



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 9:25 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 9:25 p.m. Chairperson Burtnik

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Sicoli.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau noted that Chairperson Burtnik will participate electronically in the Board Meeting via Skype.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Fera from attending the Board Meeting of February 28, 2012.

CARRIED

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				
Ryan Creelman	✓			
Patrick Morris	✓			

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; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item C5.1 of the Public Agenda. This item may show cheques issued to this trustee's family business. She refrained from voting on this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings

5.1 Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 31, 2012

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 31, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 14, 2012

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 14, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Cheque Presentation to the United Way of South Niagara

Director Crocco welcomed Angela Carter, United Way of South Niagara Board President, and on behalf of the Board, presented her with a cheque in the amount of \$41,568.00 which is the total raised by Niagara Catholic District School Board employees during the 2011 campaign. This total is a 59% increase over the donations collected in the 2010 campaign

Ms. Carter addressed the Board and expressed gratitude to Niagara Catholic for their on-going support of the United Way of South Niagara.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – Saint Paul Catholic High School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Jeff Smith, Principal of Saint Paul Catholic High School.

Principal Smith, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Saint Paul as part of the School Excellence Program.

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau thanked Principal Smith, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2012 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2012:

2.1 Approval of Policies

2.1.1 Community Use of Facilities Policy (#800.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Community Use of Facilities Policy (#800.2), as presented.

CARRIED

2.1.2 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (#800.7)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (#800.7), as presented.
CARRIED

2.1.3 Catholic Leadership: Principal & Vice-Principal Selection Policy (#202.2)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Catholic Leadership: Principal & Vice-Principal Selection Policy (#202.2), as presented.
CARRIED

2.1.4 Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (#201.7)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (#201.7), as presented.
CARRIED

2.2 Mid-Year Progress Review of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2011-2012

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Mid-Year Progress Review of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2011-2012, as presented.
CARRIED

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 11, 2012

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 11, 2012, as presented for information.
CARRIED

4. Niagara Catholic Education Acronyms Booklet 2012

On behalf of Senior Administrative Council, Superintendent Lefebvre presented a report on the Niagara Catholic Education Acronyms Booklet 2012 which Trustees received as a reference to assist in decoding acronyms that appear in text or correspondence that are otherwise not identified.

5. Financial Reports

5.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of January 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at January 31, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Crocco highlighted the contents of the Board Correspondence for Trustees.

1.1 Carousel Players – Thank You for Support

**1.2 Ministry of Education – London Regional Office
Thank You for Director's Annual Report**

1.3 Ministry of Education – Transportation Task Force

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 14, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 14, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – March 2012

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – March 2012 for Trustees' information

4.3 Speak Out Showcase – March 5, 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the Speak Out Showcase being held on March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

4.4 March 9 - 18, 2012 – March Break 2012

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that March Break will take place between March 9 - 18, 2012.

**4.5 Respect for Life Mass - March 26, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
- The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria**

Director Crocco presented information on the Respect for Life Mass being held March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

4.6 Dress Code – Elementary and Secondary Student Uniform Vetting and Consultation

Director Crocco presented a sample letter to parents and a schedule of community meetings that will be taking place to present the proposed Dress Code – Elementary and Secondary Student Uniform Policy to families across Niagara Catholic, as part of an enhanced vetting and consultation process.

Feedback will be presented to the May Policy Committee.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 January 31, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 14, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

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

CARRIED (Item F6)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the amendment to the recommendation as outlined in Item F10 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F10)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F10 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F10)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the February 28, 2012 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 28th, 2012.**

Approved on the **27th** day of **March 2012.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer