



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 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 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fera.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Turner.

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that Trustee Huibers joined electronically, Trustee Moody and Student Trustee DiPietro asked to be excused.

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 Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2020, 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**

**5.1 December 17, 2019**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 17, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 January 14, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 14, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Prior to the Consent Agenda, Director Crocco highlighted Regulation 464/97 of the *Education Act*. Specifically the Boards compliance requirements of Trustees being appointed to SEAC for the term of the elected Trustees, in this case until 2022, and that the Chair appoint two alternates for the Trustees on SEAC.

The Board agreed it was in compliance and that the Chair would appoint two alternate Trustees to SEAC.

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 14, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of January 14, 2020, as presented.

**6.1.1 Design of System Priorities and Budget 2020-2021 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Design of System Priorities and Budget 2020-2021 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule, as presented.

**6.2 Board Committee Membership 2020**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the 2020 Board Committee Membership, as presented.

**6.3 Approved Minutes of the Staff Wellness Committee Meeting of April 24, 2019**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Staff Wellness Committee Meeting of April 24, 2019, as presented.

**6.4 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of November 7, 2019**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 7, 2019, as presented for information

**6.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F2.1, F4.1, F4.2, F5, F6 and F7**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Report 2019-2020**

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Report 2019-2020 for Trustee information.

**2. Financial Report as at December 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**

Nil

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that Bob Koehler's presentation was energetic, inspirational and relevant to today's busy life. Chair Fera echoed that Mr. Koehler's presentation was entertaining, inspiring and energizing.

Trustee Burtnik found the final session on the Holocaust to be most profound and very moving, both intellectually and emotionally. Trustee Burtnik also acknowledged Student Trustee Jade Bilodeau on leading the Student Trustee Workshop.

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

1. Continue to provide updates on processes throughout this school year and commence consultations and discussions on the System Priorities and Balanced Budget for 2020-2021.
2. Continue to provide update reports on long range plans to future Committee of the Whole meetings.

**4. Trustee Information**

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.4 for the information or questions of Trustees.

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 14, 2020**

**4.2 Calendar of Events – February 2020**

**4.3 OCSTA/OCSBOA 2020 Business Seminar – April 30, 2020**

**4.4 OCSTA 2020 Annual General Meeting & Conference – April 30, 2020 – May 2, 2020**

**4.5 Corona Virus Update**

Director Crocco presented an update on the Coronavirus and noted that information was forwarded directly to staff via a special Director's Update and to all families with links to Dr. Williams's letter and a link to a fact sheet provided by Niagara Public Health. Director Crocco also noted that this information is posted on a special panel on the Board website and through social media.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1. Live Streaming**

In accordance with the Board Bylaws Item 21, Section xiii (c), the Notice of Motion will be presented to the February 25, 2020 Board Meeting.

## F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 6:54 p.m. and reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

## G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2020.

**CARRIED**

### SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 December 17, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 January 14, 2020, 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 January 28, 2020:

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of F2.1

**CARRIED (Item F2.1)**

### SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 December 17, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 January 14, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 January 14, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the January 28, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 28, 2020**.

Approved on **February 25, 2020**.

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Frank Fera  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer