



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 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 Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Recognition

Land Recognition statement was delivered by Student Trustee Zylstra

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Benoit

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Burkholder was asked to be excused and that Trustee Benoit joined electronically.

Trustee Huibers acted as Vice-Chair for Trustee Burkholder.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit		✓		
Joseph Bruzzese	✓			
Rhianon Burkholder				✓
Danny Di Lorenzo	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Doug Joyner	✓			
Jim Marino	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Charlotte Johnstone	✓			
Steffen Zylstra	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

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

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

6. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 31, 2023

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda Items

7.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2023 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of February 14, 2023, as presented.

7.1.1 Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (701.2)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (701.2), as presented.

7.1.2 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2023-2024

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2023-2024, as presented.

7.2 Capital Procurement Projects Exceeding \$750,000

Presented for information.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of DATE

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 11, 2023, as presented.

7.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3 & F4

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Marino

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction to EcoSchools

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services provided background information on the EcoSchools program and introduced Clara Luke, Senior Program Manager of EcoSchools Canada.

Ms. Luke presented the Introduction to EcoSchools for Trustee information.

Ms. Luke answered questions of Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions Action Plan Mid-Year Achievement Report 2022-2023

Director Cipriano presented the Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions Action Plan Mid-Year Achievement Report for 2022-2023.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

2. English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices and introduced Nicole Pigeau, Indigenous Consultant and Andrea Stranges, K-12 Literacy Consultant.

Ms. Pigeau and Ms. Stranges presented the English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices report for Trustee information.

Ms. Pigeau and Ms. Stranges answered questions of Trustees.

3. Niagara Student Transportation Services 2022-2023 Annual Plan

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Niagara Student Transportation Services 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

4. International Education Program Overview

Joseph Zaroda, Associate Superintendent of Education provided background information on the International Education Program and introduced Fred Wilson, Administrator of International Education.

Mr. Wilson presented the International Education Program Overview for Trustee information.

Mr. Wilson answered questions of Trustees.

5. Financial Report as at January 31, 2023

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Student Trustee Zylstra provided highlights on the OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference held on February 16th.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees that the first Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be on March 8, 2023.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – March 2023

4.2 20th Annual Technological Skills Competition – March 2, 2023

Director Cipriano noted that the 20th Annual Technological Skills Competition is scheduled for March 2, 2023.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

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 Marino
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

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 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2023.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Marino

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 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Marino

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 February 14, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the February 28, 2023 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 28, 2023**.

Approved on **March 28, 2023**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer