendent Iannantuono announced that none of the nominations received met the criteria outlined in the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy and Guidelines.

Chair MacNeil and Trustee Nieuwesteeg expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Committee in upholding the prestige and honour of the award.

7. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities - 2016

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

8. Monthly Updates

8.1 Capital Projects Update

Controller Whitwell presented the Capital Projects Update.

8.2 Student Trustees' Update

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

8.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Farrell

- Matt Vince, teacher at Denis Morris Catholic High School was awarded the St. Catharines Athlete of the Year award. Matt has won three NLL titles with the Rochester Knighthawks and two gold medals for Team Canada in indoor lacrosse.

Superintendent Lefebvre

- Superintendent Lefebvre presented the Saint Michael Catholic High School video that won first place at the 3rd Annual Student Inter-School Board Film Festival on Teen Suicide Awareness.

Director Crocco

- Congratulations to Student Trustee Michaela Bodis on being accepted into the prestigious Commerce Program at Queens University.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 23, 2016

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 23, 2016 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – March 2016

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

1.3 March Break 2016

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the week of March 14 – 18, 2016 is March Break and that the Catholic Education Centre will follow summer hours and will be open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed on Friday.

1.4 Holy Week 2016

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Board does not hold any evening meetings during Holy Week. The March Board meeting will be held on March 29, 2016 and the March Board meeting agendas will be posted on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

1.5 Bishops Gala 2016 – April 1, 2016

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Bishops Gala that will be held on April 1, 2016 at Club Roma and requested Trustees confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1** Director Crocco informed the Board that in addition to the regular update reports on the 2015-2016 System Priorities and Budget along with the Design of the 2016-2017 System Priorities Budget, Phase Three of the Multi-Year Long Term Accommodations Plan is on schedule to be presented to the April Committee of the Whole meeting and the Facilities Partnership Plan is on schedule to be presented to the May Committee of the Whole.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 9:48 p.m. and reconvened at 10:19 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 March 8, 2016.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

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 February 9, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

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 February 9, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the March 8, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 8, 2016.**

Approved on **April 12, 2016.**

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer