



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 8, 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 Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau noted that all Trustees were in attendance.

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; **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 Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item C9.1 of the Public Agenda, as she has a family member who is associated with the Quartek Group.

5. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 **VEX Robotics Competition 2012 - Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School**

Mario Ciccarelli, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education, welcomed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School staff Principal Joe Zaroda, Vice-Principals Frances Brockenshire and Jay Lennox, along with teacher Jeff Maxwell, who presented the report on VEX Robotics Competition 2012 - Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

The Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School VEX Robotic Team competed at the World 2012 Competition in Anaheim, California, and presented a visual report on their participation in the World Competition.

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau congratulated the students on their accomplishments 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 – April 24, 2012

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 24, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Policies

1.2.1 Playground Equipment Policy (702.1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Playground Equipment Policy (702.1), as presented.

CARRIED

1.3 Policy Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy Schedule.

1.4 Policy Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Update.

2. Festival of Faith 2012

Deborah McCaffery, Board Chaplaincy Leader, presented information on the First Annual Faith Festival for all Grade 7 students in Niagara Catholic held on May 1st and 2nd, 2012. She noted that the event which was emceed by Student Trustees Ryan Creelman and Patrick Morris, and featured facilitator Fr. Tony Ricard from New Orleans, was enthusiastically received by all 1,700 Grade 7 students in Niagara Catholic.

3. Capital Priorities Submission

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, presented information and a recommendation for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole on the Capital Priorities Submission. If approved by Committee of the Whole and at the May 22, 2012 Board Meeting, the report and business cases will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by May 31, 2012, for Capital Priority funding of the Board's most urgent needs by 2015-2016.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Capital Priorities Submission to the Ministry of Education as presented in the report.

CARRIED

4. Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2012-2013

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, and Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, presented the report and recommendation on the Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2012-2013.

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of scholarships for the Larkin Estate Admission Awards for 2012-2013, as noted in the report.

CARRIED

5. Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions System Priorities 2012-2013

Director Crocco presented the report and recommendation on the Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions System Priorities 2012-2013, which are based on the expectations and outcomes of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, and builds on the 2011-2012 Niagara Catholic System Priorities.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that a Mid-Year Progress Review Report of the 2012-2013 System Priorities will be presented at the January 2013 Board Meeting with a Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2012-2013 Achievement Report presented at the September 2013 Board Meeting.

Director Crocco, Trustees and members of Senior Staff discussed various aspects of the proposed priorities in detail. Following discussion with Trustees, recommended amendments to the Strategic Directions System Priorities 2012-2013 will be made and presented to the May Board Meeting.

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions System Priorities 2012-2013, as amended.

CARRIED

6. Full Day Kindergarten Extended Day Programs - Update

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the Full Day Kindergarten Extended Day Programs Update. He explained how it relates to the Ministry of Education Regulatory Amendments Respecting Full-Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten and Extended Day and Third Party Programs, which included new information and regulatory requirements to comply with Ontario Regulation 221/11 – (Extended Day and Third Party Programs).

7. Speech and Language Services Demonstration Site Pilot Project - Year 2 Extension

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Speech and Language Demonstration Site Pilot – Year 2 Extension, which currently includes St. Anthony, St. Denis, St. Thomas More and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.

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. Monthly Updates

9.1 Capital Projects Progress Report

Superintendent Reich presented the Capital Projects Progress Report.

9.2 Student Trustees' Update

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

9.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Ciccarelli

- Grade 8 student Chelsea DerNederlanden, 2012 Catch the Spirit Award Recipient from St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, and motivational speaker promoting self-esteem among young girls and women, has accepted a professional modeling contract with one of the leading modeling agencies in the world, Ford Model Agency.

Superintendent Lefebvre

- Two students from Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School received Gold Medals in the 2012 Skills Ontario Technology Competition in Waterloo will advance to the Canadian Nationals being held May 13–16, 2012 in Edmonton, Alberta.
- Two students from Niagara Catholic, Alicia Pinelli from Lakeshore Catholic and Thomas Mingle from St. Michael Catholic High Schools, have been selected to sit on the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- At the recent "Great Kids 2012" celebration hosted by the Welland Tribune, Niagara Catholic was well-represented with eleven (11) students recognized for their accomplishments at school and in their communities.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 24, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 24, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – May 2012

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

1.3 Catholic Education Week 2012 Letter to Students and Families

Director Crocco presented the Catholic Education Week 2012 Letter which was copied and sent to all students and families in Niagara Catholic. The letter was signed by Bishop Bergie, Chair Burtnik and the Director.

1.4 Annual Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat

Director Crocco indicated that in consultation with the Bishop, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, the Annual Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat has been rescheduled for September 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications.

1.5 May Policy Committee Meeting – May 22, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

Director Crocco noted that the May 22nd Policy Committee Meeting will commence at 2:00 p.m. in order to have sufficient time to review the larger than normal quantity of policies being discussed at the May Policy Committee Meeting.

1.6 Graduation Dates

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Class of 2012 Graduation Celebration is being held at the Scotiabank Convention Centre on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop Bergie leading the prayer service.

Trustees were presented with copies of Elementary and Secondary Graduation dates, and asked to confirm their attendance in order to have Trustee representation at the graduation celebrations.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications.

1.7 Partners in Catholic Education

Trustees were invited to attend Partners in Catholic Education being held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic High School, featuring keynote speaker Brett Ullman, Director of Worlds Apart.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications.

1.8 2nd Annual Niagara Catholic Family Picnic

Trustees were invited to attend the 2nd Annual Niagara Catholic Family Picnic on June 3, 2012 at Queenston Heights. Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications.

1.9 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Iannantuono informed Trustees that the Ministry of Education has approved the Niagara Catholic 2012-2013 School Year Calendar. School communities and staff will be informed of the approval and the confirmed calendars will be placed on the Board website.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Director Crocco informed Trustees that the posting for Controller of Facilities Services will be posted in local newspapers on May 9 and 11, 2012 sent to OCSTA and OCSOA to publish and sent to the Professional Engineer and Architect Associations for them to post with their members. With a closing date of May 25, Senior Administrative Council plans to have the new Controller named by the June Board Meeting and in place by mid June.
- Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Administrative Procedure for School Name Selection and that part of those procedures are specific to naming areas of a particular school. Director Crocco informed Trustees of the request from some parents of the Catholic School Council at St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School to re-name the gym. Following discussion with Trustees, and considering that the gym is currently named the Bishop Webster Hall after Fr. Webster the request will be denied as facilities are named in perpetuity. Director Crocco will contact the school Principal and the Chair of the St. Kevin Catholic School Council of this decision.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee

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 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section A: Student Trustees Present held on April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

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 B: Student Trustees Excluded held on April 10, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4 (a))

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4 (b))

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the May 8, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 8th 2012.**

Approved on the **5th** day of June **2012.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer