



AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO

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| - English Canadian Holy Cross Fathers | |
| - Holy Cross Fathers | |
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| 5. Open Question Period | - |
| <i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i> | |

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2009, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by (Most Rev.) James M. Wingle, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau		✓
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Ashley McGuire	✓	
Christina Volpini	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Christine Graham**, Program Officer - Curriculum; **Marcel Jacques**, Program Officer - Student Support Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

Chairperson Burtnik welcomed all those in attendance to the Special Board Meeting. She said that the meeting was a special Celebration of the past, present and future during which the Catholic Education Centre Meeting Rooms would be dedicated to the Founding Religious Orders for Catholic Education in Niagara. A special welcome was extended to (Most Rev.) James M. Wingle, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines and Honorary Chairperson of the Niagara Catholic District School Board; Fr. Jim Mulligan, Fr. John Vickers, Fr. Rheel LeBlanc, Fr. Don Layden, Fr. Norman Bordage, Fr. Edward Baird and Brother Ron Rumbboth of the Holy Cross Fr.s; Sr. Mary Heather McKinnon, Sr. Eileen Donohoe, Sr. Gloria Seifried, Sr. Irene Freeman and Sr. Barbara Frank of the School Sisters of Notre Dame; Sr. Patricia Conway, Sr. Loretta Rollheiser, Sr. Helen Kluge, Sr. Kathleen Conway and Sr. Anne Schenck of the Sisters of St. Joseph; Sr. Joan Quinn of the Sisters of Holy Cross; Sr. Cecilia Ann Fatula, Sr. Corrine Giel, Sr. Concepta Fudala and Sr. Teresa Margaret Bransky of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity, Eileen McCarthy and Ann Libertini representing the Sisters of St. Martha who could not be in attendance; SM Blaise Podruczny, SM Celestine Giertych, SM Jean Romanowicz, SM Teresa Forma, SM Marilyn Stata and SM Jacque Keefe of the Felician Sisters; Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, Sr. Mary Kay Camp of the Loretto Sisters; and Don Lefebvre, former Trustee, Superintendent, and co-author of "Catholic Education a Gift from the Past, a Present for the Future".

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

4. *Disclosure of Interest*

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

5. *Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings*

5.1 *January 27, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 27, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 *February 17, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 17, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 February 18, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 18, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

5.4 February 23, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Fishers of Men - Serra International

Frank Fera, Vice-Chairperson of the Niagara Catholic District School and President of the Serra Club of St. Catharines gave a brief history on the Serra International Group of dedicated Catholic men and women devoted to supporting the priesthood and religious life. The Serra Club of St. Catharines which Bishop Wingle consecrated in September 2008 currently has 28 members and is actively seeking new members. The Serra Club meets monthly to celebrate Mass and discuss business items and ways of assisting future priests.

On behalf of the Serrans, Vice-Chairperson Fera thanked Bishop James Wingle for his spiritual direction and Director Crocco for his assistance and cooperation as the Serrans strive to enhance priesthood and religious life in this community.

Bishop Wingle expressed his pleasure at being able to view the video titled "Fishers of Men" with those in attendance, and spoke of the dedicated group of men and women who form the Serra Club of St. Catharines.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program - St. Edward Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education introduced Andy Cipro, Principal of St. Edward Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Cipro, with the assistance of students and staff showcased St. Edward Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

The St. Edward Catholic Elementary School Choir performed for the Board.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Cipro, the staff and students for their presentation and performance. The students were presented with Niagara Catholic District School Board highlighters.

2. *Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 10, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations*

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 10, 2009:

2.1 *Funding of Capital Projects*

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct Senior Staff to protect the FRP Grants accumulated in the Pupil Accommodation Debt Reserve (PADR) at August 31, 2008 in the amount of \$8,474,683 and to encumber these funds so that they are used only to pay down the capital debt when the debentures come up for renewal.

THAT Niagara Catholic District School Board direct Senior Staff to protect a portion of the funds accumulated in the Proceeds of Disposition Reserve (PODR) at August 31, 2008 in the amount of \$3,240,000, and to encumber these funds so that they are used only to pay down the capital debt when the debentures come up for renewal.

THAT Niagara Catholic District School Board direct Senior Staff to continue to limit the annual Facility Renewal Program Expenditures, so the annual unspent amount of \$1,000,000 of the Facility Renewal Program Grants can be deposited in the Pupil Accommodation Debt Reserve (PADR-FRP) until the year 2029-30, in order to fund future debenture payments, including \$327,922 for Facility Renewal Projects completed prior to August 31, 2006, and to fund additional Facility Renewal Program capital projects, as approved by the Board in the future.

CARRIED

2.2 *Financial Reports*

2.2.1 *Monthly Banking Transactions*

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of January 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

2.2.2 *Statement of Revenue & Expenditures*

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at January 31, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3. *Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2009-2010*

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, presented the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2009-2010. Trustees and Senior Staff discussed a September 1, 2009 start date in order to meet the required minimum of 194 school days.

Trustee Crole moved the following amendment to the recommendation.

Moved by Crole

Seconded by Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the motion be amended to add the following words: That fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year, and

THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

CARRIED

4. *Staff Development Department - Professional Development Opportunities*

Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education, introduced Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, who presented the report on Staff Development Professional Development Opportunities.

5. *Long Term Financing of Approved Capital Projects Completed Prior to August 31, 2009*

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the report on the Long Term Financing of Approved Capital Projects Completed Prior to August 31, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Borrowing By-Law and Related Documents with respect to the issue of long term financing of Good Places to Learn Projects (Stage 3) completed prior to August 31, 2008 for a total amount of \$4,683,110, as follows:

By-Law Number 2009-A1 - A By-Law to authorize a Loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the principal amount of \$4,683,110, for the long term financing of Good Places to Learn Projects (Stage 3) completed up to August 31, 2008, to be amortized over 25 years at the interest rate of 5.602%, repayable in semi-annual payments of \$166,736.12.

CARRIED

6. *Dedication of Catholic Education Centre Meeting Rooms to our Founding Religious Orders*

Director Crocco spoke to the Dedication of Catholic Education Centre Meeting Rooms to our Founding Religious Orders. He outlined that the that process consisted of consultation with staff in the Fall of this year, and the approval of the Board to dedicate the Board Room and eight meeting rooms at the Catholic Education Center to Father Kenneth Burns csc and the founding eight Religious Orders in Niagara.

Director Crocco stated that Niagara Catholic's Excellence in Catholic Education is rooted in the foundation of those who have pioneered before us. Each of the founding Religious Orders provided the Board with a combination of a crucifix and photograph representing their Order, along with

historical background on their Order for a historical plaque. These items have been placed in the dedicated room to honour the contributions of Father Burns and the Religious Orders to Catholic Education in Niagara.

Earlier in the day the founding Religious Orders also participated in the filming of a DVD biography on their Order and the history of involvement in founding Catholic Education in Niagara. A compilation of each filmed biography will be integrated into two new units of study currently in the writing process on Catholic Education in Niagara. Beginning in September 2009, the two new units will be taught annually to all Grade 7 and Grade 10 students throughout Niagara Catholic.

Following a video providing a brief historical background on each of the Religious Orders and Father Burns, Bishop James Wingle officially dedicated the Board Room to Father Kenneth Burns. The Holy Cross Fathers joined Bishop Wingle, Director Crocco and Trustees for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The following spoke on behalf of their Religious Orders: Fr. John Vickers on behalf of Fr. Kenneth Burns and the Holy Cross Community; Sr. Barbara Frank - School Sisters of Notre Dame; Sr. Patricia Conway - Sisters of St. Joseph; Sr. Joan Quinn - Sisters of Holy Cross; Sr. Corrine Giel - Vincentian Sisters of Charity; Eileen McCarthy - retired teacher who spoke on behalf of the Sisters of St. Martha who could not be in attendance; SM Celestine Giertych - Felician Sisters; Sr. Johanna D'Agostino - Loretto Sisters.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked all the Religious Orders for their enthusiasm and words of inspiration and praise.

The following official blessings and room dedications took place after the Board Meeting adjourned:
Trustees Lounge - Holy Cross Community
Room 257 - School Sisters of Notre Dame
Room 258 - Sisters of St. Joseph
Room 259 - Sisters of Holy Cross
Computer Lab - Vincentian Sisters of Charity
Solarium - Sisters of St. Martha
Program Meeting Room - Felician Sisters
Cafeteria - Loretto Sisters

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil Report

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Board Submission to Governance Review Committee

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board's Submission on the Ontario School Board Governance for the 21st Century Consultation Paper to the Governance Review Committee, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Trustee Information

5.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - February 10, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - February 10, 2009 issue for trustees' information.

5.2 Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 2009
Monday, April 20, 2009 - Club Italia, Niagara Falls, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

5.3 Trustee & Senior Staff Retreat
Thursday, February 26, 2009 - Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 5:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Trustees and Senior Staff Retreat with Bishop Wingle.

6. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 27, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Dekker
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 A: Student Trustees Present of February 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 27, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of February 24, 2009:

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda - Section B: Students Trustees Excluded of February 10, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that Carla Bianco, Theo Dagenais, Jeff Lafontaine, Kevin Lamb, Margaret Marion be assigned to the Principal Pool (Elementary) for a period of two years, effective February 24, 2009, and

THAT Amanda Cybula, Mary Kay Kalagain and Angela Villella have their respective terms extended until February 24, 2011.

CARRIED (Item F5.2)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the February 24, 2009, meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on February 24, 2009.

Approved on the 31st day of March 2009.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Catholic School Profile

St. Vincent de Paul

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Niagara Catholic District School Board

October, 2008

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Board Mission

"The Mission of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, as a Catholic Community of learners, is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and values to reach their full potential, with Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Light."

School Mission Statement

"We are a professional, Catholic learning community, working together to ensure the moral, spiritual and academic growth of our students."

School Motto

"A Place of Many Blessings".

Who We Are

In September 2004, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School opened its doors and welcomed the children of the North-end of Niagara Falls. St. Vincent de Paul School was named in honour of St. Vincent de Paul, patron saint of the poor, who lived by the motto that "Charity is certainly greater than any rule". Our Community stands for the betterment of all God's people and is dedicated to helping our community in numerous ways.

Our school Motto is that we are "A Place of Many Blessings". We celebrate students, their parents and our staff each and every day. The members of St. Vincent de Paul are a Professional Catholic Learning Community with a strong spiritual focus. Our Catholic School Council supports the students and staff in all areas of school life.

- ◆ Grades in the school: JK to Grade 8
- ◆ Total enrolment: 480 students
- ◆ Our staff includes a Principal, 1 Vice Principal, 1.5 E.R.T's., 1 Secretary, 19 Classroom Teachers, a part time E.L.L. Teacher, 1 part time Music Teacher, 4 French Teachers, 1 Library Technician, 1 part time Child and Youth Worker and 7 Educational Assistants.

What We Stand For

Community Projects

The St. Vincent de Paul Community is dedicated to the development of our students' social conscience through our involvement in annual projects such as:

- ◆ S.C.O.E.P Gr. 8 program
- ◆ Holy Childhood Walkathon
- ◆ Terry Fox Drive
- ◆ United Way Drive
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Food Drives
- ◆ Share Lent
- ◆ Mitten Tree
- ◆ Community Service Projects
- ◆ Christmas Shoeboxes
- ◆ Soup for Out of the Cold Program
- ◆ Kids Helping Kids-NPCC
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ Altar Servers
- ◆ Heart Healthy School
- ◆ Staff Dress Down Days

Special Activities / Programs

- ◆ Festival of the Arts
- ◆ Young Authors' Day
- ◆ Talent Show/Spring Concert
- ◆ Public Speaking/Kiwanis Speech Arts
- ◆ Lion's Quest - Social Skills Programs
- ◆ School/Business Partnerships
- ◆ Education Week
- ◆ Intramurals
- ◆ Niagara Falls Family of Schools Sports Events
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart
- ◆ Historica Fair
- ◆ Carousel Players / Theatre Tour
- ◆ Chess and Scrabble
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ Drama Festival
- ◆ School Spirit Assemblies
- ◆ Guest Speakers
- ◆ Board Wide Sports Tournaments
- ◆ S.N.A.P. Program - Brock University (Special Needs Activity Program)

Ideals, Values and Commitments

- ◆ Each child is a gift from God that we cherish and help grow.
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul is a faith-centered community that promotes and models Catholic values. The home, Church and school work together to help our students reach their potential, spiritually, academically, physically, socially and emotionally.
- ◆ Together with the family and the Church, the St. Vincent de Paul School Community will strive to stress the dignity and uniqueness of each child in a safe, nurturing environment.

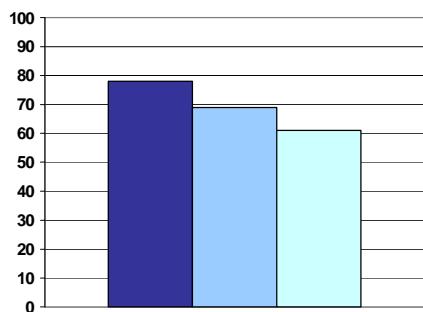
How we are doing

EQAO Primary Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

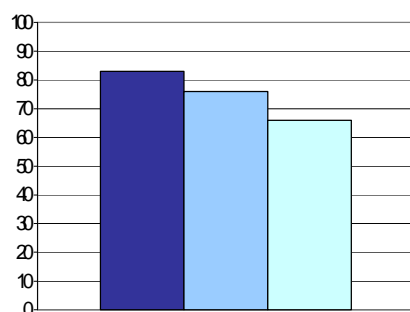
The Niagara Catholic District School Board is celebrating student achievement after province-wide test results showed its Grade 3 students have exceeded the provincial averages in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, once again. In May of 2008 the EQAO Primary Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics was administered across elementary schools in our board. Achievement is described in four levels, where Level 3 is the provincial standard. The EQAO reported the results of school, board and provincial achievement by two methods: Method 1 includes all Grade 3 students and Method 2 includes Grade 3 students excluding students who were exempted or did not complete any work during the assessment. The Niagara Catholic District School Board's commitment to quality Catholic education and to the success and achievement of each individual child entrusted to its care was demonstrated by the fact that 98% of Grade 3 students participated in the Provincial Assessment

Primary Assessment Results

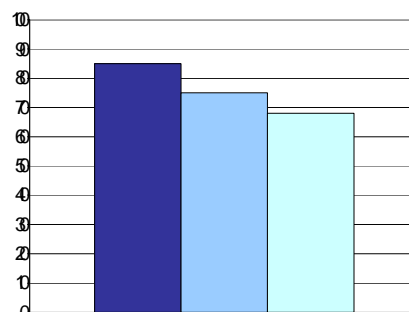
Reading Level 3, 4 Method 1



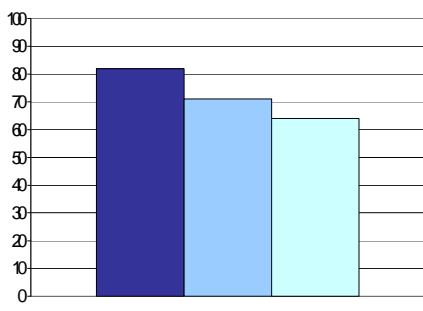
Writing Level 3, 4 Method 1



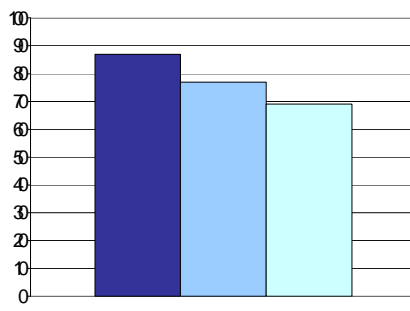
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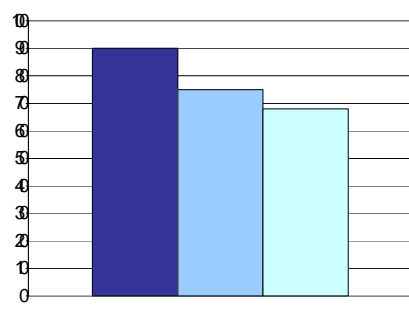
Reading Level 3, 4 Method 2



Writing Level 3, 4 Method 2



Mathematics Level 3, 4 Method 2



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Levels 3, 4

- 78% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 3, 4 in reading.
- 69% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 61% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 95% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in reading.
- 94% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 87% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 83% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 3, 4 in writing.
- 76% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 66% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 95% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in writing.
- 99% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 95% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 85% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 3, 4 in mathematics.
- 75% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 68% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 95% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in mathematics.
- 97% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 93% across the province attained this level.

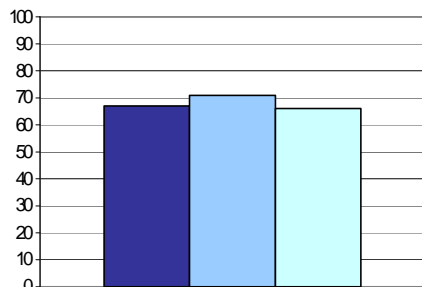
How we are doing

EQAO Junior Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

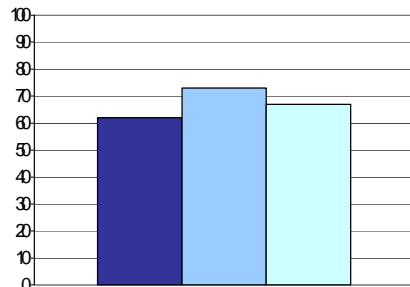
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Junior Assessment Results

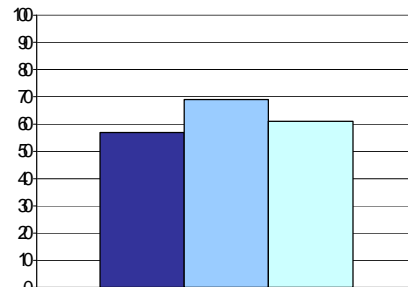
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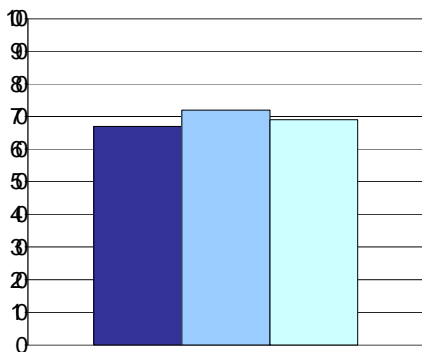
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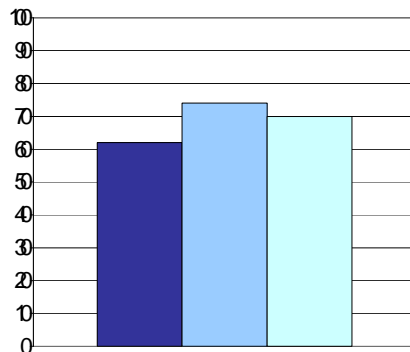
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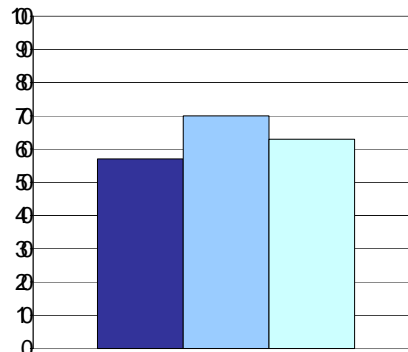
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Mathematics Level 3, 4 Method 2



School Board Province

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Levels 3, 4

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- 71% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 66% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 95% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in reading.
- 95% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 90% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 62% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 3, 4 in writing.
- 73% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 67% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 100% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in writing.
- 98% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 95% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 57% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 3, 4 in mathematics.
- 69% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 61% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 97% of all students at St. Vincent de Paul School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in mathematics.
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School Improvement 2008 - 2009

We are committed to increased student achievement, and continue to gather data to make informed decisions about programming. We are working towards exemplary practice in every classroom. Together with our school community and the Niagara Catholic District School Board, we have established goals for the coming school year. We are a Professional Catholic Learning Community.

Our plan focuses on specific priorities for improvement: Catholic Identity, Curriculum and School Climate. Strategies that address these three priorities and their interdependence are included in this plan. These strategies involve all of the stakeholders involved in the process of Catholic education. Improved student performance is best achieved through collaborative partnerships among the school, parent community, parish and the larger community. The School Improvement Plan is aligned with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Mission Statement and linked with the Niagara Catholic District School Board action plan for improvement.

SMART stands for goals that are S – Specific, M – Measurable, A – Attainable, R – Relevant, T – Time Based.

School Goals

Our Catholic Identity

The mission of the Niagara Catholic District School Board as a Catholic community of learners is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and values to reach their full potential, with Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Light. We will strive to offer Faith Formation opportunities to SVDP students, their parents and staff.

Curriculum

Our goal is to increase the number of students who achieve the provincial standard in all EQAO assessments by 3% from the previous school year during the 2008 -2009 school year. We will sustain literacy initiatives which have focused on improving student success in all subject areas. One such initiative is the evaluation of DRA (Jr. /Int.) and Observation Survey (Pri.) data collection. The information gathered assists teachers in targeting specific teaching strategies necessary to improve student achievement.

This year SVDP Catholic School and the Niagara Catholic District School Board continue to strive to have all students demonstrate the three prong approach to answering open response questions so that 75% of all our students will answer open response questions with three elements (oral to written progression) by May 2009.

School Climate

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and its schools will strive to maintain safe and secure learning environments for students, staff and community members involved in school programs. Our goal is to foster increased respect, responsibility and civility, which support the mission of Catholic education in our schools. We strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect, dignity and trust.

Our goal is to have all our Catholic partners able to articulate and explain the Ministry of Education definition of bullying at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School by November 30, 2009

We are utilizing a variety of strategies throughout the school to help us meet our goals. The successful achievement of these goals will involve the focused collaborative effort of staff, families, parish members and the larger community.

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF MARCH 10, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009, as presented.

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009.

2.1 *Pupil Accommodation Review*
Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations

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2.2 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

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2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2009, as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 10, 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 Trustee Belcastro.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau		✓
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Ashley McGuire		✓
Christina Volpini	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; Rob Ciarlo, Yolanda Baldasaro, Frank Iannantuono, Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendents of Education; Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development; Christine Graham, Program Officer - Curriculum; Marcel Jacques, Program Officer - Student Support Services; James Woods, Controller of Plant; Jennifer Brailey, Manager of Board Services and Communications; Sherry Morena, Recording Secretary

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 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 February 10, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. *Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations*

Director Crocco presented the Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations. He informed the Board and members in the audience that the report and recommendations are in compliance with the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines, the Niagara Catholic District School Board Policy 701.2 - Closure of Schools / Accommodation Review Policy, the October 28th, 2008 Board approved Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 and the Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input.

Director Crocco provided highlights of the three Special Board Meetings held for public input.

Chairperson Burtnik asked that included with copies of correspondence received from the public prior to the May 26, 2009 Board Meeting, a Senior Staff response be included where necessary.

Moved by Trustee Dekker

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CARRIED

2. *Holy Childhood Association 2008-2009*

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced John Bosco, Principal, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby, who presented the report on the Holy Childhood Association 2008-2009. This year, 37 elementary schools participated in the 24th Annual Holy Childhood Walkathons raising over \$27,000 for various countries in Africa, South America and Asia. The schools of the Niagara Catholic District School Board have raised over \$540,000 since we began our involvement in 1984.

3. *Niagara Catholic District School Board
Special Education Program and Financial Review*

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Special Education Program and Financial Review. She stated that the objective of the Ministry of Education Special Education Program and Financial Reviews, is to collect information regarding program and financial decision-making processes of school boards, related to the design and delivery of Special Education programs and services impacting student achievement.

In addition, the reviews collect data about issues, best practices, and concerns, related to Special Education program and financial design and delivery, in order to inform future policy and program development in Special Education.

4. *Niagara Catholic French Speech Arts Festival*

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Jayne Evans, FSL/ESL/Arts Consultant, who presented information on the Ninth Annual Niagara Catholic French as a Second Language Speech Arts Festival which will take place on March 24 and 25, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre.

Ms. Evans introduced students Emma Jansen and Alex Rotundo of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, and Emma Kennedy of Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School, who presented their French Language Speeches to the Board.

Vice-Chairperson Fera thanked the students for their speeches and asked Trustee Nieuwesteeg to present them with Board Highlighters.

5. *Niagara Catholic Intensive French Update*

Superintendent Iannantuono introduced the Niagara Catholic Intensive French Program, and Consultant Evans elaborated on the Program. It is a literacy-based approach to teaching French as a second language that is incorporated into the Grade 5 or 6 Core French program for five (5) months of the school year. In this program, French is offered intensively for approximately 70% of the school day from September through January.

6. *Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information*

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

7. *St. Joseph Catholic Elementary (Grimsby) and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic
Elementary (Grimsby) Replacement Schools - Completed Design*

James Woods, Controller of Plant Services, presented the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary (Grimsby) and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary (Grimsby) Replacement Schools - Completed Design.

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. *Financial Reports*

9.1 *Monthly Banking Transactions*

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

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

CARRIED

9.2 *Statement of Revenue and Expenditures*

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. *Monthly Updates*

10.1 *Policy Development Update*

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update for information.

10.2 *Student Trustees' Update*

Christina Volpini, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

- The Student Senate held its first electronic meeting informal gathering which was successful.
- Events for Student Trustee Development have included an Ontario Student Trustees' Association Conference and Environmental Symposium hosted by the Ministry of Education.

10.3 *Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update*

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

Superintendent Baldasaro

- Students at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Welland participated in the Learning Through the Arts Program which is a National Program from the Royal Conservatory of Music.
- Lakeshore Catholic High School student, Chad Brunarski, received a Silver Medal in the Jr. Boys 50m Butterfly Swimming Meet, and a Gold Medal in the Jr. Boys 100m Individual Medley.

Superintendent Ciarlo

- Presented the various accomplishments of students at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School
 - Staff and students displayed overwhelming support toward a family in need who lost their home in a fire by collecting over \$5,000 in donations.
 - St. Mark is experiencing its first Niagara Student Exchange Program which is hosting 3 students.
 - The Grade 7 students will be hosting a Special Needs Volleyball afternoon, with team shirts, decorations, fruit snacks and tropical drinks.
 - The Grade 6 students have been participating in a peer tutoring program highlighting electricity experiments.
 - St. Mark raised \$2,000 for West Community Cares.

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School in St. Catharines raised \$1,037 for the Kids Helping Kids Campaign. Three male staff members volunteered to have their heads shaved if the \$1,000 target was met. A parent volunteered to have his head shaved if each adult at the basketball game donated an additional \$10. The Dragonfly Night Club in Niagara Falls donated an additional \$750, making the total donation to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre \$2,302.
- Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School hosted a Family Math Night with speaker Dr. Chatal Buteau, Brock University Math Professor. Students and parents had the opportunity to participate in Interactive math stations run by school staff and Dr. Bill Ralph from Brock. Each family was given a Math game purchased through the PRO grant.
- Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School raised close to \$8,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation through Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. The students also raised \$150 for Kids Helping Kids, and \$200 for the school's foster child in Africa.
- At St. Ann Catholic Elementary School in St. Catharines, a Grade 8 student and a Grade 5 student placed first at the Royal Canadian Legion competition and are going to move onto the Regional level. A Grade 7 student placed first at the Grantham Optimist Club Speaking competition. A Grade 6 student has been invited into Canada's National Ballet School summer program for 2009.

Superintendent Iannantuono

- Presented the various accomplishments of students at Saint Michael Catholic High School
 - Grade 12 Student Matt Flynn a Grade is the New 2009 Canadian Youth Heavyweight Champion.
 - Grade 12 Student Mariah Kelly won the 800 Meter Race at the Copps Coliseum Track & Field Indoor Championships. Mariah accomplished the fastest time recorded at Copps in 10 years, and ranked 2nd in Ontario
 - Student Connor Boyd won a Bronze Medal at the Niagara Regional Rowing Indoor Championships last week.
 - The Saint Michael Catholic High School Boys' Hockey Team begins their SOSSA Championships this Wednesday at Stamford Arena. The School Junior and Senior Boys' Hockey Teams are currently first place.
 - The first ever Trivia Night held at Saint Michael Catholic High School raised over \$8,000 for student activities.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - February 24, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - February 24, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 March Break - March 13 - 20, 2009

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that students and staff will be on March Break beginning this Friday, March 13 to next Friday, March 20 including members of Senior Staff who will be in contact with the office throughout the break.

1.3 Niagara Regional Catholic School Council - Bus Tour - March 24, 2009

Superintendent Baldasaro showcased the First Annual Regional School Council Bus Tour taking place Tuesday, March 24, 2009, with Director Crocco acting as the tour guide. She stated that the participants will visit St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Welland for Cyberquest, the Shaw street location in Welland for the Specialist High Skills Major Transportation Site, Lakeshore Catholic High School for the Culinary Arts and Construction Technology Specialist High Skills Majors, and end with a of the Catholic Education Centre.

1.4 March Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that with March Break the regular pattern of Board Meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month is modified, and the Board Meeting will be held on the 5th Tuesday - Tuesday, March 31st, 2009.

1.5 Niagara Catholic Employee Appreciation - June 10, 2009

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Annual Niagara Catholic Employee Appreciation Celebration is scheduled for June 10, 2009 at John Michaels Banquet Hall.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Dekker

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 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 10, 2009, 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 February 10, 2009, 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 appointments to the Vice-Principal Pool - Elementary, as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointments to the Vice-Principal Pool - Secondary, as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the March 10, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on March 10, 2009.

Approved on the 14th day of April 2009.

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW - SENIOR STAFF FOLLOW-UP
REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

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Prepared by: Administrative Council
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2009**

**SENIOR STAFF FOLLOW-UP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW FOR NIAGARA FALLS ELEMENTARY,
ST. CATHARINES ELEMENTARY AND ST. CATHARINES SECONDARY**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In compliance with the Ministry of Education *Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines*, the Niagara Catholic District School Board Policy 701.2 – *Closure of Schools / Accommodation Review Policy*, the October 28th, 2008 Board approved *Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009* and the *Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input*, this Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations is submitted to the Committee of the Whole with recommendations to the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Appendices to this Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations include the following:

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- Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary Report
- Student Enrolment, School Utilization, Operating Costs and Projected Enrolment
- Copies of Presentations made by the Public at the Special Board Meetings (Provided to the Board on February 10th, 2009 under separate bound cover)
- Copies of Correspondence received as of February 10th, 2009 (Provided to the Board on February 10th, 2009 under separate bound cover)
- Copies of Correspondence received between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009
- Copies of the Board Approved Minutes for the three Special Board Meetings

Following the December 2nd, 2008 submission of the Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary, and St. Catharines Secondary Report, Senior Staff continued to discuss and review accommodation data, information received through correspondence and delegation requests, along with subsequent meetings with Bishop Wingle and various community stakeholders. As presented to the Committee of the Whole on December 2nd, 2008 and received by the Board on December 16th, 2008, Senior Staff recommended the following:

Niagara Falls Elementary

1. THAT, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 and with the revision of St. Mary and Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School boundaries the students be relocated to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.

Niagara Falls Elementary - continued

2. THAT, no sooner than September 2011 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.
3. THAT, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls.
4. THAT, a Niagara Falls Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established to review the attendance boundaries as recommended by Senior Staff for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls, including the potential new school in the Warren Woods Estate, to maximize facility utilization of elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. (Appendix K and L)

St. Catharines Elementary

1. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012.
2. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2011.
3. THAT, no later than September 2011, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated to Mother Teresa, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless, a) based on the current attendance catchment area the enrolment at St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School increases to a minimum of 230 full time registered students, and b) Ministry of Education funding and approval be received for a new downtown elementary school.
4. THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established to review the attendance boundaries as recommended by Senior Staff for all elementary schools in St. Catharines to maximize facility utilization of elementary schools in St Catharines.

St. Catharines Secondary

1. THAT, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitor the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years.
2. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School.

St. Catharines Secondary - continued

3. THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.
4. THAT, a St. Catharines Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee be established to review the attendance boundaries for all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines to maximize facility utilization of secondary schools in St. Catharines.

Niagara Catholic District School Board - Special Board Meetings for Public Input

As part of an open, transparent, and process based format, three Special Board Meetings of the Niagara Catholic District School Board were held in February 2009. The Special Board meeting locations and format were approved by the Board on October 28th, 2008 and communicated to the accommodation review identified school communities, past Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) members, current Catholic School Council Chairs and placed on the Board's website under Board Meetings and Pupil Accommodation Review. The three Special Board Meetings for Public Input were held on:

- Niagara Falls Elementary - February 17th, 2009 – Saint Michael Catholic High School
- St. Catharines Elementary - February 18th, 2009 – Denis Morris Catholic High School
- St. Catharines Secondary - February 23rd, 2009 – Denis Morris Catholic High School

Individuals or groups requesting permission to delegate to the corresponding Special Board Meeting were invited to submit a presentation to the Office of the Director of Education by 4.00 p.m. on February 10th, 2009. All presentations and other written correspondence received by the Office of the Director of Education were provided to all Trustees and members of Senior Staff on February 10th, 2009 for review in preparation for the Special Board Meetings and the Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations to the Board. In addition, all presentations and written correspondence have been placed on the Board's website under the Pupil Accommodation Review tab.

As provided in the Board approved Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input, "the public may provide a written report to the Director of Education at any time." A copy of all correspondence received by the Director of Education related to the Pupil Accommodation Review process following the February 10th, 2009 report will be provided to Trustees and Senior Staff as part of monthly Board Meeting agendas under the Correspondence item and placed on the Board's website under the Pupil Accommodation Review tab.

The three Niagara Catholic Special Board Meetings for Public Input were held in accordance with Board By-Laws and the approved Board Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input. The agenda and approved Board minutes from the three meetings have been placed on the Board's website under Board Meetings and the Public Accommodation Review tab.

Niagara Falls Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 17th, 2009

The Niagara Falls Elementary Special Board Meeting had four (4) delegations present to the Board with forty-nine (49) individuals in attendance. Trustees and Senior Staff listened to the four presentations with Chair of the Board Kathy Burnnik requesting clarification on questions presented as part of the St. Mary Catholic Elementary School presentation by Mrs. Hesse. Director Crocco provided the following information for clarification as noted in the approved minutes of the February 17th, 2009 Special Board meeting.

Q. Warren Woods is still on the table for the new subdivision. Has property been purchased by the School Board or serviced by a developer?

A. The School Board has not purchased property in the Warren Woods Subdivision, and it currently is being serviced by a developer.

Q. St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls received money in the form of grants from the Ontario Government. What happens to that money if St. Joseph closes?

A. The approximately \$250,000 in Ministry of Education grants received by St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls purchased resources for students, books, professional development for staff etc. If St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School closes the resources would be shared amongst other schools.

Q. When does the Niagara Falls Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review meet? The whole city should have been included. Has there not been a city wide review before?

A. The Niagara Falls Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee held its last major review in the 2003-2004 school year and reviewed boundaries for 11 elementary schools. An Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee could be formed as a result of the Pupil Accommodation Review recommendations to begin in September 2009.

Q. Part of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School's recommended boundary is now within the Saint Paul Catholic Secondary School boundary. For children living in Coronation Park Area, will they be forced to leave Saint Michael Catholic High School?

A. The potential change in boundaries may result in a shift within population of the schools and a decision will be made based on complete information at the time.

Q. The City of Niagara Falls has requested that the Region expand the urban boundary for the north-west area, making St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School within that boundary of an already crowded school. Is the trend toward Big Box Schools? We live in an area where this isn't necessary, due to population numbers.

A. We have been informed that the Region denied the City's request. The Niagara Catholic District School Board has most recently approved two new smaller elementary schools in Grimsby. St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary Schools of approximately 230 and 350 students rather than one school of 500 plus students.

Niagara Falls Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 17th, 2009 - continued

In addition, the following information is provided as clarification in response to the presentations made by the following delegations.

Anna Racine – St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - “The reality is that there are already two top notch schools in St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mount Carmel that can accommodate the future Warren Woods children, in an atmosphere that is unique to other schools.”

Senior Staff Response - Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary Schools will not be able to accommodate the students from the Warren Woods development. According to projections, even with both schools fully occupied, the Warren Woods area when fully developed will yield an additional 300 to 400 students.

Statement - “...the money received by the school to purchase the reading materials is divided only between 5 grades instead of 10 grades...”

Senior Staff Response - Funding is provided on a per pupil basis and would be the same total for a combined JK - Grade 8 facility as for the total of both facilities.

Anna Racine – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statements – “It is obvious that construction would be required in the drop off area ...Our students should not be forced to give up their music room and have to take music in their regular classroom...our school has a very large Cyberquest teaching area which accommodates not only our students, but all other Grade 7 and 8 classes within the Board...Our students should not have to be bused to another school for Cyberquest...The current library space and computer lab are inadequate to... The current staff room barely accommodates the teachers and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel...The current ERT room at Our Lady of Mount Carmel is very small...Our parents will strongly resist the addition of portables...Not only is this a safety issue but it would be very disruptive...”

Senior Staff Response - Should consolidation occur, modifications to Our Lady of Mount Carmel would be planned with community input to ensure a fully functional Kindergarten to Grade 8 school which would be constructed with minimal disruption and student, staff and public safety.

Construction would likely occur at the north-side of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The music and Cyberquest rooms would remain in its current configuration. Cyberquest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel provides programs for (14) Catholic elementary school students from Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake only. It is one of four (4) Cyberquest sites in the Board. Internal specialized rooms for the ERT, Library-Information Centre, Staff Room and Administration Office would be modified to suit the new school enrolment and sufficient internal classrooms would be constructed negating the need for portables upon completion of the project.

Niagara Falls Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 17th, 2009 - continued

Melissa Hesse – St. Mary Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - “Revising the boundary would result in removing 52 St Mary students from a potential growth area (ie. Burdette-Cropp) and leaving an already saturated area with no growth potential.”

Senior Staff Response - Our projections indicate that the school age populations of both areas are forecast to be stable into the distant future and there is no growth planned for the area north of the feeder canal. Revised boundary options could increase the utilization of St. Mary over the next five years from approximately 80% utilization to approximately 95% utilization. Notre Dame utilization could increase over the same period from a declining utilization of approximately 70% to approximately 93% utilization over the next five years without the need for an addition to Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School.

Q. According to Appendix J of the Senior Staff recommendations, money will be spent to accommodate students from St. Mary at Notre Dame with an addition. How much will this cost ? What is the extra cost of bussing these 52 children ?

Senior Staff Response - The comment in the Cost of Implementation column in Appendix J for Notre Dame states that there is No Renovation / Addition needed. For clarity in future reports, it has been modified to read, No Renovation / No Addition needed. According to Niagara Student Transportation Services, the cost of bussing the 52 students to Notre Dame would be approximately the same as the current cost to bus these students to St. Mary, or potentially less based on improved efficiency of bus route design.

Q. Is the closure of St. Joe’s and the boundary change effective September 2009?

Senior Staff Response - The proposed closure of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School is September 2010 and any boundary changes would be recommended by the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee to the Board effective September 2010.

Q. Where is the study that shows that students from St. Joe’s will even go to St. Mary ?

Senior Staff Response - Based on dialogue with St. Joseph staff and parents, through an effective transition program for the consolidated schools, students and families from St. Joseph will be integrated into the school life as new students to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.

Q. Since a city-wide boundary review is going to be done by 2011, why can’t St. Mary’s boundary be left alone ?

Senior Staff Response - The recommendation is for an Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee to be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. The mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing the facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls according to the Board’s Attendance Area Policy 301.3.

Niagara Falls Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 17th, 2009 - continued

Q. What happens to the out of boundary kids that have been in our school? Are they in or out?

Senior Staff Response - The recommendation is for an Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee to be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. The mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls according to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3.

St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 18th, 2009

The St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting had five (5) delegations present to the Board with seventy-two (72) individuals in attendance. Trustees and Senior Staff listened to the five presentations with Trustee Charbonneau requesting clarification on a statement made by Ms. Foss in the St. Catharines Downtown Development and Revitalization Committee presentation. Ms. Foss provided the following information as electronically recorded at the February 18th, 2009 Special Board meeting.

Q. Trustee Charbonneau asked - "Has there been any contact with the provincial government and if so, who would the provincial rep be that the urban renewal group would be working with?"

A. Ms. Foss responded - "Provincial contact as far as...I mean certainly on many fronts there are partnerships, with for example Brock University and the school for fine performing arts and on different levels there are a lot of initiatives, yes."

Q. Trustee Charbonneau asked - "But in terms of the provincial government is there a local rep, would it be Jim Bradley, or is there somebody that is facilitating communication or contact with the urban renewal?"

A. Ms. Foss responded – "Well depending upon what front it is going forth on, so there is a \$250,000 study that was funded by the Provincial government because we were the only named urban growth centre that gave us the community clusters master plan which has laid the plans for the entire revitalization of downtown. So, for the past 30 years there have been studies and reports that were shelved because they were piecemeal bits and ideas but we have a comprehensive plan of all of the elements to make a successful downtown; the core of it being culture. So the support is there from the province because the province has mandated that we intensify in downtown of St. Catharines. So absolutely, a specific name ...certainly Jim Bradley would help us but ...depending..."

Q. Trustee Charbonneau asked: "But certainly in your planning, looking at either a new school or revitalizing the present school, is that part of the urban growth plan and if so, or if not, will that become a major component now that you have made your presentation here this evening and you have and see the downtown support, can we count on the Downtown Association to continue to beat the drum in terms of provincial support?"

A. Ms. Foss responded – "Absolutely and the City as a whole is working hard. The DDRC makes recommendations to City Council and many stakeholders are represented there from the community and we are actually coming out with presentations to help say all the things we have been working on for the last two years. But certainly your point..."

St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 18th, 2009 – continued

Q. Trustee Charbonneau restated: “Continuing to promote that within the urban plan but the communications component is very important.”

A. Ms. Foss responded – “Yes, and so at the ARC level, that recommendation was one of the seven that was made by the ARC which was for - to encourage the Board to connect with...the Board will consult with other community partners and the City of St. Catharines. Actually, that is a question I have, in your presentation PowerPoint earlier, there was point eight saying that mentioned that there were other community stakeholders were engaged and so I would like to know who those community stakeholders were and how were they consulted...in what way were they consulted as well. So certainly the creative solution is the essence of what I see from the community; that you need to have a school just like you need to have, as I said, water and sewer connections in the downtown, you need it all. So, it is critical to have that presence.”

Q. Chair Burtnik asked “Heather at your closing you added some ad lib comments that were very valuable, is it possible that you could provide those in writing to the Board of Trustees...the closing comments that weren’t part of the letter...or was that off the cuff ?

A. Ms. Foss responded – “It is mostly there....I could pull it together”

Note – as recorded electronically by Kathy Levinski, Coordinator of Facilities Planning, the closing statement made by Ms. Foss, following the reading of her letter, as referenced by Chair Burtnik was as follows;

Ms. Foss – “I should emphasize the changing demographics; I think that is the essence of what you have heard tonight. The 2006 data that the ARC based its information on is 2006 projections whereas the downtown has and is changing.”

Ms. Foss finished the letter, and then added the following statement;

“Just to emphasize the last point in the DDRC letter, the downtown is the heart of the city and in order to be vibrant it requires the infrastructure, not only the roads and the sewers, but also of community; schools, playgrounds, residents, businesses, people, people. The fact the St. Nicholas is the only elementary school within the downtown core is a central consideration in your ultimate decision about a school which has had a presence in the downtown core for in excess of 150 years. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have.”

St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 18th, 2009 – continued

In addition, the following information is provided as clarification in response to the presentations made by the following delegations.

Cathy Sonier – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - “I resent the fact that you could take such an important decision away from us as parents.”

Senior Staff Response - Through multiple opportunities for public input during the Accommodation Review Committee process, the Special Board Meetings for Public Input, and opportunities to submit correspondence directly to the Board through the Office of the Director of Education, all information is reviewed and considered before a decision, which rests legislatively and by Board Policy to close a school, with the Board of Trustees.

Leslie Landolt – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - “...why is the Board ready to dismantle the connection between the Cathedral, School and Home?”

Senior Staff Response - Niagara Catholic is committed to maintaining the triad between home, school and Church. While we cherish the unique locations of a number of our schools in the Board that share close geographical proximity to a Catholic Church, we also cherish the effective triads that exist between a grouping of schools and a local Catholic Church regardless of its proximity to a school community. The connection between a school and a local Church is not solely dependent on geographic proximity, but rather the strong spiritual and interconnectedness between the Parish Priest and students, staff and parents.

Yvonne Wowk – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - “Why are so many students allowed to leave?”

Senior Staff Response - The total enrolment of St. Nicholas is 134 students, average daily enrolment which includes the half day Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten students. The out of boundary students are comprised of 87 outbound students and 19 inbound students. Both outbound and inbound students were given permission to attend by the school Principal and the Family of Schools’ Superintendent based on a variety of extenuating circumstances as provided by parents and guardians according to the Board’s Attendance Area Policy 301.3.

St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 18th, 2009 – continued

Yvonne Wowk – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation – continued

Q. Why spend the money on these additions and upgrades when we already have a school right here to accommodate not just some, but all of our students ?

Senior Staff Response - The mentioning of other Catholic elementary schools in the Pupil Accommodation Review to accept potential students from St Nicholas, if it closed, was to illustrate that there is excess surplus space available in neighbouring Catholic elementary schools to accommodate students from St. Nicholas without the need for the expenditure of additional classrooms. The potentially revised attendance area boundaries would be confirmed through the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for St. Catharines Elementary Schools.

Q. How much money will the school board actually save by closing the school ?

Senior Staff Response - The funding for school operations and future renewal needs of approximately \$300,000 per year for operating expenditures and \$3 million dollars for renewal needs would not be required.

Q. What is the potential loss of revenue if all current students at St. Nicholas opted to attend Memorial Public School or Alexander Public School, two public schools within walking distance of St. Nicholas ?

Senior Staff Response - While the Ministry of Education provides school boards with approximately \$8,000 per student per year, we are confident that students will relocate and remain within a Niagara Catholic elementary school to continue their Catholic education.

Q. Why is it up to the parents to increase enrolment ?

Senior Staff Response – Niagara Catholic staff would not direct parents to increase enrolment at a school. Niagara Catholic does continue to respond to the needs of all students through active investments in school programs and excellence in Catholic education. Students and parents are the best ambassadors of our Catholic schools as they share their experiences with other students and parents in the community. Working with our Catholic community, the goal of the Niagara Catholic District School Board is that all Catholic students attend a Catholic elementary or secondary school within the Board. Niagara Catholic Board Policy and practice is to have students attend their neighbourhood Catholic elementary or secondary school.

Q. Why doesn't the Board restrict the out of boundary attendance ?

Senior Staff Response - Current Board Policy on Attendance Areas does not contain a provision to restrict out of boundary applications.

St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 18th, 2009 – continued

Yvonne Wowk – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation – continued

Q. Why doesn't the Board change attendance area boundaries by redistributing student enrolment across the city to eliminate the need for additions ?

Senior Staff Response - The recommendation is for an Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee to be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. The mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines according to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3.

Q. Why doesn't the Board establish a day care centre at St. Nicholas to accommodate the families who need child care after school ?

Senior Staff Response - A recent survey was conducted by a local daycare service provider which determined that there continues to be an insufficient number of children requiring daycare.

Q. Why doesn't the Board regain and return ownership of St. Nicholas school property back to the English Catholic School Board ?

Senior Staff Response - Based on the amalgamation of district school boards in 1998, Niagara Catholic does not have the ability to regain ownership of the property.

Heather Foss – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - "Within this area over the next 20 years it is anticipated that over 2,000 new residential units will be constructed".

Senior Staff Response - The new development plans have been discussed with the City of St. Catharines and have been taken into consideration.

Statement - "Actually, that is a question I have, in your presentation PowerPoint earlier, there was point eight saying that mentioned that there were other community stakeholders were engaged and so I would like to know who those community stakeholders were and how were they consulted...in what way where they consulted as well."

Senior Staff Response - With the submission of the ARC reports in September 2008, members of Senior Staff have had additional conversations and/or meetings with various members of the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls communities ranging from Bishop Wingle, Parish Priests, both Mayors, a Director of Education, City planning staff, the planning consultant for Niagara Catholic and Ministry of Education staff.

St. Catharines Elementary Special Board Meeting – February 18th, 2009 – continued

Phyllis Bonomi – St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Presentation

Statement - “The diversity that makes up St. Nicholas school is not available elsewhere”.

Senior Staff Response - We are very proud that our elementary and secondary schools throughout Niagara Catholic are fully inclusive and are rich in cultural and ethnic diversity.

St. Catharines Secondary Special Board Meeting – February 23rd, 2009

The St. Catharines Secondary Special Board Meeting had two (2) delegations present to the Board with twenty-four (24) individuals in attendance. One of the two delegations, a presentation by Ms. Thoms for St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School, was approved by Chair Burtnik, Director Crocco and supported by all Trustees for presentation at the February 23rd, 2009 Special Board Meeting. Upon earlier clarification with the presenter, Ms. Thoms’ submitted letter was intended to be an elementary delegation for St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School on February 18th, 2009. Ms. Thoms letter, received by the Office of the Director of Education on January 27th, 2009 and provided to all Trustees as part of the February 18th, 2009 Special Board Meeting Agenda under Correspondence.

The Board heard both delegations with no requests for clarification.

Sue Hendriks and Patty Rempel – St. Francis Catholic Secondary School Presentation

Statement - “If the St. Francis boundaries are minimized then specialized programs currently offered at St. Francis could be at risk.”

Senior Staff Response - The reference to specialized programs currently being offered at St. Francis being at risk would need to be identified, as the ability to offer specialized programs are determined by student course selection. Identified specialized programs are currently offered at specific secondary schools throughout the system for students to access.

Senior Staff Follow-Up Review

In preparation for the Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations to the Board, Senior Staff reviewed and discussed the information and input presented by each delegation at the three (3) Special Board Meetings for Public Input, along with information and input received through correspondence by the Office of the Director of Education, as of 12:00 noon on March 6th, 2009.

In addition, further research, review and dialogue with community members was conducted by Senior Staff between December 2nd, 2008 and March 6th, 2009 on various accommodation options and the recommendations provided to the Board in the December 2nd, 2008 report.

In compliance with Niagara Catholic Board Policy 701.2 – *Closure of Schools / Accommodation Review*, Section 3.1, Senior Staff recommendations to the Board will be one or more of the following:

- To maintain the schools and to continue to monitor them;
- To reorganize the schools, their programs or their grade structures;
- To change the boundaries of the schools;
- To consolidate and/or close one or more of the schools.

Senior Staff's Follow-Up Report and Recommendations to the Board continue to be in general agreement with the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and the initial Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) - Senior Staff Recommendations. In some cases there are modifications to the recommendations based on the public input process and Senior Staff's additional review and discussions with community members and Ministry of Education staff.

It is important to note that within the subsequent reviews of the ARC and PAR recommendations, Senior Staff continues to agree with the merits of the following benefits and challenges as provided within the ARC and PAR reports and recommendations:

Benefits

- maximizes program opportunities and resources for students by reducing future requirements for multiple combined grades due to declining enrolment
- sufficient current enrolment to maintain viable programs and services
- addresses facility maintenance and renovation challenges for aging buildings and property
- addresses short and long term shifts in population migration and demographics
- maximizes available space at neighbouring schools while reducing overall surplus space
- maximizes close proximity to neighbouring Niagara Catholic schools which can accommodate student population with no or limited renovations required
- maximizes operating funds for schools
- maximizes limited facility renewal funds
- potential disposition of property
- potential use of property and/or facility for Board use

Senior Staff Follow-Up Review – continued

Challenges

- elimination of neighbourhood or community hub Catholic school
- elimination of neighbouring Parish school
- potential division of consolidated school communities within more than one school
- larger boundary catchment area for a school
- required Ministry of Education funding for additions, renovations and program enhancements
- potential increase in busing expenditures due to increased ridership
- surplus space in nearby Catholic schools resulting in students remaining in portable classrooms
- potential multiple

Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations

Given full consideration of:

- a) the Accommodation Review Committee Recommendations
- b) the December 2nd, 2008 Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Recommendations
- c) the information and input received through the three Special Board Meetings for Public Input
- d) the information and input received through Correspondence to the Office of the Director of Education; and,
- e) the subsequent review and research by Senior Staff,

Senior Staff is recommending to the Niagara Catholic District School Board for its consideration, the following recommendations as provided under the subtitle - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations.

Niagara Falls Elementary

ARC Recommendations - September 8th, 2008

1. Not before September 2010, the consolidation of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School within an addition and renovation to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School; the consolidation of St. Joseph with St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin; the revision of St. Mary and Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School Boundaries.
2. Not before September 2013-14, the consolidation of Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School and a New School located in the Warren Woods Estate; potential boundary revision to Loretto Catholic and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools.

Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Recommendations - December 2nd, 2008

1. THAT, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 and with the revision of St. Mary and Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School boundaries the students be relocated to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.
2. THAT, no sooner than September 2011 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.

Niagara Falls Elementary – continued

Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Recommendations - December 2nd, 2008 - continued

3. THAT, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls.
4. THAT, a Niagara Falls Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established to review the attendance boundaries as recommended by Senior Staff for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls, including the potential new school in the Warren Woods Estate, to maximize facility utilization of elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls.

Senior Staff Follow-Up Report Recommendations - March 10th, 2009

1. THAT, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 with St. Joseph students relocated through the Attendance Area process to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.
2. THAT, no sooner than September 2012 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.
3. THAT, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls and if required, apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new elementary school in the Warren Woods Estate of Niagara Falls.
4. THAT, a Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls.

St. Catharines Elementary

ARC Recommendations - September 12th, 2008

1. That the Board will consult with Bishop Wingle and the Diocese of St. Catharines in maintaining a home and school connection with the Cathedral of St. Catherine of St. Alexandria.
2. That the Board will consult with other community partners and with the City of St. Catharines, regarding school buildings and the Downtown St. Catharines Revitalization Plan, as it applies to St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School.
3. That the consolidation of Michael J. Brennan with St. James Catholic Elementary School takes place not prior to September 2010, and not prior to an addition/renovation and the completion of facility renewal needs to St. James to accommodate the enrolment.
4. That the consolidation of Our Lady of Fatima with St. Alfred takes place not prior to September 2010, and not prior to an addition/renovation and the completion of facility renewal needs to St. Alfred to accommodate the enrolment.
5. That the consolidation of St. Nicholas with St. Denis takes place not prior to September 2010, and not prior to an addition/renovation and the completion of facility renewal needs to St. Denis to accommodate the enrolment.
6. That if there is a consolidation of schools, the process of integration will be carried out with the parishes, Catholic School Councils, Principals, staff, parents, and community members.
7. That if there is a consolidation of schools, that action be taken to retain the historical and religious history of the consolidated schools in the newly formed school communities.

Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Recommendations - December 2nd, 2008

1. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012.
2. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2011.
3. THAT, no later than September 2011, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated to Mother Teresa, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless, a) based on the current attendance catchment area the enrolment at St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School increases to a minimum of 230 full time registered students, and b) Ministry of Education funding and approval be received for a new downtown elementary school.

St. Catharines Elementary – continued

Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Recommendations - December 2nd, 2008 - continued

4. THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established to review the attendance boundaries as recommended by Senior Staff for all elementary schools in St. Catharines to maximize facility utilization of elementary schools in St Catharines.

Senior Staff Follow-Up Report Recommendations - March 10th, 2009

1. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012.
2. THAT, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School not be consolidated at this time subject to the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review process and recommendations, and that Senior Staff continues to monitor enrolment and report back to the Board no later than September 2012.
3. THAT, no later than September 2012, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated through the Attendance Area process to Mother Teresa, St. Alfred, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless an approved joint venture is confirmed between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and a coterminous District School Board, with the City of St. Catharines to provide confirmed property in the downtown core, and the Ministry of Education to provide confirmed funding and approval for a new downtown elementary school.
4. THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines.

St. Catharines Secondary

ARC Recommendation - September 12th, 2008

1. To maintain all three Catholic secondary school communities in St. Catharines, to request an Area Attendance Review Committee, and to explore the implementation of additional specialized academic programs such as French Immersion, Arts and Culture and Robotics.

Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Recommendations - December 2nd, 2008

1. THAT, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitor the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years.
2. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School.
3. THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.
4. THAT, a St. Catharines Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee be established to review the attendance boundaries for all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines to maximize facility utilization of secondary schools in St. Catharines.

Senior Staff Follow-Up Report Recommendations - March 10th, 2009

1. THAT, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitors the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years.
2. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding and to identify other sources of funding in order to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School.
3. THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.
4. THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines.

Conclusion

This Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations continues to recognize that the projected trend of continued declining enrolment in our elementary and secondary schools, not only in Niagara Catholic, but throughout the Province of Ontario over the next fifteen to twenty years, presents challenges for all partners in Catholic education and our communities. (Appendix F – Student Enrolment, School Utilization, Operating Costs and Projected Enrolment)

In arriving at the final Senior Staff recommendations to the Board, Senior Staff continued to take into consideration:

- the multiple variables causing increased surplus space;
- the limited facility renewal, new pupil places and capital funds;
- the shifting demographics from neighbourhood schools;
- the increased potential of multiple combined grades;
- the importance of continuing to provide excellence in Catholic education; and
- the importance of being fiscally responsible and addressing long term accommodation needs in all schools in Niagara Catholic.

Above all, Niagara Catholic continues to recognize that we are affecting the lives of our students and their families as we address the challenges associated with declining enrolment and neighbourhood population shifts. The Board and affected communities can be assured that Senior Staff, together with Principals, school staff and members of the Catholic School Council will work together in designing and implementing a smooth transition program while retaining the historical and religious history of the consolidated schools.

This Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations is provided, in compliance with Ministry of Education Guidelines and Board Policy and Guidelines, to the March 2009 Committee of the Whole and to the Board for consideration at the May 26th, 2009 Board Meeting to decide school accommodations in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

A copy of this Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations, along with the accompanying appendices, has been placed on the Board's website under the March Committee of the Whole Meeting and the Public Accommodation Review tab. Copies of this Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations, once received by the Board will be e-mailed to all members of the three Accommodation Review Committees, current Catholic School Council Chairs and Principals.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that in accordance with the Board approved Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 the *Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary*, be received.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the following recommendations by Senior Staff as provided in the *Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary* be received and considered for approval at the May 26th, 2009 Board Meeting;

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1. THAT, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 with St. Joseph students relocated through the Attendance Area process to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.
2. THAT, no sooner than September 2012 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.
3. THAT, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls and if required, apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new elementary school in the Warren Woods Estate of Niagara Falls.
4. THAT, a Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls.
5. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012.
6. THAT, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School not be consolidated at this time subject to the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review process and recommendations and that Senior Staff continues to monitor enrolment and report back to the Board no later than September 2012.
7. THAT, no later than September 2012, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated through the Attendance Area process to Mother Teresa, St. Alfred, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless an approved joint venture is confirmed between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and a coterminous District School Board, with the City of St. Catharines to provide confirmed property in the downtown core, and the Ministry of Education to provide confirmed funding and approval for a new downtown elementary school.
8. THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines.

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9. THAT, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitors the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years.
10. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding and to identify other sources of funding in order to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School.
11. THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.

PREPARED BY: Administrative Council

PRESENTED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

APPROVED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

DATE: March 10th, 2009

Attachments

Appendix A – Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines

Appendix B – Niagara Catholic Policy 701.2 – Closure of Schools / Accommodation Review Policy

Appendix C – Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule 2008-2009

Appendix D – Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input

Appendix E – Senior Staff Pupil Accommodation Review Report – December 2nd, 2008

Appendix F – Student Enrolment, School Utilization, Operating Costs and Projected Enrolment

Appendix G – Copies of Presentations made by the Public at the Special Board Meetings
(Provided to the Board on February 10th, 2009 under separate bound cover)

Appendix H – Copies of Correspondence received as of February 10th, 2009
(Provided to the Board on February 10th, 2009 under separate bound cover)

Appendix I – Copies of Correspondence received between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009

Appendix J – Copies of the Board Approved Minutes for the three Special Board Meetings for Public Input

For Appendices
refer to March 10, 2009
Committee of the Whole Agenda
and/or
Pupil Accommodation Review
Section of the Board's Website

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
FEBRUARY 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February 2009, as presented for information.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MARCH 10, 2009**

**MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2009**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February, 2009 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a monthly list of payments is available in the Trustee Lounge for the trustees to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February, 2009 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: **March 10, 2009**

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON BANKING TRANSACTIONS	
SUMMARY OF BANK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF:	FEBRUARY, 2009
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BANK ACCOUNT
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH	(A) 39,439,913
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. GENERAL LEGISLATIVE GRANTS	13,394,693
2. OTHER GRANTS (EPO, O.E.Y.C.)	329,687
3. INTEREST REVENUE	43,407
4. MUNICIPAL TAXES	36,995
5. TUITION FEES REVENUE - A.C.E. & OTHER	434,829
6. CHARITABLE DONATIONS	3,675
7. GOVERNMENT REBATES (GST 68% REBATE ON TAXABLE PURCHASES)	36,452
8. RECOVERY OF COSTS (LTD, WCB, BENEFITS, OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	106,890
9. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS	10,585
- Reimbursements of Employee Benefits	0
- Green Shield Refund	0
10. PROCEEDS FROM DEBENTURE ISSUE (NET)	0
11. CAPITAL LOAN PRINCIPAL ADVANCES	0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS AND LOAN ADVANCE	(B) 14,397,213
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (NET OF CANCELLED CHEQUES AND DEBT REPAYMENTS)	(20,276,607)
2. TEACHER PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(1,050,577)
3. O.M.E.R.S. PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(326,182)
4. CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEDUCTIONS	(120,393)
5. TRANSFER TO 4 OVER 5 TRUST ACCOUNTS	(44,022)
6. OTHER DEBITS	(55,031)
7. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	0
8. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(C) (21,872,811)
CASH BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	A + B - C = D (D) 31,964,315

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON LOAN BALANCES				
SUMMARY OF LOAN BALANCES AS AT : FEBRUARY, 2009				
The Debentures & Capital Loans are made up as follows:				
Loan Description	Opening Balance	Loan Advances	Loan Repayments	Ending Balance
1. GPL1 Loan 25 YR.	(13,366,968.34)			(13,366,968.34)
2. GPL2 Loan 25 YR.	(10,241,490.45)			(10,241,490.45)
3. Capital Loan 20 YR.	0.00			0.00
4. Capital Loan 25 YR.	0.00			0.00
5. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(2,373,000.00)			(2,373,000.00)
6. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(3,910,000.00)			(3,910,000.00)
7. Capital Projects - Completed 2001	(21,421,419.59)			(21,421,419.59)
8. Capital Projects - Completed 2002/03	(22,927,919.85)			(22,927,919.85)
9. Capital Projects - Completed 2004/05	(9,151,289.65)			(9,151,289.65)
10. Capital Projects - Completed 2005/06	(8,284,057.99)			(8,284,057.99)
Total Debentures & Capital Loans	(91,676,145.87)	0.00	0.00	(91,676,145.87)

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
 PRESENTED BY: Larry Reich

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FEBRUARY 28, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2009, as presented for information.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MARCH 10, 2009**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2009 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a copy of the Financial Statements is available in the Trustee Lounge for the trustees to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2009 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: **March 10, 2009**

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 2009

ACCOUNT DISCRIPTION	THIS YEAR					LAST YEAR		
	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL	\$ AVAIL	COMMITTED	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL
REVENUE								
REVENUE	-110,697,282	-221,457,181	50.0%	-110,759,899	0	-107,686,182	-212,646,964	49.4%
TOTAL REVENUE	-110,697,282	-221,457,181	50.0%	-110,759,899	0	-107,686,182	-212,646,964	49.4%
EXPENDITURES								
BOARD ADMINISTRATION	3,751,788	7,168,736	47.7%	3,416,948	262,197	3,405,188	6,606,215	48.5%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	52,894,302	103,557,494	48.9%	50,663,192	392,543	47,909,572	97,928,567	51.1%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	31,300,218	62,845,816	50.2%	31,545,598	421,435	28,953,476	58,818,923	50.8%
CONTINUING EDUCATION	2,670,118	5,986,817	55.4%	3,316,699	67,728	2,484,240	5,362,378	53.7%
PLANT OPERATIONS	8,492,821	16,683,203	49.1%	8,190,382	228,648	8,150,868	16,408,479	50.3%
PLANT MAINTENANCE	1,631,186	3,358,014	51.4%	1,726,828	58,352	1,664,509	3,034,096	45.1%
TRANSPORTATION	5,471,385	10,779,861	49.2%	5,308,476	5	4,053,778	9,177,427	55.8%
CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	3,719,491	11,077,240	66.4%	7,357,749	277,676	7,185,111	15,310,879	53.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	109,931,309	221,457,181	50.4%	111,525,872	1,708,584	103,806,742	212,646,964	51.2%

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
Finance Department

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 7, 2009, as presented for information.

Prepared by: Special Education Advisory Committee
Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2009

CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Gowan	Autism Ontario
Carole Fuhrer	Learning Disabilities Association
Kim Rosati	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children
Sarina Labonte	Community Living-Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln
Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario
Gary Crole	Trustee

ADMINISTRATION/RESOURCE PRESENT:

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells	Superintendent of Education
Marcel Jacques	Program Officer – Student Support Services
Amanda Cybula	Vice-Principal - Student Support Services – North Team
Carla Bianco	Vice-Principal - Student Support Services – South Team
Ken Griepsma	Vice Principal - Secondary

REGRETS:

Sandy Polly	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)
Heather Schneider	Community Living – Welland/Pelham
Connie Parry	Association for Bright Children
Frank Fera	Trustee
Theresa Murphy	Principal – Elementary

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tina DiFrancesco	Recording Secretary
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells called the meeting to order and Amanda Cybula and Carla Bianco led the members in prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

Members, who had sent regrets or were absent, were noted. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells welcomed new members Mike Gowan and Kathy Ryan of Autism Ontario.

2.1 Election of Chair, Vice-Chair

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells invited nominations for the Chair of the SEAC.

Moved by Sarina Labonte

That Carole Fuhrer be nominated as Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Carried

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells invited nominations for Vice-Chair of the SEAC.

Moved by Kim Rosati

Seconded by Carole Fuhrer

That Anna Racine be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2009.

Moved by Kim Rosati

Seconded by Anna Racine

That the Agenda at the Meeting of January 7th, 2009 be approved.

Carried

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2008.

Moved by Anna Racine

Seconded by Kim Rosati

That the Minutes of the Meeting of December 3rd, 2008 be approved.

Carried

6. VISIONING

6.1 Goals and Vision for 2009

Carole Fuhrer handed out the proposed goals and objectives for the 2008 and 2009 school year to all members of the SEAC. Marcel Jacques stated that the SEAC should identify two or three key factors and objectives, focus on what is achievable and work on them. Carole Fuhrer would like all members of the SEAC to provide her with feedback so that she may bring the items forth at the next meeting. There was discussion about succession planning and the role of past chair. Sarina Labonte suggested an orientation package for new members of the SEAC. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells stated that she will provide information at the February 4th meeting. See attached report.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2008

7.1 Learner Advocacy – Discussion – Key Issues Important to Inclusion

Carol Fuhrer addressed the ten key issues important to inclusion. Gary Crole stated that the SEAC should address them as discussions instead of issues. Carol Fuhrer would like the SEAC to review the topics for discussion. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells will pull key points and bring them forth at the next meeting. Anna Racine will forward electronically a discussion item regarding parent inclusion.

7.2 Parent Outreach – SEAC Collaboration with Regional Council

Anna Racine and Amanda Cybula will work together on the SEAC PowerPoint presentation for the Regional Council meeting on March 5th, 2009 and the Spring Convention on April 18th, 2009.

7.3 Program and Service Recommendations – October Report, comparison of Statistics (Suspensions, placements and numbers)

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells stated that the October Report will not be finalized until December. A presentation will be prepared for the April meeting.

Motions Update

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells stated that both motions were presented at the Board meeting on December 16th, 2008. Motions have been deferred back to staff for further investigation and research. A formalized report will be presented at the April meeting.

7.4 Special Education Budget

7.5 Annual Review – Special Education Plan

Marcel Jacques stated that historically the SEAC created a sub committee who worked collaboratively with the Student Support Services team to make revisions to the Special Education Plan. Gary Crole added that this system worked well in the past.

7.6 Other related items

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Mentor Connector

Pat Mete, Secondary Consultant presented information to the SEAC on Mentor Connector. This program was launched by Niagara Catholic District School Board in conjunction with Brock University and Niagara University. It is a free service which offers on-line academic support to Grade 9 and Grade 10 students in various secondary school subjects. See attached report.

9. AGENCY REPORTS

9.1 VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Kim Rosati

- No Report

9.2 Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Sandy Polly

- No Report

9.3 Community Living – Welland/Pelham – Heather Schneider

- No Report

9.4 Association for Bright Children – Connie Parry

- No Report

9.5 Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara – Carole Fuhrer

- No Report

9.6 Community Living – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln(G/L/WL) – Sarina Labonte

- No Report

9.7 Autism Ontario – Mike Gowan

- Mike Gowan reported that Social Groups are starting up again in January. They will run for 10 weeks and will be held at NPCC. Programs include: Aspergers/HFA Social Skills Group, Autism Life/Recreation Skills, Siblings Programs and Aspergers Teens Group. For more information you can access the website at www.autismontario.com. On April 1st, 2009 Autism Ontario-Niagara Chapter will be moving to a new facility on Paige Street in St. Catharines.

9.8 The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine

- No Report

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Amanda Cybula – Vice-Principal Student Support Services –Team North

- Amanda Cybula handed out the Child and Youth Workers' current resources and programs by grade to the members of the SEAC. This report was completed by the Child and Youth Workers on the Professional Development day. See attached report.

10.2 Carla Bianco – Vice-Principal Student Support Services-Team South

- On December 10th Educational Resource Teachers that have students in their schools who are diagnosed with blind/low vision were in-serviced by W. Ross MacDonald School for the blind/low vision. Student Support Services' team members were also in attendance. There was discussion about certain medical diagnosis and conditions regarding the eye. Information and a list of instructions about the borrowing library and how to access resources were provided.

10.3 Ken Griepsma – Vice-Principal, Secondary

- There are many success stories going on in Special Education at the secondary level at present. Students are experiencing success in a variety of co-operative education opportunities. The SEAC committee has requested further information about these experiences for the January, 09 meeting.
- Essentially, each of our eight Catholic high schools has a successful formula for co-operative education vis-à-vis students with special needs. Many of the students in special education programs, also taking part in co-op placements, are working in positions where the co-operative education employer appears to have moved past the student's special programming needs and has come to view the student as any other employee. In other instances, the employer is aware of specific limitations and, as a result, a partnership in special training between the employer and Special Education Co-op teacher ensures that a smooth transition from classroom to workplace occurs through accommodations in training, supervision, and assessment.
- In cases where students are in need of extra support, employers and Special Education teachers work together to develop a plan that allows for a successful placement. This placement, generally referred to as a Supportive Work Placement, is usually shorter in daily duration (one to two hours) and often involves the support of an Educational Assistant. The focus of these placements is to have students gain valuable workplace and life experiences in communication, using transportation, organization, and socialization.
- An ever-expanding list of Co-operative Education employers has been developed by each school to facilitate their students' needs in both supported and unsupported co-operative education experiences. These partnerships continue to be enriching experiences where all the partners – students, parents, teachers, community employers, and school administration reap the benefits of education for all.

10.4 Theresa Murphy – Principal, Elementary

- No Report

10.5 Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells – Superintendent of Education

- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells handed out *Spotlight on Niagara* and a memo from the Ministry of Education on *Parents/Student access to the Electronic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Template*. See attached reports.
- Dr. Sheila Bennett from Brock University will present the *Special Education Transformation* document at the February 4th meeting.
- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells will check with the Director about electronic access for SEAC members to SEAC meetings.
- The Special Education Class Part I will be attending the February 4th meeting.
- The Bishops Gala will be held on January 30th, 2009 at Club Italia.

10.6 Marcel Jacques – Program Officer

- Marcel Jacques reported that the Educational Resource Teacher binder has been reviewed and updated by a committee of Educational Resource Teachers, Program Resource Teachers, Student Support Services' Vice-Principals, Coordinators, Speech Language Pathologists and Secondary Program Chairs of Special Education. A copy has been provided for each school and it will also be made available electronically. Marcel Jacques thanked Amanda Cybula for chairing the committee.
- IPRC meetings are happening at the high schools in January.
- Educational Resource Teachers are meeting at their feeder high schools. Elementary Educational Resource Teachers will be provided information to familiarize themselves with high school for ease of transition of students in September. Pre-school transition meetings are being held with parents for smooth transition of students to Junior Kindergarten.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

11.1 Gary Crole

- Gary Crole reported that he is happy to be back as a member on the SEAC. Frank Fera is the new designated trustee on the SEAC. Gary Crole added that Frank Fera will bring a wealth of knowledge and contribute greatly.

11.2 Frank Fera

- No Report

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Learner Advocacy

12.2 Parent Outreach

12.3 Program and Service Recommendations – Co-op Placements for Exceptional Students

- Ken Griepsma spoke about success stories in a variety of co-operative education opportunities.

12.4 Special Education Budget – Budget Requests

- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells will contact Superintendent Reich to present information at the March 4th meeting.

12.5 Annual Review, Special Education Plan – Public Consultation

- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells stated that the Special Education Plan is posted on the Niagara Catholic District School Board's website. Principals will be reminded to use school newsletters to advise parents about the information on the website. Carol Fuhrer suggested that the SEAC members address their committees with this information. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells will consult with other boards on the different methods that they use and will bring this information back to the SEAC.

12.6 Other Related Items

13. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION for FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Sheila Bennett will present information on the *Special Education Transformation* document on February 4, 2009.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

15. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

- a) Mentor Connector
- b) Special Education Advisory Committee Proposed Goals/Objectives for 2008 and 2009 School Year
- c) Niagara Catholic District School Board Current Resources/Programs Child and Youth Workers Access
- d) Ministry of Education Memorandum: Parents/Student Access to the Electronic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Template
- e) Spotlight on Niagara

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SEAC will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sarina Labonte
Seconded by Kim Rosati

That the meeting adjourn at 9:30pm

Carried

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: SENIOR STAFF RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2009 AND MARCH 6TH, 2009 AS PROVIDED IN THE
SENIOR STAFF FOLLOW-UP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
MARCH 10TH, 2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with the Board approved Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 the *Senior Staff Response to Correspondence Received Between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009 as provided in the Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary*, be received by the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Prepared by: Administrative Council
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MARCH 31, 2009

SENIOR STAFF RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 10TH, 2009 AND MARCH 6TH, 2009 AS PROVIDED IN THE SENIOR STAFF FOLLOW-UP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MARCH 10TH, 2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In compliance with the October 28th, 2008 Board approved *Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input*, delegation requests and written correspondence received by 4.00 p.m. on February 10th, 2009 was provided to all Trustees and Senior Staff as part of the three Special Board Meetings for Public Input and as an appendix to the *Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations* to the March 10th 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

As part of the *Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations*, Senior Staff provided written clarification in response to the delegation submissions. As requested at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, the following report is provided for clarification in response to the written correspondence received between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009 as included in the *Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations*.

Further, any additional written correspondence received by the Office of the Director of Education between March 6th, 2009 and May 26th, 2009 on the Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary will be provided to the Board as part of future Board Meeting agendas under Correspondence. As required, Senior Staff will continue to provide written clarification to the Board in response to correspondence received.

Clarification in Response to Correspondence Received Between – February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009

Nicole Pasco - Catholic School Council member, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls

Q. “According to appendix ‘J’ an addition will have to be added to Notre Dame to accommodate our students. How much will this cost as well as the extra bussing?”

Senior Staff Response - The comment in the Cost of Implementation column in Appendix J for Notre Dame states that there is No Renovation / Addition needed. For clarity in future reports, it has been modified to read, No Renovation / No Addition needed. According to Niagara Student Transportation Services, the cost of busing the 52 students to Notre Dame would be approximately the same as the current cost to bus these students to St. Mary, or potentially less based on improved efficiency of bus route design.

Nicole Pasco - Catholic School Council member, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls – continued

Q. “Wouldn’t it be more financially responsible to move some of St. Vincent students over to Notre Dame if one school’s population is bursting and the other declining?”

Senior Staff Response – The recommendation is for an Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee to be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. The mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing the facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls according to the Board’s Attendance Area Policy 301.3.

Q. “Why was Notre Dame not put on the ARC if they have declining enrolment?”

Senior Staff Response – As outlined in Board Policy 701.2 *Closure of Schools / Accommodation Review*, the preliminary report presented to the Board in the fall of 2007 identified a group of six (6) schools “facing challenges in providing a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students and in respect of which there may be a need to consider the possible consolidation or closure of one or more schools”. The conditions for consideration of schools for this study, as identified in the Administrative Guidelines to Board Policy 701.2, did not apply to Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School.

Statement – “We will however have declining enrolment if you remove our viable feeder canal growth boundary and only replace it with a small declining St. Joseph boundary.”

Senior Staff Response - Our projections indicate that the school age populations of both areas are forecast to be stable into the distant future and there is no growth planned for the area north of the feeder canal. Revised boundary options could increase the utilization of St. Mary over the next five years from approximately 80% utilization to approximately 95% utilization. Notre Dame utilization could increase over the same period from a declining utilization of approximately 70% to approximately 93% utilization over the next five years without the need for an addition to Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School.

Q. “How in this economic recession where people are losing their jobs can a new school be recommended?”

Senior Staff Response – The recommendation is for Senior Staff to monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls and if required to meet population growth, apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new elementary school in the Warren Woods Estate of Niagara Falls.

Statement – “A city wide boundary review is needed before any boundaries are changed”

Senior Staff Response – The recommendation is for an Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee to be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. The mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing the facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls according to the Board’s Attendance Area Policy 301.3.

John M. Zeoli - Former Principal, St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines

Statement – “Brock University, housing projects, and other anticipated changes to be made to the downtown core will bring additional families to this area...Therefore, the population will be growing and not declining and will impact the school area.”

Senior Staff Response – In order to verify earlier information obtained for the Accommodation Review Committee, the consultant to the Board met with staff from the St. Catharines Planning Department on March 16th, 2009. The discussions revolved around projected population growth in the downtown core, the community improvement plans and some of the redevelopment projects such as the current hospital property. It was confirmed that the plans that are coming online now, such as the hospital property, were discussed previously and form part of the population forecast that were used for earlier enrolment projections.

Statement - With the closing of St. Nicholas School, the only school within the Cathedral’s school area, the future of the Cathedral’s population of believers, is at best, questionable.

Senior Staff Response – All schools within St. Catharines will continue to support the Cathedral.

Statement – “At its worst, many of the current students at St. Nicholas will move on to the Public School system.”

Senior Staff response - We are confident that students will relocate and remain within a Niagara Catholic elementary school to continue their Catholic education.

Q. “How is it that the surrounding schools such as St. Anthony’s and St. Christopher’s available space are in the negative yet continue to register out of boundary students?”

Senior Staff Response – In accordance with the Board’s Attendance Area Policy 301.3, out of boundary students are granted permission to attend by the school Principal and the Family of Schools’ Superintendent based on a variety of extenuating circumstances as provided by parents and guardians.

Q. “It is similarly worth noting and questioning how many of the students within all of the surrounding schools have a surplus of ‘out of boundary students that should be attending St. Nicholas?’

Senior Staff Response – In the 2006-2007 school year, out of boundary students were comprised of 87 outbound students from the St. Nicholas attendance area who are attending other Catholic elementary schools and 19 inbound students attending St. Nicholas from other Catholic elementary school attendance areas. As of the 2008-2009 school year there are 111 outbound students from the St. Nicholas attendance area who are attending other Catholic elementary schools and 26 inbound students attending St. Nicholas from other Catholic elementary school attendance areas.

Q. “ Why should parents support this school, only to move their children within a short period of time to another school?”

Senior Staff Response – We are confident that students and parents will continue to support Catholic education.

RECOMMENDATION

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Prepared by: Administrative Council
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: March 31, 2009

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
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TOPIC: EXTENDED OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP, EXCURSION AND EXCHANGE
APPROVAL COMMITTEE

The report on the Extended Overnight Field Trip,
Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education
Presented by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MARCH 31, 2009

EXTENDED OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP, EXCURSION AND EXCHANGE APPROVAL COMMITTEE – 2008-2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee continues to review proposals for 2008-2009 extended overnight field trips, excursions and exchanges as submitted to date. The composition of the approval Committee is as follows:

1 Supervisory Officer	-	Frank Iannantuono
1 Secondary School Principal	-	Mario Ciccarelli
1 Secondary School Vice-Principal	-	Jeff Smith
1 Education Services Member	-	Mike Sheahan

As defined in the Niagara Catholic Educational Field Trip Policy (400.2) Administrative Guidelines, an Extended Overnight Field Trip is:

- “Any school/board sponsored and supervised activity, on scheduled instructional days, beyond the school property that requires four or more nights lodgings” or
- “Requiring an individual flight ticket of \$600.00 or more.” (Part II, A.4)

An Excursion is defined as:

- “A trip not directly linked to specific subject curriculum expectations, but provided to enrich a student’s overall Catholic education. An excursion is a trip that is planned and arranged for secondary school students that would be held during the year when the students are not normally expected to be attending classes and that does not adhere to all guidelines and procedures relating to Educational Field Trips.” (Part II, A.5)

Attached to this information report is an Executive Summary of a 2008-2009 Extended Overnight Field Trip as submitted on Monday, March 9th, 2009 and approved by the Committee.

The report on the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee for March 2009 is presented for information.

Prepared by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education
Presented by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: March 31, 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Appendix A

Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee Approvals – 2008-2009

School	Type	Approval Required	Destination	Curriculum Unit/Theme	Education Value	Date	Students on Trip	Duration	Cost (Approx)	Transportation
Approved April 2009										
Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School	Extended Overnight Field Trip	Superintendent and Extended Overnight Field Trip Committee	Dominica	Pilgrimage	A trip which focuses on the religious aspect of the curriculum and encourages students to become collaborative contributors, responsible global citizens, Christian (catholic) leaders and to see the value, rights and sacredness of all people	Thursday, May 14 th , 2009 to Thursday may 21 st , 2009.	12 students 3 staff	8 days 7 nights 4 school days	\$1029.00 per person for flight and taxes. Approx.\$30 5 additional costs.	Air

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board rescind the February 24th, 2009 Board approved motion;

“THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year.”

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented on March 31st, 2009, and

THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: March 31, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 31ST, 2009

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS – 2009-2010

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The *Education Act, Regulation 304 - School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days* outlines the requirements and timelines for preparing and submission of school year calendars to the Ministry of Education for approval.

The 2009-2010 school year is a very unique calendar. From September 1st, 2009 - June 30th, 2010 there a total of 196 possible school days. This coming September 2009, Labour Day falls on Monday, September 7th which results in a total number of school days between September 8th and June 30th, 2009 equaling 192 school days.

Within this total, elementary and secondary schools must have a minimum of 194 school days of which two (2) days must be designated as professional activity days to focus on provincial education priorities and up to four (4) extra days that may be designated by the Board as professional activity days. Secondary schools may have a maximum of ten (10) instructional days as examination days. The remaining school days shall be instructional days.

At the February 24th, 2009 Board Meeting, a Report on Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2009-2010 was presented. (Appendix A)

Following discussion and an amendment to the recommendation, the following motion was approved by the Niagara Catholic District School Board on February 24th, 2009;

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year, and

THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

With the Board approval of both school year calendars, Niagara Catholic's Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2009-2010 were submitted electronically and in hard copy to the Ministry of Education for approval. With the annual early inquires from families requesting information on the school year calendar for next year, both Board approved calendars were placed on the Board website with the notation – Pending Ministry Approval. A tentative letter from the Director of Education to all families is prepared to inform parents as early as possible regarding a September 1st, 2009 start to the 2009-2010 school year for students if the calendars are approved by the Minister of Education.

However, since the February 24th, 2009 Board Meeting, various Trustees, Director Crocco and Superintendent Iannantuono have received additional information and correspondence from Minister of Education Wynne (Appendix B), Municipal Government, local businesses and parents requesting a reconsideration of the Board approved Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2009-2010.

Given the recent correspondence and respecting the detailed vetting and consultation process with various stakeholders across Niagara Catholic throughout the design and recommendation for the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2009-2010, it is recommended to the Board that the Board approved motion on February 24th, 2009 regarding Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2009-2010 only be rescinded.

It is recommended that the Board approved motion on February 24th, 2009 regarding fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services as a condition of Board approval for the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2009-2010 be retained.

Through continued dialogue with the District School Board of Niagara and in compliance with the February 24th, 2009 Niagara Catholic District School Board approved motion - *THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval*, it is the recommendation of Administrative Council of Niagara Catholic that a revised start date to the 2009-2010 school year be approved along with the necessary adjustments to the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2009-2010 as noted within this report.

To comply with the timelines outlined in *Regulation 304 - School Year Calendar*, school boards are required to submit Board approved *regular* school year calendars to the Ministry of Education by May 1st, 2009. Upon approval from the Ministry the Niagara Catholic community will be informed of the School Year Calendar for 2009-2010.

Summary of the Attached Calendars

Attached to this Board Report are Appendix A – Proposed Elementary School Year Calendar for 2009-2010 and Appendix B – Proposed Secondary School Year Calendar for 2009-2010.

Highlights of the Proposed School Year Calendars for 2009-2010

Professional Activity Days

In accordance with the *Education Act, Regulation 304 - School Year Calendar*, the following six (6) days have been identified as Professional Activity Days for 2009-2010. Accompanying activities referenced as goals, with the possibility of alteration upon communication regarding the actual designated provincial priorities from the Ministry of Education. The asterisk (*) beside the Professional Activity Days are designated to focus on provincial education priorities as required by the Ministry of Education.

Proposed Elementary Professional Activity Days

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 – Developing and Implementing Board and School Improvement Plans that focus on equity of outcomes.*

Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 – Developing Individual Education Plans

Friday, October 9th, 2009 – Developing skills for teacher inquiry and reflective practice.*

Friday, November 13th, 2009 – Assessment and Evaluation: Elementary Report Card Writing

Friday, May 21st, 2010 – Board Faith Day

Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 – Communicating Student Achievement to Engage Parents and Achievement Goal Setting for 2010-2011*

Proposed Secondary Professional Activity Days

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 – Developing and Implementing Board and School Improvement Plans that focus on equity of outcomes.*

Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 – Developing Individual Education Plans

Friday, October 9th, 2009 – Developing skills for teacher inquiry and reflective practice. *

Friday, May 21st, 2010 – Board Faith Day

Tuesday, June 29th and Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 – Communicating Student Achievement to Engage Parents and Achievement Goal Setting for 2010-2011*

Secondary Examination Days

Semester 1 – Friday, January 25th, 2010 to Friday, January 29th, 2010

Semester 2 – Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010 to Monday, June 28th, 2010

Board and Civic Holidays

Board Designated Holiday Friday, September 4th, 2009

Labour Day Monday, September 7th, 2009

Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 12th, 2009

Christmas Break Monday, December 21st, 2009 to Friday, January 1st, 2010

Family Day Monday, February 15th, 2010

March Break Monday, March 15th to Friday, March 19th, 2010 (ten month employees)

Good Friday Friday, April 2nd, 2010

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Victoria Day Monday, May 24th, 2010

Canada Day Thursday, July 1st, 2010

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THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

PREPARED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education
Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

PRESENTED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education
Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

APPROVED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

DATE: March 31st, 2009

Appendix A – February 24th, 2009 Report to the Board
Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2009-2010

Appendix B – March 12th, 2009 Letter from Minister of Education Wynne

Appendix C – Elementary School Year Calendar 2009-2010

Appendix D – Secondary School Year Calendar 2009-2010



**REPORT TO THE BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS – 2009-2010

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Within this total, elementary and secondary schools must have a minimum of 194 school days of which two (2) days must be designated as professional activity days to focus on provincial education priorities and up to four (4) extra days that may be designated by the Board as professional activity days. Secondary schools may have a maximum of ten (10) instructional days as examination days. The remaining school days shall be instructional days.

This upcoming School Year Calendar therefore requires the school year to begin prior to Labour Day. The consultation process, received comments on all aspects of the 2009-2010 school year calendar.

Consultation Process

The 2009-2010 School Year Calendar Committee met on January 29th, 2009 to discuss and review draft calendars and the consultation process. The School Year Calendar Committee met again on February 19th, 2009 to review feedback resulting from a comprehensive system consultation process and provided recommendations for the Elementary and Secondary 2009-2010 School Year Calendar to Administrative Council.

Members of the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar Committee are:

Frank Iannantuono	Superintendent (Chair)
Yolanda Baldasaro	Superintendent
Elizabeth Davey	Elementary Principal
Joseph Zaroda	Secondary Principal
Khayyam Syne	Administrator of Staff Development

Christine Graham	Program Officer-Curriculum
Marcel Jacques	Program Officer-Student Support Services
Marie Balanowski	Niagara Elementary Unit
Scott McAvoy	Niagara Secondary Unit
Jo-Ann Morris	Niagara Secondary Unit
Laurel Allison	Catholic Regional School Council
Pat Vernal	Niagara Occasional Teachers

The consultation process, which began on February 3rd, 2009 provided copies of the elementary and secondary draft calendars to all Elementary and Secondary Principals, Vice-Principals, Catholic School Council Chairs, Regional Catholic School Council, OECTA Elementary and Secondary Presidents, CUPE President, Student Support Services, Program Departments and the Student Senate for feedback by February 19th, 2009.

Feedback from the consultation process resulted in approximately a 40% rate of response. Feedback was wide ranging throughout the system with most of the dialogue focusing on the start up to the school year, the use of Professional Activity Days and the end of the school year. In addition to the School Year Calendar Committee reviewing feedback received by February 19th, 2009, Administrative Council also reviewed the feedback along with the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar Committee recommendations for a Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendar for 2009-2010.

In the final analysis, the Administrative Council considered all feedback and is recommending a school year calendar which would best meet the needs of our students and their achievement and one which is closely aligned for all students throughout the Niagara Region.

Summary of the Attached Calendars

Attached to this Board Report are Appendix A – Proposed Elementary School Year Calendar for 2009-2010 and Appendix B – Proposed Secondary School Year Calendar for 2009-2010.

Highlights of the Proposed School Year Calendars for 2009-2010

Professional Activity Days

In accordance with the *Education Act, Regulation 304 - School Year Calendar*, the following six (6) days have been identified as Professional Activity Days for 2009-2010. Accompanying activities referenced as goals, with the possibility of alteration upon communication regarding the actual designated provincial priorities from the Ministry of Education. The asterisk (*) beside the Professional Activity Days are designated to focus on provincial education priorities as required by the Ministry of Education.

Proposed Elementary Professional Activity Days

Friday, October 9th, 2009 – Developing and Implementing Board and School Improvement Plans and Individual Education Plans that focus on equity of outcomes.*

Friday, November 13th, 2009 – Assessment and Evaluation: Elementary Report Card Writing

Friday, February 12th, 2010 – Differentiating Instructional strategies and resources that are responsive to students' learning needs.*

Wednesday, April 21st, 2010 – Developing skills for teacher inquiry and reflective practice.*

Friday, May 21st, 2010 – Niagara Catholic District School Board Faith Day

Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 – Communicating Student Achievement to Engage Parents and Achievement Goal Setting for 2010-2011*

Proposed Secondary Professional Activity Days

Friday, October 9th, 2009 – Developing and Implementing Board and School Improvement Plans and Individual Education Plans that focus on equity of outcomes.*

Friday, November 13th, 2009 – Developing and implementing strategies to close the gaps in mathematical literacy.*

Friday, February 12th, 2010 - Differentiating Instructional strategies and resources that are responsive to students' learning needs. *

Friday, May 21st, 2010 – Niagara Catholic District School Board Faith Day

Tuesday, June 29th and Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 – Communicating Student Achievement to Engage Parents and Achievement Goal Setting for 2010-2011*

Highlights of the Proposed School Year Calendars for 2009-2010- continued

Secondary Examination Days

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To comply with the timelines outlined in *Regulation 304 - School Year Calendar*, school boards are required to submit Board approved **regular** school year calendars to the Ministry of Education by May 1st, 2009. Upon approval from the Ministry the Niagara Catholic community will be informed of the School Year Calendar for 2009-2010.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented.

Prepared by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: February 24, 2009

Elementary School Year Calendar – 2009-2010 Appendix A

Board Name Niagara CDSB (B67156)			
Calendar Title [2009-42] Copy: Niagara Catholic	Panel Elementary	Calendar Type Regular	Last Revised Feb 19, 2009
Start of school year Sep 1, 2009	End of school year Jun 30, 2010	Status Not yet submitted for ministry approval	
Description Regular Calendar			

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F			
August	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					0	0	0
September		1	2	3	4 B	7 H	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			0	20	0
October				1	2	5	6	7	8	9 P	12 H	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	1	20	0
November	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13 P	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30					1	20	0
December		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21 B	22 B	23 B	24 B	25 H	28 B	29 B	30 B	31 B		0	14	0
January					1 H	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	0	20	0
February	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12 P	15 H	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26						1	18	0
March	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12 B	15 B	16 B	17 B	18 B	19 B	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			0	17	0
April				1	2 H	5 H	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	1	19	0
May	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21 P	24 H	25	26	27	28	31					1	19	0
June		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30 P			1	21	0
July				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	0	0	0
Total																6	188	0										

Legend

P-Professional Activity Day; E-Scheduled Exam Day; B-Board Designated Holiday; H-Statutory Holiday; / -Half Day

Secondary School Year Calendar – 2009-2010
Appendix B

Board Name Niagara CDSB (B67156)			
Calendar Title [2009-43] Niagara Catholic	Panel Secondary	Calendar Type Regular	Last Revised Feb 19, 2009
Start of school year Sep 1, 2009	End of school year Jun 30, 2010	Status Not yet submitted for ministry approval	
Description Regular Calendar			

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F			
August	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					0	0	0
September		1	2	3	4 B	7 H	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			0	20	0
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Total																	6	178	10									

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March 12, 2009

Dear Board Chairs, Directors of Education, Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School Authorities and Director of Provincial Schools,

In recent days, there has been a great deal of discussion about the upcoming school year calendar. With Labour Day on September 7 this year, school boards are taking a variety of approaches to schedule the required 194 school days. I know that this is an issue to which you have already given thought and on which you may have reached decisions.

I am writing to you because significant concern has been expressed about the prospect of having students return to class before Labour Day, especially in view of the challenging economic circumstances that Ontario is facing and the possible impact on tourism and summer employment for students. I trust that you will take these considerations into account when reaching decisions about your calendars for the upcoming school year. In particular, if you have not already done so, I request that you engage with your community and coterminous boards to determine the best option for your community.

As you are aware, it is possible to meet the provincial regulation requirements, while permitting students to return to class after Labour Day, by scheduling at least two professional activity days before September 7. Boards may also wish to submit more than one calendar to meet the particular needs of local communities within your boards.

There are, and have long been, local circumstances that see students return to class before Labour Day. These include year-round schools, communities close to other jurisdictions with earlier start days and the inclusion of week-long breaks in the fall to accommodate local priorities such as harvests and hunting seasons.

I trust that you will give serious consideration to the advisability of beginning classes before Labour Day. I am confident that you will make decisions that are in the best interest of your community.

Thank you for the good work that you continue to do on behalf of the students of Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Education

Elementary School Year Calendar – 2009-2010
Appendix C

Board Name Niagara CDSB (B67156)			
Calendar Title [2009-42] Copy: Niagara Catholic	Panel Elementary	Calendar Type Regular	Last Revised Mar 26, 2009
Start of school year Sep 2, 2009	End of school year Jun 30, 2010	Status Not yet submitted for ministry approval	
Description Regular Calendar			

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F			
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Secondary School Year Calendar – 2009-2010
Appendix D

Board Name Niagara CDSB (B67156)			
Calendar Title [2009-43] Niagara Catholic	Panel Secondary	Calendar Type Regular	Last Revised Mar 26, 2009
Start of school year Sep 2, 2009	End of school year Jun 30, 2010	Status Not yet submitted for ministry approval	
Description Regular Calendar			

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
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Total																									6	178	10	

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TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
March 31, 2009

TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
THANK YOU LETTERS
- SISTER MARY KAY CAMP
- SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME
- ENGLISH CANADIAN HOLY CROSS FATHERS
- HOLY CROSS FATHERS

February 26, 2009

Dear John,

Thank you for creating the idea of dedicating rooms at the Catholic Centre to religious orders. It was a great honour for these orders to be recognized in such a special way. You, and those who assisted you, made the event most Memorable.

It is always a privilege to work with you.

Sincerely,
Sr. Mary Kay

To: Trustees, Senior Administration,
Director, and all of the Support Staff:

I want to thank
all of you,
not just for what you did,
which was wonderful,
but for the warmth
and the caring
you put into it.
You're all
very special people.

Thank you!

I realize that many people very involved
in making the Dedication Ceremony on
February 14 so special.

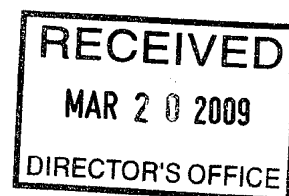
With gratitude, Sr. Mary Kay Camp

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An international, multicultural congregation
in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa,
proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ



March 17, 2009



Mr. John Crocco
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Crocco,

On behalf of the School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Canadian Province, I extend our deepest thanks for the honour you have extended to our Sisters in naming a room in our honour at the Catholic Education Centre.

We wish you continued blessings for your ministry in Catholic education with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND

Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND
Provincial Leader

MHM:ms

English Canadian Holy Cross Fathers
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March 2, 2009

Mrs. Cathy Burtnik, Chair
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Dear Cathy,

On behalf of the Holy Cross Fathers, I want to express our deepest gratitude to you and all the trustees and senior administration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

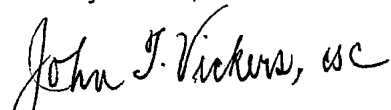
Last Tuesday, February 24th, was truly a memorable evening for us. I know Ken Burns would be delighted to have the Board Room at the Catholic Education Centre named in his honour. For over fifty years he was part of the fabric of Catholic education in this region. You could say that "K.B." went the extra mile and at times fought the good fight to assure the continuance of Catholic education for the young people of the Niagara area.

And, of course, the confreres were equally grateful to have the Trustees' Lounge named in honour of the Holy Cross Community. As you are aware, the community sacrificed much in the way of "man power" and community funding for the education ministry. We also realize this particular honour belongs as well to both the religious women and the lay men and women that worked along side us.

We wish you every success as you carry on the Catholic education project with its new challenges and demands. Be assured that you continue to be in our prayers and that we continue to feel connected to the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Again, sincere thanks.

In Holy Cross,



(Rev.) John T. Vickers, CSC
Superior,
English Canadian Holy Cross Fathers

The Parish Community of St. Kevin

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March 3, 2009

Kathy Burtnik – Chair of the Board

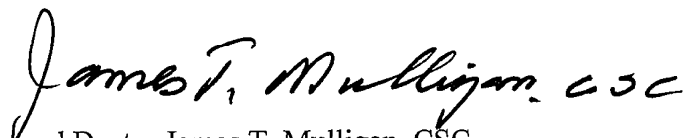
Dear Kathy,

As a religious of Holy Cross and a retired Catholic educator from the Niagara Catholic District School Board, I would like to thank the Board for the great honour given to the religious communities who did so much to lay the foundation for Catholic education in Niagara and in the Diocese of St. Catharines. The "idea" itself is inspired and the teaching components for Grade Seven and Grade Ten promise to be a privileged instrument for having our students do some hard thinking about the enduring gift of Catholic education they now enjoy, thanks to some very special women and men, who lived out their baptismal vocation as Catholic educators in this part of the world. Father Vickers, my religious superior, asked me to give testimony to Father Ken Burns. I was delighted to do so as I had known Father KB since 1948, his arrival in Welland, when I was six years old. The celebration February 24 was done with class. The naming of the rooms will make it hard for staff and visitors to take Catholic education for granted.

For me, as a Welland lad, it was a joy to meet up again with representatives of the wonderful women who taught me, and with whom I ministered as a Catholic educator. I am thinking especially of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Sisters of St. Martha, the Vincentian Sisters, and of course the Loretto Sisters, the community who welcomed me at Loretto during my years as Faith Formation Coordinator.

Again thanks so much for your thoughtfulness. And as the spokespersons for the different communities made clear: my prayer is that you all may continue the graced work of Catholic education, now in place, *fanning it into aflame*, as St. Paul would say.

Sincerely,



Reverend Doctor James T. Mulligan, CSC

Pastor

The Parish Community of St. Kevin

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
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TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
OCSTA - NOMINATIONS FOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR POSITIONS - 2009 AGM



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March 20, 2009

EMAIL TO: Trustees & Directors of Education
- All Member Boards & School Authorities

FROM: Margaret Binns, Office Administrator

RE: **Nominations for Regional Director Positions - 2009 AGM**

THIS MEMO HAS BEEN SENT DIRECTLY TO ALL TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION

The following nominations, duly Moved and Seconded, for OCSTA Regional Director, have been received:

<u>Region 1</u>	Colleen Landers, Northeastern CDSB
<u>Region 2</u>	Paul Landry, Kenora CDSB
<u>Region 3 (at large)</u>	_____
<u>Region 4</u>	_____
<u>Region 5</u>	Linda Ward, St. Clair CDSB
<u>Region 9</u>	_____
<u>Region 10</u>	Andrew Bray, Renfrew County CDSB
<u>Region 11</u>	Pauline Houlahan, Halton CDSB

The deadline for receipt of nominations in the OCSTA Office is **10am on Friday, April 17th, 2009.**
(Please note that the deadline date of April 9 previously communicated to you was incorrect.)

A list of nominations received by the deadline will be circulated to all member boards no later than April 21, 2009.

If no nominations are received in any one region by the deadline, nominations for that region will remain open until but not later than two hours and fifteen minutes prior to the time fixed in the Notice of Meeting for the call to order of the first plenary session at the Annual Meeting, in this case, **May 8, 2009, 8:45 a.m.**

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TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC - MARCH 10, 2009



Spotlight

ON
NIAGARA CATHOLIC

www.niagaracatholic.ca

March 10, 2009

Trustees receive Senior Staff Follow-Up Report on Pupil Accommodation Review

Niagara Catholic Trustees have received the Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations as part of the Elementary and Secondary Pupil Accommodation Reviews in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

In arriving at their final recommendations, Senior Staff considered the multiple variables causing increased surplus space; limited funds; shifting demographics from neighbourhood schools; increased potential of multiple combined grades; the importance of continuing to provide excellence in Catholic education; and the importance of being fiscally responsible and addressing long term accommodation needs in all Niagara Catholic schools. Senior Staff also recognized the effect on families.



Pupil Accommodation Report received ... *Continued*

The Report was recommended to the Board during the March 10 Committee of the Whole Meeting and includes the following recommendations:

- That, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 with St. Joseph students relocated through the Attendance Area process to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools;
- That, no sooner than September 2012 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School;
- That, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls and if required, apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new elementary school in the Warren Woods Estate of Niagara Falls;
- That, a Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls.

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Holy Name students make friendship bracelets

Students at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School raised \$921.69 in their recent Kids Helping Kids campaign. Students Kaila Renaud, Madeline Leblanc, Andrea Caruso, Daniela Cousineau and Larisa Cousineau (pictured below) made and sold friendship bracelets, which raised \$350 towards the grand total. Rachel Brioux, who was absent when the photo was taken, was also part of the bracelet making team.



Pupil Accommodation Report received...

Continued from front page ...

According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls;

- That, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012;
- That, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School not be consolidated at this time subject to the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review process and recommendations and that Senior Staff continues to monitor enrolment and report back to the Board no later than September 2012;
- That, no later than September 2012, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated through the Attendance Area Process to Mother Teresa, St. Alfred, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless an approved joint venture is confirmed between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and a coterminous District School Board, with the City of St. Catharines to provide confirmed property in the downtown core, and the Ministry of Education to provide confirmed funding and approval for a new downtown elementary school;
- That, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines;
- That, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitors the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years;
- That, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding and to identify other sources of funding in order to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School and;
- That, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.

The Board is scheduled to make its final decision on the Pupil Accommodation Review on May 26, 2009. The complete report is available online at www.niagaracatholic.ca, under the Pupil Accommodation Review tab on the right side of the main page.

A preview of Niagara Catholic's French Speech Arts Festival

Three Students taking part in Niagara Catholic's ninth annual French as a Second Language Speech Arts Festival presented their speeches in French to the Committee of the Whole. The Festival takes place on March 24 and 25, 2009.



Vice-Chair, Frank Fera, Emma Janzen, Alex Rotundo (St. Vincent de Paul) and Emma Kennedy (Monsignor Clancy) and John Crocco, Director of Education

Students complete Intensive French term

When the school year began in September, 2008 Grade 6 students at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School in Thorold and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls began a new way of learning French.

Intensive French is a literacy-based approach to teaching French as a second language. It is incorporated into the Grade 5 or 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. Mathematics, Religion, Music and Physical Education and are taught in English during the remaining 30% of the school day.

Niagara Catholic is one of four Boards in Ontario chosen by the Ministry of Education to take part in an Intensive French pilot project. It has participated in the pilot since the 2007-2008 school year.

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+ Congratulations to the Denis Morris Catholic High School's Robotics team, taking part in the Toronto-area FIRST Robotics Competition from March 26-28, 2009.

+ Congratulations to students in 37 Niagara Catholic Elementary Schools, who raised \$28,500 for Holy Childhood Association's projects. Niagara Catholic has raised over \$540,000 since 1984.

Congratulations!

Nurturing Souls & Building Minds

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
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TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
LORETTO SISTERS 400TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



The Loretto Sisters cordially invite you to

The 400th Anniversary Dinner

Friday June 5, 2009

The Terrace Banquet Hall, 1680 Creditstone Road, Vaughan, Ontario

Guest Speaker: Sister Cyril Mooney, IBVM, India

Reception: 6:00 p.m.

Silent Auction: 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$150.00 each (Tables of 10)

Cash Bar

Business Attire

Proceeds will go to support Loretto Missions for Women and Children. A tax receipt for the maximum allowable amount will be issued. Charitable Registration Number: 11924 2873 RR 0001

Loretto Sisters 400th Anniversary Dinner
Friday June 5, 2009
The Terrace Banquet Hall
Ticket Order Form

First Name _____
(Please Print)

Address _____
_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Number of Tickets (\$150.00 each) _____

Payment Type:

Cheque enclosed _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____

Card Number _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Please make cheques payable to: Loretto Ladies' Colleges and Schools

Seated at my table are the following:

First Name:	Last Name:
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
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RSVP by April 15, 2009: Sr. Sheila Smith, 101 Mason Blvd., Toronto, ON M5M 3E2
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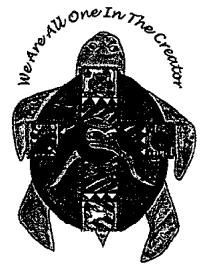
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TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHARING AND
DINNER EVENING

Niagara Catholic District School Board Presents ...



Thursday, April 16th, 2009
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Emily Creces
St. Martin
Catholic School

Aboriginal Education Initiatives Information Sharing and Dinner Evening

Niagara Regional Native Centre
382 Airport Road R.R.#4
Niagara-on-the-lake, ON, L0S-1J0

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Pamela Rose Toulouse, Assistant Professor,
School of Education, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario
Dr. Toulouse is a key resource person on Aboriginal
education. She is an Anishinabek woman from the
community of Sagamok First Nation and has been teaching
for 14 years.

PROGRAM

- 5:00 p.m. **Reception**
- 5:30 p.m. **Welcome** Niagara Catholic District School Board
- 5:35 p.m. **Opening Ceremony:**
Dino Sicoli, Faith Animator, Niagara Catholic D.S.B.
Clayton Logan, Aboriginal Elder
Aboriginal Drum: Crooked Trail Band
- 6:00 p.m. **Presenter:** Leslee White-Eye, Education Officer,
Aboriginal Education Office
Ministry of Education, London Regional Office
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. **Keynote Address:** Dr. Pamela Rose Toulouse
- 8:30 p.m. **Closing Ceremony:**
Crooked Trail Band and Aboriginal Dancers
Clayton Logan, Aboriginal Elder

R.S.V.P. Please call Anna Pisano (905-735-0240 at Ext. 136) or respond by email to
anna.pisano@ncdsb.com by **Friday, April 3rd, 2009** to confirm your attendance.