



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 18, 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 7:04 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Moody

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

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**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, 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 Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item F8 of the In Camera Agenda. This report pertains to her family business.

A Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Huibers and Moody with Item F10.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These Trustees have family members that are employed with the Board.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Item A6.1.5 of the Public Agenda. This Trustee has family members in administration.

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Burkholder and Prince with Item F9 of the In Camera Agenda. Trustee Burkholder has a family member mentioned in the report and Trustee Prince is too involved with this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting

5.1 May 14, 2019

Moved by Trustee Moody

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 14, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 May 28, 2019

Moved by Trustee Moody

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2019 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of June 11, 2019, as presented.

6.1.1 Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2), as presented.

6.1.2 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8), as presented.

6.1.3 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2019-2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$3,825.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards per eligible student, as presented.

6.1.4 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2019 and Beyond*, as presented.

6.1.5 Original Estimates for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Original Estimates for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget, as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of April 3, 2019 and May 1, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 3, 2019 and May 1, 2019, as presented.

6.3 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6 & F7

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2018-2019 Appreciation

Director Crocco expressed gratitude and pride in the growth, skills, character, personalities and leadership of Student Trustees Jade Bilodeau and Madison McKinney. He wished Madison all the best as she takes another important step along her life journey.

Chair Fera expressed gratitude for the epitome demonstrated of a Catholic Trustee, for the sincerity and thoughtful representation and active participation in conferences and board meetings. He noted that Madison's kind, gentle and Christ-like demeanor will assist her in her spiritual and academic journey as she moves on to university life.

Student Trustee McKinney noted that in these turbulent times we need strong leaders who speak on behalf of all equally, impartially and with passion. Madison acknowledged her co-chair/sister Jade Bilodeau and wished her and incoming Student Trustee Luca DiPietro all the best for next year. She is grateful to have learned, been mentored and empowered by the Board of Trustees and staff.

Student Trustee Jade Bilodeau expressed gratitude for the opportunity and experience the role of Student Trustee has provided. Jade thanked Trustees for their mentoring, Director Crocco for his ongoing support and student senate and moderators for all their hard work. To her co-chair/sister Madison McKinney noted how lucky she was to have made this journey with her and how excited to be able to continue on the journey with Luca.

2. National and Provincial Medalists

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, provided a brief presentation on National and Provincial competitions during the school season and introduced Chris McLean, Consultant K-12 Health & PhysEd/NCAA Convenor.

Mr. McLean introduced principals, teachers and coaches who presented background information on the students who were recognized.

The students were congratulated for their success and presented with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Athletics" pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Certification 2018-2019

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Certification 2018-2019 for information. Controller Whitwell recognized Elizabeth Davies, Administrative Assistant to Controller of Facilities Services, students and staff for the prestigious recognition of being recognized as the only Board in the Province of Ontario to achieve 100% Eco Schools Certified for ten consecutive school years.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

2. Executive Council Power – July & August 2019

Director Crocco highlighted the Executive Council Power for July and August 2019 report.

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board empower Executive Council to approve any actions, of an emergency nature only, as recommended by the Director of Education, only if a quorum cannot be achieved after a Special Meeting of the Board is called as per Board By-Laws, during the months of July and August 2019.

CARRIED

3. Financial Report as at May 31, 2019

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

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Crocco noted the letter requested by the Board congratulating their vision and endorsing their recommendations has been sent to OSTA-AECO.

Director Crocco highlighted information contained in the following correspondence received by the Board:

1.1 E-mail from Ben Smith, Chief Executive Office of OSTA-AECO

1.2 E-mail from Paula Scott, President of CCSTA

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Burkholder highlighted the empowered presentation from Maggie MacDonnell, 2017 Global Teacher Prize Award winner on “Lessons for Life” from the OCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference held in April, 2019.

Trustees Prince, Sicoli and Turner all noted the large focus at the CCSTA 2019 AGM held in June was on forgiveness, reconciliation and moving forward. Dr. Robert Murray on the “Politics of Catholic Education in Canada” noted that the biggest threat to Catholic Education is internal fighting.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco indicated that in preparation for September 2019, staff will be focused on the System Priority 2018-2019 Achievement Report, policies for the cyclical revision and an initial report of proposed Attendance Area Reviews in addition to preparing for the start of a new school year.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 11, 2019

Director Crocco highlighted the June 11, 2019 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – September 2019

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – September 2019.

Director Crocco highlighted the Catholic Education Centre summer hours for Trustees information and noted that all school marquee signs across the system will have the Board office phone number as well as the on-line registration web address for families who wish to register for September 2019. Calls received will be routed to the appropriate Family of Schools Administrative Assistant who will e-mail the information to the schools to register new families to Niagara Catholic.

Controller Whitwell provided a brief update of the meeting, as requested by the Board, with the region that took place Friday, June 14, 2019.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Moody

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 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2019.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 May 28, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 June 11, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 May 28, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 June 11, 2019, 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 June 11, 2019:

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F9 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F9)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the June 18, 2019 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 18, 2019**.

Approved on **September 24, 2019**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer