



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 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 Charbonneau.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau noted that Trustees Nieuwesteeg and Sicoli asked to be excused from the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg			✓
Ted O'Leary	✓		
Dino Sicoli			✓
Student Trustees			
Ryan Creelman	✓		
Patrick Morris	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

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

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012, as amended to add ITEM B1 – Niagara Catholic District School Board Speak Out! Showcase 2012.

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 14, 2012**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Niagara Catholic District School Board Speak Out! Showcase 2012**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Christine Battagli teacher at Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School and Speak OUT! Committee Co-Chair.

Ms. Battagli introduced the speakers who presented their award winning speeches to the Board.

Catholic Messengers: Shaun Donnelly, St. Michael Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *What is Normal?*

Catholic Messengers: Michaela Bodis, St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *My Dad's Journey with Cancer*

Junior Division: Brenna Timmins, Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Recycling*

Intermediate Division: Sophia DeLuca, Loretto Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Tag Lines*

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau congratulated the students on their award winning speeches and along with Chairperson Burtnik and Director Crocco presented them with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" Pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting – February 28, , 2012

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Policies

1.2.1 Employee Attendance During Inclement Weather & Workplace Closure Policy

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Attendance During Inclement Weather & Workplace Closure Policy (201.9), as presented.

CARRIED

1.3 Policy Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy Schedule.

1.4 Policy Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Update.

2. Helping Understanding Grief and Trauma (H.U.G.S) Program

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Christine Dernederlanden, C.T.R., and President, founder of Robert's Press Canada's Grief Resource Centre, and award winning author of "Where is Robert?", who provided a brief overview of the Helping Understanding Grief and Trauma (H.U.G.S) Program.

3. 2012 Niagara Catholic Student Symposium: Nurturing The Distinctiveness of Catholic Education

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Jackie Watson, Equity and Student Leadership Consultant, who presented the report on the 2012 Niagara Catholic Student Symposium: Nurturing The Distinctiveness of Catholic Education. Trustees were informed that approximately 300 students attended the Symposium during which Father Rico Passero, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Scapular Church in Niagara Falls, presented an engaging and thoroughly interactive keynote address in which he focused on Catholic Student Leadership.

4. Religious and Family Life Education - ELKP to Grade 12

Superintendent Lefebvre invited Terri Paucio, Religion and Family Life Consultant, to present an overview of the Religious and Family Life Education - ELKP to Grade 12 programs at the elementary and secondary schools across Niagara Catholic.

5. **Award of Construction Contracts for Full Day Kindergarten Projects**

Director Crocco and James Woods, Controller of Plant Services, presented the report on the Award of Construction Contracts for Full Day Kindergarten Projects.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the award of construction contracts to King Contractors, Brouwer Construction, T.R. Hinan Inc., Bromac Construction and Stolk Construction for the addition and alterations to Cardinal Newman, Sacred Heart, St. Alfred, St. Charles, and St. Michael Catholic Elementary Schools respectively, for a total five-project cost of \$3,337,019.

CARRIED

6. **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.

7. **Monthly Updates**

7.1 **Capital Projects Progress Report**

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

7.2 **Student Trustees' Update**

Ryan Creelman and Patrick Morris, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

7.3 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Baldasaro

- Niagara Catholic is the host of the 2012 OFSAA Boys AA Basketball Championship tournament. Patrick Sullivan, Coach of the St. Francis Phoenix, is this year's tournament convenor with host sites at St. Francis Catholic Secondary School, Denis Morris High School and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. The tournament runs from March 4th through to March 7th, 2012. St. Francis Phoenix are the SOSSA representatives.

Superintendent Ciccarelli

- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School hosted 39 teams from 16 Ontario schools at the first St. Catharines VEX Robotics Championship. The competition was one of only three (3) VEX events in Ontario and is considered a qualifying event for the World VEX Championship at Walt Disney World in April.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- This past September 2011 during the Wainfleet Fall Fair Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs invited students from all Wainfleet schools to create a slogan for the township of Wainfleet to reflect the township's unique history/culture.

A group of grade 5 students, under the leadership of classroom teacher Mr. Anthony Biancaniello, submitted the slogan "Wainfleet ~ Find Your Country Side" which was selected as the winning slogan. An announcement was made that "history has been changed" and forevermore the slogan "Wainfleet ~ Find your country side" will be embossed on Township emails, letterhead, business cards and any new signage erected in Wainfleet.

Director Crocco

- The Annual Niagara Catholic Technology Skills Competition 2012 took place March 6th and 7th at the Seaway Mall in Welland.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 28, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 28, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – March 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – March 2012.

1.3 March 9 - 18, 2012 – March Break 2012

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

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

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

1.5 Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat with Bishop Bergie is scheduled for May 10, 2012, from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., with the location to be determined.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the following upcoming meetings:

- St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2012 in the Father Burns Board Room at the Catholic Education Centre.
- The Dress Code – Elementary and Secondary School Uniform Consultation and vetting will commence at SEAC and NCPIC prior to the eight (8) Family of Schools presentations. Trustees were invited to attend the Family of Schools presentations.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the March 6, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 6th, 2012**

Approved on the **10th** day of **March 2012.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer