



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 22, 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 Chair MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee O'Leary.

2. Roll Call

Chair 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	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Kira Petriello	✓			
Nico Tripodi	✓			

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; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Coordinator of Information Management, Corporate Services & Communications

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of November 22, 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 Meetings**

**5.1 October 11, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 11, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 October 25, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 25, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2016, as presented.

**6.2 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of May 12, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 12, 2016, as presented for information.

**6.3 Approved Minutes of the Open Audit Committee Meeting of September 23, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Open Audit Committee Meeting of September 23, 2016, as presented for information.

**6.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of October 5, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 5, 2016, as presented for information.

**6.5 Approved Minutes of the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 3, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 3, 2016, as presented for information.

**6.6 Approved Minutes of the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 9, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 9, 2016, as presented for information.

**6.7 Approved Minutes of the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 10, 2016**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 10, 2016, as presented for information.

**6.8 Appointment of Community Representative(s) to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community members to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the 2016-2017 term:

Leone Strilec - St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development and Peace (Appendix A)  
Shelley Gilbert – St. Vincent de Paul society (Appendix B)

**6.9 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange**

Presented for information.

**6.10 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4.1, F4.2, F5, F5.1, F6, F7 and F8.1**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee O’Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items.  
**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. School Excellence Program – Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education introduced Margaret Marion, Principal of Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Marion, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Trustee Charbonneau, Vice-Chair Burtnik and Chair MacNeil thanked Principal Marion, the staff and students for their presentation.

### **2. Financial Reports**

#### **2.1 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2015-2016**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services introduced Mark Palumbi, CPA, CA Crawford, Smith and Swallow Chartered Accountants LLP.

Mr. Palumbi presented the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2015-2016.

Moved by Trustee Vernal  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2015-2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **2.2 Financial Report 2016-2017 as at October 31, 2016**

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report 2016-2017 as at October 31, 2016 for information.

## **D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Correspondence**

Nil

### **2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Student Trustees Kira Petriello and Nico Tripodi presented information on the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting 2016 they attended.

### **3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Director Crocco noted a report on the continued implementation and expansion of French Immersion as well as the Revised Budgetary Estimates for this current school year will be brought to the December Board meeting. Recommendations from the Board's Attendance Area Review Ad Hoc Committee will be brought to the January 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. Also in January, discussion and consultation for the design of the 2017-2018 System Priorities and Budget will take place.

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 8, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the November 8, 2016 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

**4.2 Calendar of Events – December 2016**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - December, 2016 for Trustees information.

**4.3 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 6, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**4.4 December Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 6, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the December Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**4.5 Annual Administrators, Trustees, Parish Priests, Faith Formation – December 15, 2016**

Director Crocco asked Trustees to confirm their attendance to the Annual Administrators, Trustees, Parish Priests, Faith Formation of December 15, 2016 with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

**4.6 Ontario Well Being Strategy for Education**

Director Crocco highlighted the correspondence with the Office of the Premier of Ontario regarding the Ontario Well Being Strategy for Education. Trustees were invited to respond to the survey link in the Ontario Well Being Strategy.

**4.7 OCSTA November 14, 2016 Memorandum – Fall Economic Statement**

Director Crocco highlighted the November 14, 2016 OCSTA Memorandum regarding the Minister of Finance's Fall Economic Statement.

**4.8 OCSTA 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Conference – April 27-29, 2017**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the OCSTA 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Conference taking place on April 27-29, 2017.

Director Crocco asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:54 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of November 22, 2016.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 25, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
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 8, 2016, as presented.

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 11, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 25, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
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 B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 8, 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 November 8, 2016:

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 Fera  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F8.1)**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F8.2)**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F8.3)**

Moved by Trustee Vernal  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F8.5)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board extend the Board meeting.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F10 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F10)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the November 22, 2016 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 22, 2016**.

Approved on **December 20, 2016**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer