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the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership,
nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all
to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*

AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

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A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2020-2021 Appreciation – Camillo Cipriano -

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1. Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Program 2020-2021 – Clark Euale C1
2. Capital Priorities Submissions 2021 – Clark Euale C2
3. Turf Field Update 2021-2022 – Clark Euale C3
4. Request to Name the Music Room at Notre Dame College School – Ralph Defazio Music Centre C4

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1.5	Email from Lisa Rossi	D1.5
2.	Report on Trustee Conferences Attended	-
3.	General Discussion to Plan for Future Action	-
4.	Trustee Information	
4.1	Calendar of Events – September 2021	D4.1
4.2	OCSTA 2021 Fall Regional Meeting – September 21, 2021	-
5.	Open Question Period	
	<i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i>	

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

2.1	Environmental Notice – Leanne Prince	E2.1
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F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**G. REPORT ON IN CAMERA SESSION****H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS****I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE****J. ADJOURNMENT**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
MAY 25, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 25, 2021, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held electronically on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Huibers.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Thanksgiving Opening Address**

Brian Kon, Indigenous Lead led the meeting with a Traditional Thanksgiving Address.

2. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Moody

3. **Roll Call**

Chair Huibers 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				
Luca DiPietro		✓		
Sydney Yott		✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate

4. **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 May 25, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Huibers with Items A5.2 of the Public Agenda and Item F11.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting**

6.1 **April 27, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Moody chaired the meeting during Item 6.2

6.2 **May 11, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Turner requested Item 6.1.4 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2021 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 11, 2021, as presented.

6.1.1 **Board By-Laws Policy (100.1)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board By-Laws Policy (100.1), as presented.

6.1.2 Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6), as presented.

6.1.3 Student Exclusion From School or Class Policy (NEW)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Exclusion From School or Class Policy (NEW), as presented.

6.1.4 Pride Flag

Moved to section C4

7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of April 7, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7, 2021, as presented.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of March 4, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 4, 2021, as presented.

7.4 Recommendation to the Board by the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the letter regarding school closures and the impact on student mental health and well-being to be sent to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

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

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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. Land Acknowledgement

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Land Acknowledgement and introduced Brian Kon, Indigenous Lead, Kelsey Huxley, Teacher at Saint Kateri Catholic Secondary School, Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Experiential Learning and Alternative Programming and Community Partnerships Lead and Krista Moscato, Consultant – Literacy/ESL.

Mr. Kon, Ms. Huxley, Mr. Magazzeni and Ms. Moscato presented the Land Acknowledgement report.

Mr. Magazzeni presented the Board with a wooden plaque designed by students at the Niagara Launch Centre to be placed in a prominent location to acknowledge the land that the Catholic Education Centre sits on recognizing the Indigenous community.

2. Financial Reports

2.1 Financial Reports as at April 30, 2021

2.2 2021-2022 Annual Budget Feedback and Consultation Results

2.3 2021-2022 Grants for Student Needs Funding Announcement

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

3. September 2021 Plan

Director Cipriano provided a brief update on the upcoming plans for September 2021.

Director Cipriano noted that regarding the Vaccination plan for students from 12 to 17 years of age Niagara Region Public Health will be the lead on this initiative, and the role of Niagara Catholic is that of communication only.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

4. Consent Agenda Item A6.1.4 - Pride Flag

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct the Director of Education and Secretary to the Board to fly the Pride Flag for the month of June starting in 2021, at all Niagara Catholic District School Board Secondary Schools and the Catholic Education Centre.

Discussion took place regarding the flying of the Pride Flag.

The motion was amended to;

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct the Director of Education and Secretary to the Board to fly the Pride Flag for pride week Niagara from June 1 - June 6, 2021, at all Niagara Catholic District School Board Secondary Schools, Continuing Education Sites and the Catholic Education Centre, and moving forward consulting the community and providing a full report to the Board in the fall of 2021.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

NAME	YEA	NAY
Rhianon Burkholder	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Frank Fera		✓
Larry Huibers	✓	
Daniel Moody		✓
Leanne Prince	✓	
Dino Sicoli		✓
Paul Turner	✓	
STUDENT TRUSTEES (Non-Binding)		
Luca DiPietro	✓	
Sydney Yott	✓	

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1. Director Cipriano acknowledged receipt of the following letters, and noted an oversight of a letter from Niagara Elementary & Secondary OECTA in support of the Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic motion. A copy of the letter was emailed to Trustees by Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services

- 1.1 **Email from Emily & Adam Gramowski**
- 1.2 **Letter from OECTA Secondary and Elementary**
- 1.3 **Letter from Pride Niagara**
- 1.4 **Letter from OECTA Secondary**
- 1.5 **Letter from Niagara Falls Community Health Centre**
- 1.6 **Letter from Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls**
- 1.7 **Letter from OUTniagara**

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano noted that should the stay at home order be lifted on June 2, the June Committee of the Whole and Board meetings will be held in person at the Catholic Education Centre and will continue to be livestreamed to the public.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – June 2021

Director Cipriano highlighted the June 2021 calendar of events.

Trustee Prince reminded Trustees of the June 3 & 4 CCSTA AGM and noted that on June 3 Cardinal Collins will be a keynote speaker as well, Mrs. Burnham, founder and principal of a catholic school in New Brunswick will be speaking on the financial challenges that smaller independent schools face and how the Toonies for Tuition Program has helped with these challenges.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

2. Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic

Trustee Prince presented the Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic notice of motion and amended the original motion as follows;

Moved by Prince

Seconded by Huibers

THAT the Director be authorized to explore a partnership with an appropriate organization(s) to secure access to quality menstrual products and education materials at no cost or minimal cost to the Board;

THAT a report be provided to the Board no later than September 2021 with a cost and timeline to implement in all Niagara Catholic schools.

CARRIED

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

NAME	YEA	NAY
Rhianon Burkholder	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Larry Huibers	✓	
Daniel Moody	✓	
Leanne Prince	✓	
Dino Sicoli	✓	
Paul Turner	✓	
STUDENT TRUSTEES (Non-Binding)		
Luca DiPietro	✓	
Sydney Yott	✓	

CARRIED

3. Environmental Notice

Director Cipriano noted that in accordance with the Board Bylaws Item 21, Section xiii (c), the Notice of Motion will be presented to the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 8:39 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 25, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 April 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 April 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Trustee and Director Only of May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F11.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the May 25, 2021 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 25, 2021**.

Approved on **June 15, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 8, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 8, 2021, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held electronically on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Camillo Cipriano for Chair Huibers.

Director Cipriano reviewed the procedures for the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with Section 9 Subsection 7 of the Board By-Laws.

Trustee Burkholder nominated Trustee Sicoli, Trustee Sicoli accepted the nomination.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT Trustee Sicoli chair the June 8, 2021 Special Board meeting.

CARRIED

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Turner.

2. Roll Call

Trustee Sicoli noted that Trustees Huibers and Moody 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		✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of June 8, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Item B1 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 Special Board Meeting at 9:03 p.m. and reconvened at 9:34 p.m.

C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting of June 8, 2021.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item B1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item B1)

D. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the June 8, 2021 Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 8, 2021**.

Approved on the **September 28, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE: NIAGARA CATHOLIC ECOSCHOOLS PROGRAM 2021

The Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Program 2021 report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Elizabeth Davies, Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Coordinator

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Elizabeth Davies, Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Coordinator

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021



REPORT TO THE BOARD JUNE 15, 2021

NIAGARA CATHOLIC ECOSCHOOLS PROGRAM 2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

With all the unique challenges this school year has given us, students across Niagara Catholic have continued to take environmental action. Their participation in the EcoSchools Canada program since 2007 represents environmental excellence for all students from Kindergarten through grade 12.

EcoSchools incorporates environmental education and responsible action into schools, which allows students, teachers, custodians and parents to get a clear picture of their current environmental practices and take action to reduce their environmental footprint.

Students have demonstrated their achievements in environmental learning by leading and taking part in curriculum-linked student-led initiatives such as The Big Gulp, Earth Hour, Ban the Bottle campaigns and creating their schools own EcoCode (Mission Statement).

As we wait for our final standings to become available, we support and recognize the achievements of all 57 elementary and secondary schools and celebrate their success.

This year, Niagara Catholic would like to recognize 7 of our schools who were determined to maintain their extraordinary level of excellence and strive to achieve an EcoSchools Platinum level of certification.

PLATINUM (7)

- Blessed Trinity CSS
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel CES
- St. Andrew CES
- St. Mary CES (Niagara Falls)
- St. George CES
- Notre Dame CES (Niagara Falls)
- St. Ann CES (Fenwick)

We also take tremendous pride in the 26 schools aiming for Gold, 2 schools aiming for Silver, 7 schools aiming for Bronze and 15 schools who participated in the EcoSchools Canada program this year.

GOLD (26)

- Loretto CES
- St. Christopher CES
- St. Martin CES
- St. Kevin CES
- St. Edward CES
- Our Lady of Victory CES
- Our Lady of Fatima CES (Grimsby)
- Father Hennepin CES
- St. Alfred CES
- Lake Catholic High School
- St. Ann CES (St. Catharines)
- Saint Francis CSS

- St. Anthony CES
- St. Theresa CES
- St. Joseph CES (Grimsby)
- St. Philomena CES
- St. Joseph CES (Stenvensville)
- Saint Paul CSS
- Assumption CES
- St. Patrick CES (Niagara Falls)
- St. Patrick CES (Port Colborne)
- St. John Henry St. John Henry Newman CES
- St. Vincent De Paul CES
- Notre Dame College
- Canadian Martyrs CES
- Mary Ward CES

SILVER (2)

- Denis Morris CSS
- St. John CES (Beamsville)

BRONZE (7)

- St. Michael CES (NOTL)
- St. Mark CES
- St. Teresa of Calcutta CES
- Sacred Heart CES (Niagara Falls)
- Saint Michael CSS (Niagara Falls)
- St. Peter CES
- St. Gabriel Lalemant CES

We continue to strive to inspire, engage and empower our students to make a difference by reducing their energy consumption, minimizing waste, greening school grounds and encouraging staff and students to become more ecologically literate as Stewarts of the Earth.

Congratulations **Green** Niagara Catholic!

The Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Program 2021 report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Elizabeth Davies, Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Coordinator

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Elizabeth Davies, Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Coordinator

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE: CAPITAL PRIORITIES SUBMISSIONS 2021

The Capital Priorities Submissions 2021 is presented for information.

Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Approved by: Camillo Cipriani, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021



REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JUNE 15, 2021

CAPITAL PRIORITIES SUBMISSIONS 2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 24, 2021, the Ministry of Education announced the launch of the 2021-22 Capital Priorities Program and requested that school boards provide their 2021 Capital Priorities Program submissions with associated business cases by May 21, 2021.

The Capital Priorities Program provides school boards with the opportunity to identify and address up to ten of their most urgent pupil accommodation needs including; accommodation pressures, replacing schools in poor condition, supporting past consolidation decisions and creating new licensed child care spaces by 2024-25. Projects associated with consolidations that do not have a completed Pupil Accommodation Review will not be considered.

The Niagara Catholic Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021(LTAP) provided the historical, current and future enrolment information to guide the board, municipalities, and the public and potential partners on the long term accommodations within the system. Based on the enrolment information and demographics, the LTAP outlines potential short, medium and long term strategies to address accommodation issues through Attendance Area Reviews, Pupil Accommodation Reviews, relocation of programs such as French Immersion and expanding community partnerships to maximize utilization and guide future capital priority submissions.

Guided by the LTAP, updated demographic data and supported by the purchase of appropriate school sites through Education Development Charges, the following projects were submitted:

Priority	School	Need	Project Description	Benchmark Funding
1	Niagara Falls Elementary School	Accommodation Pressures	New 395 pupil place school	\$9.4 million including site works funding from EDCs
2	Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School	Accommodation Pressures	Permanent addition for 253 pupils	\$9.6 million
3	Lincoln/Grimsby Elementary School	Accommodation Pressures	New 421 pupil place school	\$9.8 million including site works funding from EDCs

The Capital Priorities Submissions 2021 is presented for information.

Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services
Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE: ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS PROGRAM

The Artificial Turf Fields Program report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021



REPORT TO THE BOARD JUNE 15, 2021

ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS PROGRAM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Niagara Catholic prides itself on our delivery of our extracurricular programs including sports. An important aspect of this is the provision of state-of-the-art facilities including artificial turf primary fields among others. To date, we have such a facility located at Saint Paul Catholic High School in Niagara Falls. This field was constructed in 2017 and includes lighting and bleachers and is used extensively by the school community.

These sports fields come at an estimated cost of \$1.5 to \$1.75 million which will be funded using our School Condition Improvement and School Renewal Allocation.

Artificial turf field have numerous benefits over traditional sod including the following:

- Increased Play Time
- Not Limited by Climate
- Pesticide Free
- No need for irrigation
- Fewer injuries
- Lower maintenance costs
- Opportunity for community use/partnerships and revenue generation
- Attracts students/families to Niagara Catholic

In an effort to continue the provision of these artificial turf fields to the staff, students and community, Senior Staff have decided to continue with the implementation of new artificial turf fields complete with lighting and bleachers beginning with Blessed Trinity CSS and Notre Dame College. Design will begin during the 2021/22 school year with construction following over the summer of 2022. The turf fields for the remainder of our Secondary Schools will be incorporated into the multi-year capital plan for the near future.

The Artificial Turf Fields Program report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Presented by: Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: REQUEST TO NAME THE MUSIC ROOM AT NOTRE DAME
COLLEGE SCHOOL – RALPH DEFAZIO MUSIC CENTRE**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – Ralph DeFazio Music Centre at Notre Dame College School.

Prepared by: Ted Farrell, Family of Schools Superintendent

Presented by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Recommended by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD JUNE 15, 2021

REQUEST TO NAME THE MUSIC ROOM AT NOTRE DAME COLLEGE SCHOOL – RALPH DEFAZIO MUSIC CENTRE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ralph DeFazio was a Principal at Notre Dame College School in Welland for more than 13 years, retiring in June, 2018.

Mr. Ralph DeFazio was a beloved principal at the school whose love of students was matched by his love of music and a commitment to the arts. Around the school, he would generate excitement and enthusiasm by playing the piano and accordion while dressed as a leprechaun. The sense of community that Ralph brought out in others around him, whether playing his accordion and wearing his leprechaun suit at Notre Dame or one of our Associate Catholic Elementary Schools was readily evident. Staff and parents will surely agree that his use of his special gift of music and entertainment was a contributing factor to the excellent sense of community spirit and, ultimately, student retention at our school.

The music room at Notre Dame was renovated in the summer of 2019 to enlarge space for the popular program at the school. Dedicated practice rooms were added, additional music storage added and levelling in the room to provide additional space for students to play.

Last April, during the pandemic, a request was received from Notre Dame College Catholic School Council Chair, Therese Bilsborough to rename the music room in honour of Mr. DeFazio. More recently, current Principal Ken Griepsma and future Notre Dame Principal, Andrew Boon also submitted a request that the Music Room at Notre Dame College School be officially renamed to the “Ralph DeFazio Music Centre”. They advocate that this would “be a fitting recognition of an outstanding citizen and leader of Notre Dame College School along with the Niagara Catholic District School Board and its predecessor boards. Additionally, it would signal to all current and future stakeholders of Notre Dame College School that using our God-given talents in the service of others is something we can and should all aspire to.”

The recommendation is supported by the Family of Schools Superintendent, Ted Farrell.

In accordance with Board Policy 100.15, Naming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel,

All requests for the naming or renaming of a designated area of a Board facility will meet the criteria outlined in this Policy Governance and Administrative Operational Procedures and adhere to the following process for consideration and approval:

1. Requests will be presented to the Family of Schools’ Superintendent of Education for consideration.
2. If supported by the Family of Schools’ Superintendent of Education, a recommendation will be made to the Director of Education for consideration.

3. If supported by the Director of Education, the Director will present the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
4. The Board of Trustees will approve the naming or renaming of all designated areas within a Board facility.
5. The name of the designated area of the Board facility will be displayed with an appropriate sign or lettering.

Next Steps:

With the support of the Trustees and the recommendation approved, a celebration to rename the music room will be arranged in the fall where Mr. DeFazio will be able to attend the naming of the music room to the “Ralph DeFazio Music Centre” with his family and other special guests.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – Ralph DeFazio Music Centre at Notre Dame College School.

Prepared by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Recommended by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: June 15, 2021

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
EMAIL FROM LISA J SIMPSON**

Dear Mr. Cipriano and Trustees,

I am writing today to thank you for your decision to fly the Pride flag. Although I was disappointed in the choice to fly the Pride flag for just one week rather than the whole month, I recognize that this is still a step in the right direction for the NCDSB.

I grew up in Niagara-on-the-Lake and attended St. Vincent de Paul School and Dennis Morris High School (class of '89). Growing up, I did not have exposure to a lot of diversity and although looking back I certainly realize that there were some LGBTQX people in my world, most were living in a "closeted" way.

For the most part and by any standard I was a happy and successful kid and student. I had and still have a loving and supportive family. I became a pharmacist and worked as a community pharmacist in Niagara for many years.

But something was missing. I had a lovely boyfriend in high school, but beyond that and throughout my young adult/university years, into my twenties and early thirties I did not have any relationships with men, beyond a first date. I became depressed, I couldn't understand why all of my friends were finding "their guy", getting married, having children and I was not. What was wrong with me? Why didn't anyone want me?

Finally, at the age of 32, I realized that I was gay. Unlike a lot of people, I did not know this when I was a kid or from the age of three or as soon as puberty hit. I wasn't hiding it or repressing it. I wasn't scared to tell my parents... I simply didn't know.

I think that had I grown up 30 years later and been exposed to gay people, living their lives "out and proud", being exposed to rainbow flags and Pride events, I probably would have come to this realization much sooner. Make no mistake... I was always gay and my parents have photographic proof of this (just a little levity here). Providing exposure to diversity and rainbows and equity and fabulous LGBTQX people does not "turn" someone gay. But providing exposure to and normalizing gay people, the queer world and Pride may allow a kid like I was, who was struggling and had no idea why, to figure out exactly what is happening with them.

You won't believe me, but when I was 32, I watched a television series and I saw two women in a loving, healthy, romantic relationship for the VERY FIRST TIME in my life. And that was it. Something clicked in my consciousness and I realized that THIS was who I was, and THIS was what I wanted, I just didn't know that it existed. I came out to my family and friends within weeks and even if I had never gone on to date a single woman, my mental health and well-being was permanently and dramatically improved just because I finally realized who I was.

I am grateful that I finally figured it out, but I am very, very sure that if the world I grew up in, including the part of my world that was governed by the NCDSB, was more LGBTQX friendly and inclusive, I would have been spared many years of anxiety, depression and some not very healthy behaviours. I would have learned how to be in a relationship in my teens and early twenties like everyone else.

A deliberate effort to limit exposure to diversity does not prevent people from being gay, because of course, it is not a choice. As an adult I have connected with several DM classmates who identify as gay, some who came out quite early, but some like me that struggled for too many years.

For the sake of every child in your school board, please continue to embrace diversity in your schools, continue to celebrate Pride every June and provide a safe space for all children and teens in your schools all year long.

I invite you and the Board members to contact me directly if you want to learn more about my personal journey.

Mr. Cipriano, I request that as the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, you bring my letter to the next Committee of the Whole or Board Meeting as correspondence.

Respectfully,



Lisa J. Simpson, B.Sc.Ph., R.Ph.
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Dennis Morris High School, Class of '89

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**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
LETTER FROM ELIZABETH DELISLE**

Dear Mr. Cipriano,

I am requesting that both you, as the Director of Education and the Secretary of the Board bring my letter to the next Committee of the Whole or Board Meeting as correspondence.

First of all, I wish to commend the Niagara Catholic District School Board for your decision to fly the Rainbow Flag in honour of all LGBTQ community members as children of God, who deserve to be respected and acknowledged in their struggles for acceptance. As a retired teacher from the Niagara Catholic District School Board, I feel that it is very important to show your support for **all** of the precious students in your care, and **devoted** staff members, who have felt somewhat 'less than' or 'different' as they struggle to accept and be accepted for who they are. From my past experiences of educating and working with members of the LGBTQ community, I have learned that treating them with the dignity and respect that they and all children of God truly deserve is the first step to reassuring them that they are welcomed, accepted and encouraged to become their best 'selves' possible!

Please continue to demonstrate your awareness and support by proudly flying the rainbow flag for as long as possible! It is such a beautiful gesture to show your openness to inclusivity for all!

Thank you very much,
Elizabeth Delisle
Thorold, Ontario

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**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
EMAIL FROM GREG MARTIN**

I am writing this email because I am concerned about the negativism about flying the LGBTQ (gay) flag. It's important to stand together as a accepting, equal community.

"I am requesting that the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board bring my letter to the next Committee of the Whole or Board Meeting as correspondence.

Sincerely
Greg Martin
58 Louis Ave
St Catharines, On

Sent from my iPhone

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
LETTER FROM MARGIE & PHIL MALONEY**

Dear Mr. Cipriano,

We are requesting that you, as Director of Education, and Secretary of the Board bring our letter to the next Committee of the Whole or Board Meeting as correspondence.

We are pleased that the Pride Flag will be flying at NCDSB and Schools! Although, one week instead of the month of June is not acceptable! It's only a very small step in the right direction!

All students and families should feel welcome and be must be included! "Love Thy Neighbour!" "We are all God's children!"

Sincerely,

Margie and Phil Maloney

Catholic School Supporters/Ratepayers

Sent from my iPad

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**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
EMAIL FROM LISA ROSSI**

Hello Mr. Cipriano,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I request that you kindly submit my email at the next Committee of the Whole and/or Board Meeting as correspondence.

I am writing as both a parent and a teacher. The parent/ teacher lens through which I view the issue of flying the Pride flag is inseparable: I am blessed to be a parent who has also been called to this vocation. While I am extremely nervous to come forward, I am also being called to advocate on this issue.

I want our broader communities to see the Pride flag fly and recognize that we are a people of deep compassion, courage and faith. It is also an important step forward, toward greater equity and inclusivity in our Board.

When I told my son and his partner that this motion had come before the Board, we discussed how having the Pride flag fly during his time at Saint Paul High School would have added more positively to his student life and how it would have bolstered his own sense of worth, especially when he found the courage to share his truth with his friends and family. His partner shared that seeing the Pride flag would have made him feel more safe at school.

I have also taught students who are gay and I worried about their futures, including their sense of belonging and continued participation in the Catholic faith.

I know it is not too late to do this for our present and future students and hopefully, it will even help our past students, as they drive by on a beautiful June day to see the Pride flag flying at our NCDSB schools.

I hope that our Board continues to support the hoisting and flying of the Pride flag.

With great hope and sincerity,

Lisa Rossi
905 931-2941

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**TITLE: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2021**

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Elementary PA Day Secondary PA Day	2 Elementary PA Day Secondary PA Day	3 School Holiday	4
5	6 Labour Day	7 First Day of School	8 SEAC Meeting	9 NCPIC Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 SAL Meeting Committee of the Whole Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Audit Committee Meeting	25
26	27	28 Policy Committee Meeting Board Meeting	29	30		

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**TITLE: NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION
ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board commit to beginning conversations with cafeteria suppliers at all board sites before their next contract renewal in order to transition from the use of food and beverages packaged in plastic containers, and discontinue the use of plastic utensils and straws at all board sites by September 2023;

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board ban all single-use plastics from all board sites and encourage staff and students to use reusable food and drink containers beginning in September 2022.

Prepared by: Trustee Prince
Date Submitted: May 25, 2021
To be Presented: June 15, 2021
Date: June 15, 2021



NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Trustee Prince submitted the following Notice of Motion on May 25, 2021 (Appendix A)

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Prepared by:	Trustee Prince
Date Submitted:	May 25, 2021
To be Presented:	June 15, 2021
Date:	June 15, 2021

Environmental Notice of Motion

Whereas it is our duty as Catholic School Board Trustees to embody the teachings of Christ in the policies we enact and the decisions we make;

Whereas it is our shared duty to act as stewards of the Earth and protect the bountiful planet God has given us;

Whereas humanity is in the midst of a climate crisis and we must take drastic measures to preserve the environment for future generations;

Be it resolved that the Niagara Catholic DSB commit to beginning conversations with cafeteria suppliers at all board sites before their next contract renewal in order to transition from the use of food and beverages packaged in plastic containers, and discontinue the use of plastic utensils and straws at all board sites by September 2023.

Be it resolved that The Niagara Catholic DSB ban all single-use plastics from all board sites and encourage staff and students to use reusable food and drink containers beginning in September 2022.