



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 2, 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 Nieuwesteeg.

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

- **Introduction of Student Trustees 2009-2010**

Director Crocco introduced the 2009- 2010 Student Trustees - Juliana Ciccarelli of Saint Paul Catholic High School, Niagara Falls and Megan Grocholsky of Notre Dame College School in Welland, and welcomed them to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 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 Meetings

5.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2009

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2009

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting - May 25, 2009

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 25, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Policy Development Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update and noted that the Nutrition Policy should be included in the update.

2. **Establishment of Attendance Area Ad Hoc Review Committees**
- ***Niagara Falls - Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools***
 - ***St. Catharines - Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools***
 - ***St. George & St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools***

Director Crocco presented the report on the Establishment of Attendance Area Ad Hoc Review Committees for Niagara Falls - Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools; St. Catharines - Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools; and St. George & St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools, and stated that the establishment of the Niagara Falls and St. Catharines Attendance Ad Hoc Committees are a result of the Board approved Senior Staff Follow-Up Report on the Pupil Accommodation Review Report. The establishment of the St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Attendance Ad Hoc Committee is a result of a decision made by Senior Staff due to the overcrowding at St. George Catholic Elementary School and the declining enrolment at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School.

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee and that a final report be presented to the Board, through the Committee of the Whole, no later than January 2010.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee and that a final report be presented to the Board, through the Committee of the Whole, no later than January 2010.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of the St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee and that a final report be presented to the Board through the Committee of the Whole, no later than January 2010.

CARRIED

3. **Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010**

Director Crocco introduced the report on the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010 and stated that Senior Staff has completed the review and analysis of the 2009-2010 Budget Requests submitted by staff. Larry Reich, Superintendent of Education, gave an over all review of the report. Each member of Senior Staff spoke to the Budget as it pertains to their various areas of curriculum, program, staffing and Plant Operations.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2009-2010**

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2009-2010.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$8,500.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards at \$500.00 per eligible student, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategy

Superintendent Iannantuono introduced David Pihach, Student Success Leader, who presented the report on Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategy. He explained that province wide strategy is designed to ensure the every student is provided with the tools to successfully complete their secondary schooling.

6. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2008-2009

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

7. 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.

8. Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy.

8. Monthly Updates

8.1 Policy Development Update

The Policy Development Update was presented for information.

8.2 Student Trustees' Update

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

Chairperson Burtnik thanked the Student Trustees for the insight, wisdom, and intelligence that they brought to the Board Table, and for their dedication to the students of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

8.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

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

Superintendent Baldasaro

- Lakeshore Catholic High School held the Inaugural Shakespeare Festival, at which more the 85 exhibits were displayed.

Superintendent Ciarlo

- On Friday, May 29th, 2009 Blessed Trinity hosted the Annual Special Education Track and Field Competition. The focus was on participation and networking. All Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools participated in the games and a special appreciation was extended to John Piccoli, Program Chair for Special Education, and his staff at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School for this special and exciting activity.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School students participated in events for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and raised \$3058 during a Dance-a-thon and \$5,936 during Jump Rope for Heart.
- Students at Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School took part in the Kiwanis Speech Arts Festival in May in St Catharines. Special congratulations to the brother and sister duo of Stephen and Julia Miele. Julia won the first place prize for the primary presentations and Stephen won the first place prize for the junior presentations. Each received a medal and a cheque for \$50 as a scholarship award.

Superintendent Iannantuono

- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School raised approximately \$4,800 for Jump Rope for Heart. A Car Wash will also be held on Saturday, June 6th, 2009 from 10-2:00 p.m. with a portion of the proceeds used to purchase a bath chair lift for Lyndon Powell, a St. Vincent de Paul student battling brain cancer.
- Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School has had their new illuminated street sign installed. They have also renovated their handicapped washroom and added a sensory room beside the office.
- Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School staff raised over \$1,000 students fundraising for the Earth Quake victims in Italy.
- St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School Grades 6 and 7 students participated in an after school magic program for 6 weeks. Students were taught by highly skilled magicians such as Mike Segal, Greg Frewin and Ken McCreedy. The students will be performing the tricks that they have learned to different classes, as well as attending a magic show at Greg Frewin's Theater in Niagara Falls.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

Trustees thanked retiring Program Officer Christine Graham for her years of dedicated service to the staff and students of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - May 26, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - May 2, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events - June 2009

- *Niagara Catholic Service Recognition Celebration - June 10, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.*
- *Niagara Catholic Administrative Leadership Symposium - June 11, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.*

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events - June 2009 and extended an invitation to all Trustees to attend the Niagara Catholic Service Recognition Celebration on June 10, 2009 and the Niagara Catholic Annual Leadership Symposium on June 11, 2009.

1.3 Graduations 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Graduations 2009.

1.4 Letter re Closure of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls

Director Crocco presented the Letter re Closure of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

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 9:25 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 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 May 12, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee

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 May 12, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee

THAT the June 2, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 2, 2009**.

Approved on the **15th** day of **September 2009**.

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer