



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 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 Dekker.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Fera.

2. Roll Call

Director Crocco welcomed new Student Trustees Shelby Levesque, Grade 11 student at Saint Paul Catholic High School and Patrick Fowler, Grade 11 student at Denis Morris Catholic High School and gave a brief background on each of the students.

Director Crocco expressed appreciation to Juliana Ciccarelli and Megan Grocholsky for their dedication to their roles as Student Trustees during the past school year and wished them all the best in their future endeavours.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole	✓		
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi	✓		
Student Trustees			
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓		
Megan Grocholsky	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 1, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

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

5. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes**

Policy Committee Meeting – May 25, 2010

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 25, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 **Approval of Policies**

1.2.1 **Anaphylaxis Policy (302.1)**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Anaphylaxis Policy (302.1), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.2 **Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)**
(Currently Assault on an Employee Policy)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11), Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.3 **Niagara Catholic Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2)**
(Currently Service Recognition Policy)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.4 **Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (New) (Interim)**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (New) (Interim), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.5 **Religious Accommodation Policy (New) (Interim)**
(Equity and Inclusive Education Policy)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Religious Accommodation Policy (New) (Interim) Equity and Inclusive Education Policy), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.6 **Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)**
(Currently Handling of Complaints Policy)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.7 **Monthly Financial Reports Policy (600.3)**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Financial Reports Policy (600.3), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.7 Nutrition Policy (302.7)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Nutrition Policy (302.7), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.9 Student Transportation Policy (500.2)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Transportation Policy (500.2), as presented.

CARRIED

1.3 Policy Development Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

2. Niagara Catholic Chess Instructional Program

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education-Student Achievement, welcomed Mark Lefebvre, Administrator-School Effectiveness Framework who introduced the Niagara Catholic Chess Instructional Program. Andy Cipro, Principal, St. Edward Catholic Elementary School, presented information on the Niagara Catholic Chess Instructional Program and highlighted the various elementary and secondary schools chess tournaments that were held during the months of March and April, 2010. The Elementary Program consists of 118 Chess Teams, totaling 708 students and the Secondary Program consists of 32 Teams totaling 192 students.

3. Skills Ontario Competition 2010 / Skills Canada Competition 2010

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Marco Magazzeni, Consultant-Technology/Specialist High Skills Major, who presented the report on the Skills Ontario Competition 2010/Skills Canada Competition.

Mr. Magazzeni informed Trustees that Team Niagara Catholic was well represented at both the Ontario Skills Competition and the Canadian Nationals, at which they earned gold and bronze medals, and he introduced the awarding winning students.

4. Annual Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration

Director Crocco presented information and Trustees viewed a DVD highlighting the Annual Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration which took place Thursday May 20, 2010. at the Niagara Regional Fairgrounds in Welland.

5. Niagara Catholic Virtues Education Visual Model

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Terri Paucio, Program Consultant – Religion and Family Life, who introduced the report on the Niagara Catholic Virtues Education Visual Model. Based on the Ontario Bishops' suggestion that the Catholic Education community return to the language and story of the Virtues, the theological virtues of love (charity), hope and faith, and the cardinal virtues, justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude, a system-wide commitment to Virtues education has developed within Niagara Catholic.

6. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, welcomed Margaret Marion, Principal of St. Peter Catholic Elementary School and Melissa Maney-Worden, teach at St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School who presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

7. Research Projects in the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the 2009-2010 School Year

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, and Robert DiPersio, Administrator of Special Projects, presented the report on the Research Projects in the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the 2009-2010 School Year.

Trustees were informed that Niagara Catholic's Research Projects Policy, along with its Administrative Guidelines, and the Research Ethics Review Committee process have been presented as a model for other school boards to consider in developing their own research policies and procedures.

8. Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2010-2011

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2010-2011 report.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$8,500.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards at \$500.00 per eligible student, as presented.

CARRIED

9. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

10. Monthly Updates

10.1 Student Trustees' Update

Juliana Ciccarelli and Megan Grocholsky, Student Trustees, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate and expressed their pleasure at having served as Student Trustees of the Board.

Chairperson Burtnik expressed appreciation to Juliana and Megan for everything they have done in supporting the students of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

10.2 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

The Family of Schools Superintendents gave brief verbal reports highlighting the activities in their schools.

Superintendent Ciarlo

- St. Peter Catholic Elementary School participated in the Rankin Cancer Run on May 29, 2010 with 157 participants which included staff, students and parents. The school were recognized for coming in 3rd out of 53 schools for participation and 9th overall for raising \$4,400.
- St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School raised almost \$2,000 towards its breakfast program for the next school year.

- Staff and students at Denis Morris Catholic High School received several awards from Cappies for their play titled “Play On”.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School
 - The school held their third student transition visit to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools on May 17th, 2010.
 - The school held a Fun Fair on May 18th, 2010. The Fair featured a silent auction, raffle, games, prizes, a bouncer, pony rides and a BBQ.
 - Preparations for the June 8th, 2010 Closing Celebration at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School are in progress. The Celebration will feature student performances, personal reflections, slide shows, presentations and a social starting at 6:00 p.m. at the school.
 - The Closing Mass for the school will be held at St. Ann’s Church on June 21st, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. with the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School family.
- The Notre Dame Varsity Girls’ Lacrosse Team captured the Silver Medal at the OFSAA Provincial Cup Ontario Championships held on May 26th & 27th, 2010. The Championship featured the top 12 high school girls’ lacrosse teams in Ontario.
- Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on Sunday, June 13th, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Father Mulligan in the school gymnasium. An open house will follow the Mass and run throughout the afternoon.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 25, 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 25 2010 issue for Trustees’ information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – June 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – June 2010.

1.3 Director’s Annual Administrative Leadership Symposium – June 10, 2010 – 11:00 - Club Italia

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Director’s Annual Administrative Leadership Symposium being held on June 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department, of their attendance.

1.4 Niagara Catholic Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration – June 25, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. - Americana Resort & Spa

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Niagara Catholic Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration being held June 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Americana Resort & Spa in Niagara Falls. Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department, of their attendance.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

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 Meeting at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 1, 2010.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section A: Student Trustees Present held on May 11, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded held on May 11, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the June 1, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 1, 2010.**

Approved on the **14th** day of **September 2010.**

John Dekker
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer