



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 10, 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 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Dekker.

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 February 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 January 13, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. *Speak Out Showcase 2009*

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, introduced the "Speak Out" Showcase for 2009, along with the four students presenting their speeches to the Board.

- ▶ Junior Division - Emma Lorenzi, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines
"Too Much Technology"
- ▶ Junior Division - Emily Miskz, Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines
"Speeches Throughout History"
- ▶ Catholic Messengers - Lina Abril, St. James Catholic Elementary School
"My New Life in Canada"
- ▶ Catholic Messengers - Mahmoud Nasser, Loretto Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls
"Violence Against Children"

Vice-Chairperson Fera thanked the students for sharing their speeches with the Board, and commended them on their outstanding skill and talent. Trustees presented the students with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. *Protocol Between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and Family and Children's Services Niagara*

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, highlighted the executive summary of the revised edition of the Protocol between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and Family and Children's Services (FACS) and stated that this document clarifies procedures between the Board and FACS.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells welcomed Chris Steven, Executive Director of Family and Children's Services, who presented his comments to the Board.

Director Crocco and Chris Steven signed the revised February 2009 Protocol Between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and Family and Children's Services Niagara.

2. *Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2008-2009*

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2008-2009 along with a summary of the initiatives for which grants have been received by the Niagara Catholic District School Board School Councils.

3. *Program Department Update - Healthy Schools*

Superintendent Iannantuono welcomed Mike Sheahan, Program Consultant, who presented the Program Department Update - Healthy Schools.

Mr. Sheahan introduced Dr. Stafford Dobbin, Medical Director; Karen Stearne, Executive Director; and Joann Sacco, Niagara Regional Public Health Nurse, of the Healthy Heart Schools Program. Dr. Dobbin elaborated on the Healthy Heart Schools Program.

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

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the report on the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2009-2010 and stated that the 2009-2010 school year is a very unique calendar being Labour Day falls on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, which results in a total number of 192 school days between September 8, 2009 and June 30, 2009, two days short of the required minimum of 194 school days.

This upcoming School Year Calendar therefore requires the school year to begin prior to Labour Day. The consultation process, will receive comment on August 31, 2009 as a potential PA Day or the potential of the first day of classes; and September 4, 2009, as an instructional day, PA Day or Board holiday.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the report on the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year, and

THAT the potential modified Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2009-2010 school year be submitted to the February 24, 2009, Board Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

5. *Funding of Capital Projects*

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, presented a detailed report on Funding of Capital Projects.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the following resolutions:

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

6. Financial Reports

6.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker

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

CARRIED

6.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

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

CARRIED

7. Monthly Updates

7.1 Policy Development Update

The Policy Development Update was presented for information.

7.2 Student Trustees' Update

Ashley McGuire, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

7.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

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

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

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 9:30 p.m. to address a timed item and reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

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

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

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 A: Student Trustees Present held on January 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F3 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda - Section B: Students Trustees Excluded of February 10, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

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 January 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5 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)

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - January 27, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - January 27, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 JK/SK Registration and Open House - February 10, 2009

Director Crocco informed Trustees that today was the first Open House for JK/SK Registration and that early indications from across the system was positive. Registration will continue for the entire month of February.

1.3 February 13, 2009 - PA Day - Elementary

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that this Friday is an Elementary PA Day which will consist of In-School Sessions for all staff on a variety of topics and issues.

1.4 Special Board Meetings - Pupil Accommodation Review - Delegation Submissions

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the following Special Board Meetings which are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on:

Tuesday, February 17th, 2009

Saint Michael Catholic High School
for Niagara Falls Elementary

Wednesday, February 18th, 2009 Denis Morris Catholic High School
for St. Catharines Elementary
Monday, February 23rd, 2009 Denis Morris Catholic High School
for St. Catharines Secondary

1.5 *Thursday, February 19, 2009 - Faith Formation Catholic School Council
Notre Dame College School - 7:00 p.m.*

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the Faith Formation Catholic School Council being held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Father Charles Mosher And Dino Sicoli will be hosting the event title " Live Well! Love Much! Laugh!"

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. *General Discussion to Plan for Future Action*

1.1 *Governance Consultation Paper Submission to Governance Review Committee*

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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

Approved on the 10th day of March 2009.

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer