



MINUTES OF THE GROWTH AND RETENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

Minutes of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. 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 5:55 p.m. by Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education.

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Turner.

3. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations		Present	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit	Trustee			✓	
Joseph Bruzzese	Trustee		✓		
Rhianon Burkholder	Trustee		✓		
Danny Di Lorenzo	Trustee		✓		
Larry Huibers	Trustee		✓		
Doug Joyner	Trustee		✓		
Jim Marino	Trustee		✓		
Paul Turner	Trustee		✓		
Brenda Annen	NCPIC		✓		
Liam Disley	Elementary Student Rep		✓		
Charlotte Johnstone	Student Trustee				✓
Fr. Paul MacNeil	Diocese		✓		
Anna Maxner	CUPE				✓
Jennifer McArthur	OECTA Elementary		✓		
Larry Newton	OECTA Secondary		✓		
Rawan Omran	Elementary Student Rep				✓
Willow Shawanoo	Indigenous Community			✓	
Juliette Sullivan	Elementary Student Rep		✓		
Carrie Vernelli	NCPIC		✓		
Steffen Zylstra	Student Trustee		✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Domenic Massi**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Monique Mastroianni**, **Scott Root**, Principals; **Jennifer Pellegrini**, Communications Officer; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Growth and Retention Committee Meeting of November 12, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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

6. **Multi Year Strategic Plan**

Director Cipriano highlighted the Multi Year Strategic Plan

7. **Nominations and Election of the Growth and Retention Committee Chair for 2022-2023**

Director Cipriano called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee for 2022-2023. Trustee Marino nominated Trustee Turner. Director Cipriano asked Trustee Turner if he wished to stand for the position of Chair of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustee Turner accepted the nomination.

Following three calls for nominations there were no further nominations forthcoming. Trustee Turner was acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee 2022-2023.

Moved by Trustee Marino

THAT Trustee Turner be elected to the position of Chair of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee 2022-2023.

APPROVED

Chair Turner provided a history of the establishment of the Growth & Retention Ad Hoc Committee.

Upon discussion the committee requested a resolution be brought to the Board to define Trustee committee membership.

8. **Minutes of the Growth & Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 12, 2019**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 12, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

9. **Data**

Director Cipriano presented the census date and enrolment data.

Discussion took place on best practice to increase enrolment and retention rates. Suggestions included; the addition of childcare sites to increase kindergarten enrolment; improved communication via social media; updated school websites; and increased interaction between secondary schools and their feeder schools.

10. Committee Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

Next committee meeting scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Marino

THAT the March 8, 2023 Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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