



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 30 2018, 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 Burtnik

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustees O'Leary, Fera and Student Trustee Tummillo were asked to be 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				
Nico Tripodi	✓			
Hannah Tummillo				✓

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Pat Rocca**, 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

Chair MacNeil noted that Item C1 would be deferred to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of January 30, 2018, as amended.

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

5.1 December 19, 2017

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 19, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 January 16, 2018

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 16, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Sicoli requested Item 6.5 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 16, 2018 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of January 16, 2018, as presented.

6.1.1 Design of System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Design of System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule, as presented.

6.1.2 Board Committee Membership 2018

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the 2018 Board Committee Membership, as presented.

6.2 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC)

6.2.1 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee of November 2, 2017 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 2, 2017, as presented for information.

6.2.2 Recommendation to the Board by the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board review the Catholic School Councils Policy No. 800.1 to include the following statement, “that each Catholic School Council of the Board is to host an annual Faith Formation for the school community”.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee – Building on Today Meeting of December 4, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee – Building on Today Meeting of December 4, 2017, as presented.

6.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of December 6, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 6, 2017, as presented.

6.5 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange

Moved to Item C4

6.6 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6 and F7

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 – Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Centre

Deferred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

2. Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Report 2017-2018

Director Crocco, along with Senior Administrative Staff presented highlights of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Report 2017-2018.

Director Crocco and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil extended appreciation to Director Crocco and Senior Staff for the thorough report.

3. Financial Report as at December 31, 2017

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

4. Consent Agenda Item A6.5

Item A6.5 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange

Trustee Sicoli noted that he withdraws his request to move this item as he located the information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Chair MacNeil, highlighted information contained in;

1.1 December 7, 2017 letter from Grand Erie District School Board

1.2 December 20, 2017 letter from the Office of the Bishop

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Vernal and Chair MacNeil noted that the OCSTA 2018 Catholic Trustees Seminar engaged in great discussions and dialogue during the Home/School/Parish Triad session and commented on a panel discussion with representation from all three political parties.

Student Trustee Tripodi noted the session Walking the Fine Line was a very helpful and informative session for students.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco noted that Senior Administrative Council are on schedule to continue to bring update portfolio reports as ongoing discussions continue regarding System Priorities and

Balanced Budget for 2018-2019, as well as long range plan reports to future Committee of the Whole and Board meetings.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 16, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the January 16, 2018 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – February 2018

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – February 2018 for Trustees information and highlighted system direction for Ash Wednesday which is on Valentines Day.

4.3 January 18, 2018 OCSTA Memorandum – 2018 Pre-Budget Presentation

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA memorandum regarding 2018 Pre-Budget Presentation submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

4.4 Ontario Legislative Highlights – January 12, 2018, January 19, 2018

Director Crocco presented the Ontario Legislative Highlights from January 12 and January 19, 2018.

4.5 Pathways Speaker Summit – February 6, 2018

Director Crocco extended an invitation to Trustees to attend the Pathways Speaker Summit on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Club Roma from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

4.6 Annual Bishop's Gala – April 20, 2018

Director Crocco presented the Annual Bishop's Gala flyer and extended an invitation to Trustees.

Trustees wishing to attend are asked to contact Sherry Morena.

4.7 Student Platform

Student Tripodi presented the Student Platform initiative as developed by the Ontario Student Trustees Association.

The following motion was presented;

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT Niagara Catholic District School Board unreservedly endorse the Ontario Student Trustees Association Student Platform Report, and that Niagara Catholic District School Board communicate the endorsement to the Minister of Education and all Boards across the Province.

CARRIED

4.8 Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference – October 17-19, 2018

Director Crocco announced that Niagara Catholic will once again host the provincial Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference on October 17-19, 2018 and extended an invitation to all Trustees.

5. Open Question Period

Chair MacNeil indicated to the Board that he was in receipt of four questions submitted on December 22, 2017. Three of the four questions were a resubmission from the December 19, 2017 Board meeting with one additional question. Chair MacNeil provided a response to the questions submitted.

Chair MacNeil indicated to the Board that he was in receipt of three questions submitted on January 6, 2018. In consultation with Director Crocco, Superintendent Vetrone answered the first question. Chair MacNeil provided an answer for the remaining questions.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Vernal

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 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of January 30, 2018.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

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 A: Student Trustees Present of December 19, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 January 16, 2018, 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 December 19, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

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 16, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 January 16, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the January 30, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 30, 2018.**

Approved on **February 27, 2018.**

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer