



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau noted that Trustee Sicoli asked to be excused and welcomed new Student Trustee Dallas McMahon.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli				✓
Student Trustees				
Vincent Atallah	✓			
Dallas McMahon	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 10, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item C7.1 of the Public Agenda, as she has a family member who is associated with the Quartek Group.

5. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2013

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2013-2014 School Year

Through a visual presentation, Director Crocco along with Senior Staff presented the Committee of the Whole with a verbal information update regarding the 2013-2014 school year, Trustees were provided with handouts of the Strategic Directions System Priorities for 2013-2014, a booklet outlining the Faith Formation Program “Wisdom, Worship, Witness”, and the 2013-2014 School Year Calendar as part of their agenda packages.

Senior Staff answered Trustees questions regarding the various information and provided in the report.

2. Apple Canada Purchase Approval

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, and Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Apple Canada Purchase Approval, which is in accordance with Niagara Catholic’s System Priority to “enhance technology for optimal learning and aligned with our direction to implement the second year of our Niagara Catholic Blueprint for technology”, and was approved in the 2013-2014 Niagara Catholic Annual Budget.

Trustees asked questions of staff regarding the purchase.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of Apple products and the operating lease financed through HP Financial Services for the following computer equipment, as presented:

1,040	iPad mini 16GB with Wi-Fi
52	iMac 21.5-inch 2.7GHz WQuad-core Intel Core i5
1	Mac Pro 2.4GHz 12-Core Intel Xeon
52	Bretford Roller 20 for Ipad Mini LTN – USA

for a total of approximately \$670,000.

CARRIED

3. Mental Health Leaders to Support School Mental Health Assist

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead, who provided a brief overview of her role and how it will support Niagara Catholic's 2013-2014 Enabling Strategies that focus on providing supports for student success in the area of Mental Health and Addictions.

4. Raise Me Up 2013

Superintendent Lefebvre provided Trustees with information on the Raise Me Up 2013 in which Niagara Catholic students will construct a one thousand, two hundred square foot (1,200) home from start to finish alongside qualified and certified local trades in Welland.

Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Student Success, was in attendance to answer Trustees questions.

It was noted that all proceeds from the sale of each home will be donated to the Niagara Catholic Foundation for Education and/or the Niagara Catholic Helping Hands Fund which in turn will support local charities helping families in need. Trustees commented that this is a great opportunity for students as well as the community in general.

5. Parents Reaching Out Grants 2013-2014

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on Catholic School Councils Parents Reaching Out Grants 2013-2014 and indicated that for the 2013-2014 school year, twenty-seven (27) schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board have received PRO Grants to a total of \$26,220, with an additional \$22,500 to continue the "Through the Years" project.

6. International Education Partnership Agreements

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Fred Wilson, Supervisor of International Education, who presented the report on the International Education Partnership Agreements the Board is finalizing with the English Language Center, Guangzhou City, China; Country Garden School in Foshan City, China; Bokja Catholic School, Chun An City, South Korea; Salesio Catholic Elementary School, Gwangju Province, and the Jeollabuk-Do Foundation, South Korea.

Senior Staff will continue to inform the Board on the progress of these partnership agreements and the development of new international education partnership agreements.

7. Monthly Updates

7.1 Capital Projects Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

7.2 Student Trustees' Update

Vincent Atallah and Dallas McMahon, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

Trustees asked if the 2013-2014 Student Senate would attend the October Committee of the Whole Meeting to meet the Trustees. Director Crocco indicated that the Student Senate members would be presented and introduced at the October Committee of the Whole Meeting.

7.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Baldasaro

- A student from Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School came in first at the Rogers Center, Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition. The student and his family attended the All-Star game festivities at Citi Field in New York, where they met various Major League Baseball Players.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 18, 2013

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 18, 2013 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – September 2-13

Director Crocco presented the September 13, 2013 Calendar of Events for Trustees' information.

1.3 Director's Letter to Students and Parents – September 2013

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1.4 Director's Letter to Staff – September 2013

Director Crocco presented the Director's Letter to Staff – September 2013.

1.5 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 18, 2013

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament taking place on September 18, 2013.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance to golf or for dinner with Sherry Morena.

1.6 Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade – September 28, 2013

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade taking place September 28, 2013.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

1.7 OCSTA Central Region Meeting, Oshawa – October 1, 2013

Director Crocco presented information on the OCSTA Central Region Meeting scheduled for October 1, 2013 in Oshawa.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

1.8 CCSTA National Conversation on Catholic Education – Ottawa – October 3, 2013

Director Crocco reminded Trustees about the CCSTA National Conversation on Catholic Education scheduled from October 3-5, 2013 in Ottawa.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena by September 14, 2013.

1.9 Invitation to Celebration in Honour of Retirement of Sr. Joan Cronin

Director Crocco presented the Invitation to Celebration in Honour of Retirement of Sr. Joan Cronin being held on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

1.10 Community Consultation Kit Launch - Next Phase in Ontario's Education Strategy

Director Crocco presented information on the Community Consultation Kit Launch - Next Phase in Ontario's Education Strategy.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 10, 2013.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 June 11, 2103, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

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 June 11, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the September 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 10th, 2013.**

Approved on the **8th** day of **October 2013.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer