



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 11, 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 Charbonneau.

#### 2. Roll Call

| Trustee                 | Present | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| John Belcastro          | ✓       |        |         |
| Kathy Burtnik           | ✓       |        |         |
| Maurice Charbonneau     | ✓       |        |         |
| Gary Crole              |         |        | ✓       |
| John Dekker             | ✓       |        |         |
| Frank Fera              |         |        | ✓       |
| Ed Nieuwesteeg          |         |        | ✓       |
| Tony Scalzi             | ✓       |        |         |
| <b>Student Trustees</b> |         |        |         |
| 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 Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 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 April 13, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Niagara Catholic Teacher Recognized for Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence**

Director Crocco congratulated Marco Magazzeni, Technological Education/SHSM Consultant, who was selected as a recipient of a 2010 Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence. This provincial award recognizes Mr. Magazzeni's exemplary talent, passion, dedication and commitment to student achievement.

Chairperson Burtnik, Vice-Chairperson Dekker and Director Crocco presented Mr. Magazzeni with a Board certificate of recognition.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes**

**Policy Committee Meeting – April 26, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 26, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

1.2 **Policy Development Update**

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

2. **Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan**

Director Crocco presented the report on the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, which represents and culminates two years of prayer, dialogue and listening to over 4,700 participants which included Trustees, staff and a wide representation of the Catholic community. The plan and recommendations have set the path of the Niagara Catholic School Board for the next ten years.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that with the approval of the Strategic Plan, the Board will enter “Stage 4 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation – June 2010 to June 2020”. This Stage involves the development of the System Priority Indicators for 2010-2011 which will be presented at the June 15, 2010 Board Meeting. The Annual Indicators will align with the approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and presented to the Board annually for the next ten (10) years. The draft Mission Statement will be vetted with all eighty (80) Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit participants, administrators, Catholic School Councils, Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC, SEAC and the Diocese of St. Catharines for input and recommendations for presentation at the June 15, 2010 Board Meeting.

Chairperson Burtnik recommended a word change to the School in Community Vision Statement. Director Crocco provided a recommendation that was agreed upon by all Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, its Vision Statements and Strategic Directions as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **3. Trustee Determination and Distribution**

Director Crocco presented the report on Trustee Determination and Distribution, and stated that under Ontario Regulation 412/00 and the related Amendments, a very specific process must be followed in calculating Trustee determination and distribution for the upcoming elections. It is the responsibility of the Board to notify the Minister of Education; the election clerks of each municipality and the secretaries of each coterminous school board.

At this time the Trustee Distribution will remain status quo.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board determine that the number of trustees in its jurisdiction be a total of 8 trustees in the 2010 Elections.

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**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that it has decided not to designate any low population areas in the 2010 Elections.

*and*

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that the 8 trustees in its jurisdiction be distributed in the 2010 Elections as follows:

- 1 for West Lincoln, Lincoln, Grimsby, Pelham
- 2 for St. Catharines, (less Merritton area)
- 1 for Thorold (including Merritton area)
- 1 for Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet
- 1 for Welland
- 2 for Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake

*and*

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that by January 1, 2013 the Committee of the Whole will review the Trustee Determination and Distribution in preparation for the 2014 election.

**CARRIED**

**4. Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, introduced Rob Di Persio, Administrator of Special Projects and Chairperson of the Growing Success, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Board Steering Committee, who presented the report on Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools.

The Committee will review the current assessment, evaluation and reporting procedures and practices in the Board, and will be making recommendations for the implementation of the Ministry of Education, "Growing Success, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools, First Edition, Covering Grades 1-12, 2010" in the elementary and secondary schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

**5. Niagara Catholic Intensive French Update**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Jayne Evans, FSL/ESL/Arts Consultant, who presented the Niagara Catholic Intensive French Update. The Intensive French Program is a literacy-based approach to teaching French as a second language that is incorporated into the Grade 5 or Grade 6 Core French program for five months of the school year. In this program, French is offered intensively for approximately 70% of the school day from September through January.

**6. Niagara Catholic Elementary French as a Second Language (FSL) Speech Arts Festival  
Niagara Catholic Secondary French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest**

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Jayne Evans, FSL/ESL/Arts Consultant, who presented the report on the Niagara Catholic Elementary French as a Second Language (FSL) Speech Arts Festival/ Niagara Catholic Secondary French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest. The FSL Festival was open to all students in Grade 4 through Grade 8, providing them the opportunity to prepare a short speech in French on a topic familiar to them, where as the Secondary French, Italian and Spanish Public Speaking Contest was open to secondary students.

**7. Niagara Catholic 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Ontario Heritage Fair**

Superintendent Baldasaro asked Mark Lefebvre, Administrator of School Effectiveness Framework to introduce the Regional Ontario Heritage Fair Committee members Sheri Bassett, Junior Consultant; Sheila Lohnes, Supervisor of Library Information Centres; and Marg Marion, Principal of St. Peter Catholic Elementary School. Sheri Bassett presented information on the Niagara Catholic's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Ontario Heritage Fair, and listed the seventeen (17) award recipients.

**8. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

**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. Financial Reports**

### **10.1 Monthly Banking Transactions**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **10.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **11. Monthly Updates**

### **11.1 Capital Projects Progress Report**

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Capital Projects Progress Report on behalf of James Woods, Controller of Plant.

### **11.2 Student Trustees' Update**

Juliana Ciccarelli, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

### **11.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update**

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

#### **Superintendent Ciarlo**

- St. Edward Catholic Elementary School transformed the school into a Medieval Castle for a day full of interesting activities. A Medieval meal was served to students, invited guest, staff, parents and guests from St. Nicholas and St. John Catholic Elementary Schools.
- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School celebrated Catholic Education Week several activities which included, Field Lacrosse jamboree, Rugby Tournament, Physics Contest, French Contest, Student Council Elections, and the Jr. and Sr. Badminton Teams attending OFSSA

#### **Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

- Trustees were presented with a copy of St. Vincent de Paul's first edition of "Our Catholic Faith Journey" which contains student work in the form of prayers, letters and poems from Grades JK to 8 that reflect the distinctive nature of our Catholic education and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. The book has been published and is registered with Library and Archives Canada.
- The Welland Tribune Great Kids Gala featured thirteen (13) Niagara Catholic Students who were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and efforts in the community.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic- April 27, 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 27, 2010 Board Meeting issue for Trustees' information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – May 2010**

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

#### **1.3 Catholic Education Week 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on the various activities that occurred during Catholic Education Week 2010.

A DVD highlighting the various Catholic Education Week events was presented.

Director Crocco congratulated all staff on the exemplary Catholic Education Week activities that occurred throughout the system.

#### **1.4 Graduation Celebration 2010 Thursday May 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - Niagara Regional Fairgrounds**

Director Crocco presented information on the Graduation Celebration 2010 being held Thursday May 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the Niagara Regional Fairgrounds.

Trustees were asked to respond if they are attending to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department.

#### **1.5 Niagara Catholic System Faith Day - Friday, May 21, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on the school based Niagara Catholic System Faith Day being held Friday, May 21, 2010.

Niagara Catholic will launch the new Niagara Catholic Virtues Education Model with all staff. Director Crocco provided Trustees with a 8 x 10 print size of the Niagara Catholic Virtues poster to be placed in all classrooms across Niagara Catholic.

## **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 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010.

**CARRIED**

## **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

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 A: Student Trustees Present held on April 13, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

## **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

**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 April 13, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee

**THAT** the May 11, 2010, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 11, 2010,**

Approved on the **1st** day of **June 2010.**

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John Dekker  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer