



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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 Vice-Chair Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Turner

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance and Superintendent Forsyth-Sells was excused.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Jade Bilodeau	✓			
Madison McKinney	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **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 Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 9, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Fera, Huibers and Moody with Item F4 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 March 5, 2019

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 5, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 26, 2019

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 26, 2019, as presented.

6.2 Approval of Policies

6.2.1 French Immersion/Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the French Immersion/Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy, as presented.

6.3 Naming Request – St. Gregory the Great Chapel at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – St. Gregory the Great Chapel at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School, as presented.

6.4 Pre-Approval of Capital Works Project Tenders Estimated to Cost in Excess of \$500,000

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the tenders related to the 2018-2019 School Year for Capital Works Projects presented in this report.

6.5 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.6 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Presented for information.

6.7 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Update

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Update.

Director Crocco and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic School Library Information Centre Program and Services

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the Niagara Catholic School Library Information Centre Program and Services and introduced Karen Desjardins, Coordinator of Library Information Centres.

Ms. Desjardins presented the Niagara Catholic School Library Information Centre Program and Services report for information.

Superintendent Baldasaro and Ms. Desjardins answered questions of Trustees.

3. Alternative Programs in Niagara Catholic

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the Alternative Programs in Niagara Catholic and introduced Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Experiential Learning and Alternative Programming and Community Partnerships Lead.

Mr. Magazzeni, along with the Alternative Programs Staff, presented the Alternative Programs in Niagara Catholic report for information.

Superintendent Farrell and Mr. Magazzeni answered questions of Trustees.

4. Accountability Financial Report 2018-2019 as of March 31, 2019

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Accountability Financial Report 2018-2019 as of March 31, 2019 for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

5. **Monthly Updates**

5.1 **Student Trustees' Update**

Jade Bilodeau and Madison McKinney, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

5.2 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Baldasaro

- Violet Sardella, a Grade 5 student from St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School was the recipient of the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Jr. Citizen of the Year.

D. INFORMATION

1. **Trustee Information**

1.1 **Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 26, 2019**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 26, 2019 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 **Calendar of Events – April 2019**

Director Crocco presented the April 2019 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

1.3 **OCSTA Memorandum – Ministry of Education Policy Reforms and OCSTA Positions**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding Ministry of Education Policy Reforms and OCSTA Positions.

1.4 **OCSTA Memorandum – Toronto Catholic District School Board Motion Regarding the Ontario Autism Program (OAP)**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Motion on the Ontario Autism Program and their request for Niagara Catholic District School Board endorsement.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board request that the Provincial Government fully fund additional supports for new and partial students entering the school system as a result of any changes to the Autism Plan in Ontario and furthermore, that the Provincial Government consider all information from the consultation process in any changes as recommended from boards and community agencies to the Autism Plan in Ontario.

CARRIED

Director Crocco will send a copy of the Niagara Catholic District School Board motion to the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

1.5 OCSTA Memorandum – Draft Regulation under Rowan’s Law (Concussion Safety) Consultation

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding the Draft Regulation under Rowan’s Law Consultation and noted the deadline for input of April 18, 2019.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Director Crocco informed the Board of the continued implementation of this year’s System Priorities and the consultation towards the designing of the System Priorities for the 2019-2020 with a report to the May Committee of the Whole for consideration and recommendation.
- 1.2 Trustee Turner extended an invitation to the Mass for Development and Peace at St. Kevin’s Parish on May 5, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 9:26 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 9, 2019.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 March 5, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 March 5, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Huibers

THAT the April 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 9, 2019.**

Approved on **May 14, 2019.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer