



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY APRIL 24, 2018**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 24, 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 Vernal

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustees Charbonneau and Nieuwesteeg 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	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2018, 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 March 20, 2018**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 20, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Sicoli requested Item F7 be held.

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2018 and Consideration of Recommendations**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of April 10, 2018, as presented.

**6.1.1 Naming Request – Our Lady’s Chapel of the Apparitions at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – Our Lady’s Chapel of the Apparitions at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby, as presented.

**6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of March 7, 2018**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 7, 2018, as presented.

**6.3 In-Camera Items F, F2, F2.1, F4, F5, and F6**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
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 – St. John Catholic Elementary School**

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Deborah Guthrie, Principal of St. John Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Guthrie, with the assistance of students, staff and the Chair of the St. John Catholic Elementary School Council showcased St. John Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil thanked Principal Guthrie, the staff and students for their presentation.

### **2. Financial Report as at March 31, 2018**

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

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

### **1. Correspondence**

Chair MacNeil, highlighted information contained in correspondence from;

**1.1 March 1, 2018 Letter from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association**

**1.2 March 28, 2018 Letter from the District School Board of Niagara**

**1.3 April 17, 2018 Letter to the Minister of Education from the Limestone District School Board**

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

Nil Report

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

Director Crocco noted a recommendation for the System Priorities and Annual Balanced Budget for 2018-2019 will be provided at the May Committee of the Whole meeting as well as a draft of the System Priorities 2018-2019. The new Three Year Theological Theme will also be presented for the consideration of the Board.

#### **4. Trustee Information**

##### **4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 10, 2018**

Director Crocco highlighted the April 10, 2018 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

##### **4.2 Calendar of Events – May 2018**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – May 2018 for Trustees information.

Director Crocco highlighted the May 7, 2018 Catch the Spirit at St. Julia Parish starting with a 6:30 Mass, the May 11, 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards at the Catholic Education Centre and the Graduation Celebration and Partners in Catholic Education on May 17, 2018. Trustees were asked to confirm their participation with Anna Pisano.

##### **4.3 Institute for Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise – Continuing the Conversation**

Director Crocco highlighted the Institute for Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise – Continuing the Conversation documents for the reflection and continued dialogue of the Board, staff, Pastors, and partners in Catholic Education.

Director Crocco informed the Board that when the Bishop's Pastoral letter, *Renewing the Promise* is released during Catholic Education Week a copy will be emailed to all Trustees, staff and Pastors and placed on the Diocesan and Board websites.

##### **4.4 Catholic Education Week 2018 Planner**

The Niagara Catholic Catholic Education Week 2018 Planner was distributed to all Trustees for information and reference.

##### **4.5 Ontario Legislative Highlights – April 20, 2018**

Presented for information.

#### **5. Open Question Period**

Chair MacNeil noted that he was in receipt of two questions. Chair MacNeil read the questions and provided responses to the questions submitted. Chair MacNeil noted the third question submitted that evening did not correspond with an item on the April Board Meeting Agenda, or any item on any previous agenda and as per the Board By-Laws. Chair MacNeil was not able to provide a response to the third question.

### **E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
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 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 10:18 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2018.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 March 20, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 April 10, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of April 10, 2018:

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F2.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F2.1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 March 20, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 April 10, 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 April 24, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.  
**CARRIED**

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 24, 2018**.

Approved on **May 22, 2018**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer