



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 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 Huibers.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Land Recognition**

Land Recognition statement was delivered by Student Trustee Zylstra

2. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burtnik

3. **Roll Call**

Chair Huibers noted that Trustee Moody joined electronically.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody		✓		
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Sydney Yott	✓			
Steffen Zylstra	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

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

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 28, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

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

6.1 **June 15, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 15, 22 and July 15, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 **June 22, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 15, 22 and July 15, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 **July 13, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 15, 22 and July 15, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2021**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 14, 2021, as presented.

7.2 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 14, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 14, 2021, as presented for information

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 27, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 27, 2020, as presented.

7.4 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of May 6, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 6, 2021, as presented for information

7.5 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Parent Involvement Committee 2021-2022

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community member to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the 2021-2022 term:

Shelley Gilbert – Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Appendix A)

7.6 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 2, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 2, 2021, as presented.

7.7 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4.1, F4.2, F6, F7 & F8

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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. System Priorities Achievement Report 2020-2021

Director Cipriano presented the System Priorities Achievement Report 2020-2021.

2. Period Poverty

Director Cipriano presented the Period Poverty report.

Director Cipriano and Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board proceed in principle and in practice to provide menstrual products to our female students as indicated in the report.

CARRIED

3. Staff Vaccination Attestation Rates

Director Cipriano presented the Staff Vaccination Attestation Rates.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board author a letter to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of Education with respect to the real, on the ground, impact that the reality of COVID is having in our schools, and on our staff.

CARRIED

4. Elementary Class Sizes

Domenic Massi, Associate Superintendent of Education presented the Elementary Class Sizes report.

Associate Superintendent Massi answered questions of Trustees.

5. Financial Reports

5.1 2020-2021 Update

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided an update on the 2020-2021 Financial Reports.

5.2 2021-2022 Budget Booklet

Superintendent Vetrone presented the 2021-2022 Budget Booklet.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustees Burtnik, Prince, Huibers and Director Cipriano provided an update on the OCSTA Regional meeting held on September 21, 2021.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

3.1 Rescinding of May 25, 2021 Board Motion

Trustee Turner put forth the following motion;

Discussion took place.

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move to rescind part of the May 25, 2021 motion made in regards to the Pride Flag that states “moving forward, consulting the community and providing a full report to the Board in the fall of 2021.”

CARRIED

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – October 2021

Director Cipriano highlighted the October 2021 Calendar of Events.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

None Submitted

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 28, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 June 15, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 September 14, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 June 15, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 July 13, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 September 14, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 F6

CARRIED (Item F6)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning session being held virtually on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the September 28, 2021 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 28, 2021**.

Approved on **October 26, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer