



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 12, 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 Vice-Chair Burkholder.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Di Lorenzo.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Burkholder noted that Trustees Benoit asked to be excused.

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	✓			
Emilio Geremia	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Kimberly Kinney, Gino Pizzoferrato, Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Domenic Massi, Joseph Zaroda**, Associate Superintendents 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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Marino

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 12, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 6, 2023

Moved by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 6, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Presented for information.

Moved by Trustee Di Lorenzo

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. GOVERNANCE POLICIES

1. Governance Policies for Recommendation to the Board

2. Governance Policies Prior to Vetting

2.1. Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2)

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2).

The Committee of the Whole suggested the following amendments:

- No amendment

The Committee of the Whole requested that the Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2), be vetted from September 13, 2023 to November 1, 2023 with a recommended deadline for presentation to the Committee of the Whole in November, for consideration to the Board in November.

2.2. Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy (301.1)

Domenic Massi, Associate Superintendent of Education, presented the Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy (301.1).

The Committee of the Whole suggested the following amendments:

- No amendment

The Committee of the Whole requested that the Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy (301.1), be vetted September 13, 2023 to November 1, 2023 with a recommended deadline for presentation to the Committee of the Whole in November, for consideration to the Board in November.

3. Governance Policy Review Schedule

Director Cipriano presented the Governance Policy Review Schedule.

D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2023-2024 School Year

Director Cipriano and Senior Staff presented the Introduction to the 2023-2024 School Year report for Trustee information.

Director Cipriano and members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

2. Monthly Updates

2.1 Student Trustees' Update

Charlotte Johnstone, and Emilio Geremia, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

2.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Rocca

- Niagara Catholic has partnered up with the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre to organize a Unity Walk to begin a sign of unity and commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

A brief video was shared highlighting the first week of school.

Discussion took place regarding the safety of students and crossing guards following an incident in St. Catharines with a crossing guard.

E. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 OCSTA 2023 Fall Regional Meeting – September 18, 2023

Vice-Chair Burkholder highlighted the OCSTA 2023 Fall Regional Meeting.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

Trustee Marino highlighted the Annual Golf Tournament and noted that Golf registration is full, however, there is still room for the dinner.

Trustee Turner highlighted the Notre Dame College School 75th Reunion taking place on Saturday, September 30, 2023 and Sunday, September 31, 2023.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil

G. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

H. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Joyner

THAT the September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 12, 2023.**

Approved on **October 10, 2023.**

Rhianon Burkholder
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer