



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Director Cipriano for Vice-Chair Moody.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Sicoli.

2. Roll Call

Director Cipriano 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		✓		
Student Trustees				
Luca DiPietro		✓		
Sydney Yott		✓		

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 Burtnik nominated Trustee Burkholder, Trustee Burkholder accepted the nomination.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT Rhianon Burkholder chair the June 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 8, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Item F4.3 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.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2021

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Item 6.3 be held and Trustee Burkholder requested Item 6.6. These items were moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C of the agenda.

6.1 Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School Board 2020-2021

Presented for information.

6.2 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2021-2022

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$3,825.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

6.3 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services

Moved to Section C6

6.4 Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2021-2022

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.

6.5 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.6 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to Section C6

6.7 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. New Student Trustee and Co-Chair – Student Senate 2021-2022/2022-2023 Introduction

Director Cipriano welcomed back Sydney Yott of Saint Paul Catholic High School and introduced Steffen Zylstra of Saint Michael Catholic High School as the Student Trustees for the 2021-2022/2022-2023 school years. Director Cipriano provided background on and welcomed Steffen as Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2021-2022/2022-2023 Student Trustee.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Multi-Year Strategic Plan Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic Theological Theme 2021-2022

Director Cipriano introduced Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader.

Ms. Wood presented the Niagara Catholic Theological Theme for 2021-2022.

Ms. Wood answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Theological Theme 2021-2022, "Climbing Mountains Together in Faith" as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools Family/Student and Educator Feedback 2020-2021 – Second Collection**

Director Cipriano provided background information on the Virtual Schools Feedback and introduced Christine Battagli, Consultant-Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education and Ms. Battagli presented the Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools Family/Student and Educator Feedback 2020-2021 – Second Collection for Trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells and Ms. Battagli answered questions of Trustees.

4. **Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools September 2021 Plan**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided presented Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools September 2021 Plan.

Superintendent Farrell answered questions of Trustees.

5. **Monthly Updates**

5.1 **Student Trustees' Update**

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

5.2 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Niagara Catholic is pleased to announce that three out of the five winners for the Mayor of St. Catharines Poetry Challenge are from Niagara Catholic: Luke, a Gr 8 student from St. James Catholic Elementary School; Audrey, a Gr. 6 student from the Niagara Catholic Virtual Elementary School and Kendra, a Gr. 6 student from Assumption Catholic Elementary School
- Assumption Catholic Elementary School is the only school in the Niagara Region to receive the Silver OPHEA Healthy School Award this school year.

6. **Consent Agenda Item A6.3 and A6.6**

6.1 **The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services**

Trustee Burtnik acknowledged the work of Superintendent Pizzoferrato and his department in developing the Special Education Plan and for inspiring the public members of SEAC to engage in moving this Board forward.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend 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 2021 and Beyond, as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Updated

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services answered questions of Trustees.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

Director Cipriano highlighted the memo from the Ministry of Education providing guidelines for outdoor year end celebrations.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano noted that with the announcement that schools will remain closed and continue with virtual learning and the most recent announcement of the province entering stage 1 of the reopening plan all Board meetings will remain virtual until the end of June.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 8, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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 May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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 May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the June 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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

Approved on **September 14, 2021.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer