



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 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 Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Vice-Chairperson Fera.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	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; Marcel Jacques, Administrator – Special Education; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

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 October 13, 2009, 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 September 15, 2009

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Child Advocacy Centre Niagara - Cindy Paskey, Executive Director

John Crocco, Director of Education, welcomed information on the Child Advocacy Centre. Cindy Paskey, Executive Director of the Centre, presented information on the Child Advocacy Centre Niagara.

Ms. Paskey spoke to the history and background of the Child Advocacy Centre Niagara. She also explained that the Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara is a multi-disciplinary program which responds to reports of physical and sexual child abuse. The Child Advocacy Support Team (CAST) is a Niagara-based interagency cooperation with members from Niagara Regional Police Services (NRPS), Family and Children's Services (FACS) of Niagara, Family Counselling Centre Niagara, medical and mental health professionals, and the Crown.

Director Crocco indicated that Niagara Catholic would designate the week of November 16, 2009 as Child Advocacy Week.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting – September 29, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Policy Development Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

2. International Student Exchange (ISE)

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education: Student Achievement K-12, introduced Jayne Evans, FSL /ESL/Arts Consultant. Mrs. Evans welcomed this year's International Exchange Students from France and Switzerland, as well as their Niagara Catholic Hosts. The Exchange Students are attending Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School, Denis Morris Catholic High School, Holy Cross Catholic High School, Saint Paul Catholic High School, Lakeshore Catholic High School, and Notre Dame College School.

Chairperson Burtnik and Vice-Chairperson Fera presented the host and exchange students with Niagara Catholic District School Board pins.

3. SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) Program

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Marcel Jacques, Administrator – Special Education, who presented the report on SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) Program.

4. Student Achievement K-12 OFIP Schools in the Middle: Effective Leadership, Effective Schools

Superintendent Baldasaro and Administrator Lefebvre presented the report on the Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP) which is a key strategy intended to support all schools to improve student achievement. Currently, Canadian Martyrs, Cardinal Newman, Father Hennepin, Loretto Catholic, Monsignor Clancy, Our Lady of Victory Jr., St. Alexander, St. Ann (St. Catharines), St. Anthony, St. Charles, St. Denis, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. John, St. Martin, St. Peter, St. Theresa and St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary Schools are designated as OFIP 3 schools.

5. Staff Development Department

5.1 Professional Development Opportunities

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education – Human Resources, and Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development presented the report on the Staff Development Department: Professional Development Opportunities.

5.2 The Ontario Leadership Strategy (OLS)

Superintendent Iannantuono and Administrator Syne presented the report on the Ontario Leadership Strategy (OLS). The OLS is a comprehensive plan of action designed to support student achievement and well-being by attracting and developing skilled and passionate school and system leaders. It incorporates a collaborative approach through which schools, school boards, education partners and the Ministry of Education work in partnership to make a difference.

6. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2009-2010

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

6.1 Catholic International Co-op Experience (NCICE)

Director Crocco presented information on the new Niagara Catholic International Co-op Experience (NCICE), which included the process followed by students, parents and staff as they apply and prepare for the program. The educational value, process and expectations to be followed were presented.

7. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Committee of the Whole update on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

8. Financial Reports

8.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

8.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

9. Monthly Updates

9.1 Capital Projects Progress Report

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the Capital Projects Progress Report.

9.2 Student Trustees' Update

Megan Grocholsky, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

9.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

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

Superintendent Ciarlo

- Denis Morris Catholic High School hosted its 3rd Annual High-on-Life Health Fair. The Health Fair focuses on smart choices and the various outside agencies that are available to assist youth with the many challenges posed to them in society.
- St. James Catholic Elementary School is extremely pleased with the newly renovated computer lab, library information centre and gymnasium.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Notre Dame College School has begun their Pilgrimage Presentations in preparation of their Pilgrimage walk on Sunday, October 25, 2009 to raise funds to assist brothers and sisters in Third World Countries.
- Notre Dame College School took first, second and third place in the City of Welland Relay Torch Committee's drawing competition.
- Students of St. Andrew's Catholic Elementary School were challenged to read over the summer...the students surpassed expectation by reading over 10,932 pages.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 29, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 29, 2009, issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – October 2009.

1.3 Director's Letter to Teachers – World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Chairperson of the Board and Director of Education's Letter to Teachers – World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2009.

1.4 Niagara Catholic Regional School Council Annual Chairs and Catholic School Council Members Meeting – October 22, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Regional School Council Annual Chairs and Catholic School Council Members Meeting – October 22, 2009

1.5 Niagara Catholic Year for Priests Celebration – October 29, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Year for Priests Celebration – October 29, 2009.

1.6 OCSTA Update

Chairperson Burtnik presented on an OCSTA update.

1.6.1 OCSTA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Chairperson Burtnik presented the OCSTA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 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 October 13, 2009.

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 September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Dekker

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 September 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the October 13, 2009 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 **October 13, 2009.**

Approved on the **10th** day of **November 2009.**

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer