



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 12, 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 6:38 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Prince

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli 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	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Jade Bilodeau	✓			
Luca DiPietro	✓			

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 Burkholder

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 12, 2019, as amended.

**Item B1 deferred to November 26, 2019 Board Meeting**

**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 October 8, 2019**

Moved by Trustee Moody

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 8, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 22, 2019**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 22, 2019, as presented.

**6.2 Approval of Policies**

**6.2.1 Employee Meals and Hospitality Policy (201.14)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Employee Meals and Hospitality Policy (201.14), as presented.

**6.2.2 Employee Conferences, Workshops and Meetings Policy (201.15)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Employee Conferences, Workshops and Meetings Policy (201.15), as presented.

**6.2.3 Acceleration Retention Policy (400.5)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Acceleration Retention Policy (400.5), as presented.

**6.2.4 Opening or Closing Exercises – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.1)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Opening or Closing Exercises – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.1), as presented.

**6.3 The Niagara Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (BIPSAW) 2019-2020**

Presented for information.

**6.4 Transportation Supports for Children and Youth in Care**

Presented for information.

**6.5 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee**

Presented for information.

**6.6 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.7 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

**6.8 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Niagara Catholic Annual Pilgrimage 2019**

Deferred to the November 26, 2019 Board Meeting.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Update**

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Update.

Director Crocco and members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

**2. Niagara Catholic Virtual Learning Environment: Tools to Support Pedagogical Documentation and Education and Career Life Planning**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the Niagara Catholic Virtual Learning Environment: Tools to Support Pedagogical Documentation and Education and Career Life Planning.

Superintendent Baldasaro introduced Jeff Maxwell, Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning Consultant and Jennifer Pirosko, Coordinator of Student Success. Mr. Maxwell and Ms. Pirosko presented the Niagara Catholic Virtual Learning Environment report for Trustee information.

Mr. Maxwell and Ms. Pirosko answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

**4. Monthly Updates**

**4.1 Student Trustees' Update**

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

**4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Farrell**

- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Centre celebrated a \$5,000 grant from MusiCounts with Juno-nominated Canadian singer iskwe. The grant enabled Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Centre to purchase 25 ukeleles, 15 trumpets and 10 trombones.
- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School choir performed at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre with renowned, Juno Award-winning rock band Sloan.
- Daniel Heron, a Grade 10 Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School student was invited to attend and participate by playing the bagpipes with the Halton Police Pipe and Drum Band at the International Police Memorial Conference in Hamburg, Germany.

**Superintendent Pat Rocca**

- St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls is involved in the Recess Project, a program in partnership with Dr. Laura McNamara from Brock University providing the school with an opportunity to make some significant enhancements to their school yard. Walker Industries will be offering their time and materials to help support this project in creating a natural playground accessible to all students and promoting physical activity as well as positive interactions among students.

**D. INFORMATION**

**1. Trustee Information**

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D1.1 to D1.5 for the information or questions of Trustees.

**1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 22, 2019**

**1.2 Calendar of Events – November 2019**

**1.3 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 3, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**1.4 December Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 3, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

### **1.5 OCSTA Memorandum – 2020 AGM Resolutions**

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Director Crocco provided the following updates:

- 1.1** Continue to implement the System Priorities 2019-2020.
- 1.2** Superintendent Vetrone continues to work with the auditors on the report to the December Board meeting with the Audited Financial Statements.
- 1.3** Continue to work on the Mid-Year Progress Report on the System Priorities 2019-2020 to be delivered at the January Board meeting.
- 1.4** Discussion took place on how to proceed when a school named for an individual that has been canonized as a Saint. The Committee of the Whole recommended that the Policy Committee revise the Naming of a Board Facility, Designate Area or Chapel Policy to address the issue. Director Crocco will follow-up with the Policy Committee at its November meeting.

## **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 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:02 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 November 12, 2019.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**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 October 8, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**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 October 8, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F6.1)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee

**THAT** the November 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Approved on **December 3, 2019.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer