



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 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 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Chair Burkholder.

#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Student Trustee McMahon.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Burkholder noted that Trustee Sicoli and Trustee Charbonneau were excused from attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 13, 2014.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau				✓
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli				✓
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Vincent Atallah	✓			
Dallas McMahon	✓			

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; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Kristine Murphy**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 13, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared with any items on the agenda.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 8, 2014**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 8, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 22, 2014**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 22, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED**

1.2 **Approval of Policies**

1.2.1 **Advocacy Expenditures Policy (100.9)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Advocacy Expenditures Policy (100.9), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**1.2.2 Anaphylaxis Policy (302.1)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Anaphylaxis Policy (302.1), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**1.2.3 Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**1.2.4 Student Transportation Policy (500.2)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Student Transportation Policy (500.2), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Policy and Guideline Review 2013-2014 Schedule**

John Crocco, Director of Education presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2013-2014 Schedule for the information of Trustees. He informed the Board that the Anti-Spam Policy will be brought to Policy Committee Meeting in September 2014.

**2. Niagara Catholic Elementary Chaplaincy Program**

Debra MaCaffery, Board Chaplaincy Leader presented a visual presentation on the Niagara Catholic Elementary Chaplaincy Program report for information.

Debra MaCaffery answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015**

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

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

## 5. Monthly Updates

### 5.1 Capital Projects Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

### 5.2 Student Trustees' Update

Vincent Atallah and Dallas McMahon, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

### 5.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

#### **Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

Niagara Catholic is pleased to announce that Notre Dame College School Grade 9 student, Jenna Lepine, is one of 60 students who has been selected to serve on the Minister of Education Student Advisory Council for the 2014-2015 school year.

Students who serve on the Minister's Student Advisory Council have many responsibilities. They will meet with the Minister of Education twice over their term and will attend at least one regional student forum.

#### **Superintendent Lefebvre**

The Ministry of Training registered Taylor Edward from Denis Morris Catholic High School as our first Dairy Heard Person as an Apprentice at Summers Dairy Farms, Beaverdams Road in Thorold. Taylor was placed on a Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) plan in order to accommodate him with his graduation. He will then attend University of Guelph Ridgetown College Agriculture Program. This is an incredible experience for Niagara Catholic's first but also for the local Ministry office.

Niagara Catholic had (thirty-three) 33 students compete in (twenty-one) 21 technologies and trades categories at this year's 'Ontario Skills Competition', that took place on May 5th and 6th at RIM Park in Waterloo, Ontario. The students demonstrated their talents and skills in their area of expertise against many students from across Ontario.

Niagara Catholic students were winners in the following categories:

1. Alex Hoelzli - Notre Dame College School  
Category - Precision Machining  
Won - Gold
2. Robbie Aggarwul - Saint Paul Catholic High School  
Category - Culinary  
Won - Bronze
3. Emily Hartless - Notre Dame College School  
Category - Hairstyling  
Won - Bronze

4. Alex Powell - Saint Michael Catholic High School  
Category - Electronics  
Won - Silver
5. Jeff Tapp - Lakeshore Catholic High School  
Category - Plumbing  
Won - Silver
6. **Notable Mention**: Rebekka Schmidt, a former Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School student, who won Gold at the National Skills Competition two years ago in Calgary, is currently a Niagara College student. Rebekka won the Silver in the Baking Category for post-secondary level. She has earned a spot on the Junior Culinary Team Canada. This team will represent Canada at the 2016 World Culinary Olympics, held once every four years in Erfurt, Germany, where they will compete against teams from more than 30 countries.

**Superintendent Baldasaro**

Niagara Catholic students created posters and videos for the Pathstone Mental Health's "Shatter the Stigma" contests.

Niagara Catholic students were winners in the following categories:

Video Contest winner:

Cheenee Alomesen, Saint Paul Catholic High School

Poster Contest Winners:

Grade 1 to 3 Category Winner

Brianna Brereton, Holy Name Catholic Elementary School

Grade 4 to 6 Category Winner

Alyssa Mozzoni, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School

Grade 7 to 8 Category Winner

Angelica Anderson, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School

**Director Crocco**

Niagara Catholic launched on its Board Website Niagara Catholic TV and a link to register as a Catholic School Supporter.

**D. INFORMATION**

**1. Trustee Information**

**1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 22, 2014**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 22, 2014 issue for Trustees' information.

**1.2 Calendar of Events – May 2014**

Director Crocco presented the May 2014 Calendar of Events for Trustees' information.

**1.5 Annual Board Mass and Picnic – June 1, 2014**

Director Crocco reminded the Trustees' about the Annual Board Mass and Picnic that will be held on June 1, 2014 at Queenston Heights Park.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Kristine Murphy.

**1.6 Elementary & Secondary Graduation Dates June 2014**

Director Crocco presented the Elementary & Secondary Graduation Dates for June 2014 for Trustee's information.

**1.7 Director's Memorandum DM 124 - Municipal, Provincial and Federal Election Administrative Procedures**

Director Crocco reviewed the Director's Memorandum DM 124 – Municipal, Provincial and Federal Election Administrative Procedures for Trustee's information.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

**1.1** Director Crocco informed the Trustees of the General Discussions and Future Action plans happening in the upcoming months.

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:11 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 13, 2014.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on April 8, 2014 for 15 minutes to accommodate scheduled timed In-Camera Item.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 April 8, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**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 April 8, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Chair Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.3)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.4 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.4)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.5)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the May 13, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 11:13p.m.

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Approved on **June 10, 2014.**