



AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

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

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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| 1. Opening Prayers – Trustee Dekker | - |
| 2. Roll Call | - |
| 3. Approval of the Agenda | - |
| 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest | - |
| 5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings | |
| 5.1 June 16, 2009 | A5.1 |
| 5.2 June 22, 2009 | A5.2 |

B. DELEGATIONS

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| 1. OFSSA Medalists | - |
| • Saint Paul Catholic High School | |
| • Denis Morris Catholic High School | |
| 2. Specialist High Skills Major – Niagara Catholic Motorsports Championship | - |

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

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| 1. School Excellence Program | C1 |
| Loretto Catholic Elementary School | |
| 2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations | C2 |
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| 2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions for the Months of June, July and August 2009 | C2.2.1 |
| 2.2.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at August 31, 2009 | C2.2.2 |
| 3. Approved Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting of June 3, 2009 | C3 |
| 3.1 Appointment to S.E.A.C. – Ontario Brain Injury Association | C3.1 |
| 4. H1N1 Pandemic Update – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management | C4 |
| 5. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics – 2008-2009 | C5 |

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. Correspondence | |
| 1.1 Carousel Players – Thank You Letter for Support of Niagara Artists | D1.1 |
| 2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended | - |
| 3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action | - |
| 4. Trustee Information | - |
| 4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 15, 2009 | D4.1 |
| 4.2 Calendar of Events | D4.2 |
| 4.3 Defibrillators | - |
| 4.4 Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Niagara Falls/St. Catharines | - |
| 4.5 Mentor Connector Steering Committee | - |
| 4.6 OCSTA Update | - |
| 4.7 OCSTA - 2010 AGM & Conference – Resolutions | D4.7 |
| 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
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 16, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of Board Meeting of June 16, 2009, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting 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 Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Scalzi.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of June 16, 2009.

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; **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 Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of June 16, 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 Meeting of May 26, 2009

Moved by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships

Students from Eight Niagara Catholic rowing crews earned several Silver, Bronze and Gold medals in the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Championships. The students were introduced and congratulated on their achievements.

Trustees presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Athletics” Arts” pins.

2. OFSSA Medalists

Students winning OFSSA medals in the areas of Lacrosse, Tennis and Track & Field were introduced to the Board and commended for their dedication, hard work and many successes.

Trustees presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Athletics” Arts” pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Kids Helping Kids...Celebrating 11 Years of Contributions

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Jim Marino, Director of Development and Community Relations for the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Mr. Marino thanked the Board for its support over the past 11 years. He also thanked the students and staff of the Niagara Catholic District School Board for their contributions to the Centre.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board presented the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre with a cheque in the amount of \$44,574.50, the amount raised by Niagara Catholic's students this year in the Kids Helping Kids initiative.

2. Cappies Niagara 2009

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the report on Cappies Niagara 2009. The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theater and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers.

Students from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School performed a portion of their rendition of Little Shop of Horrors.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked the students for their performance and along with the Trustees presented the students Niagara Catholic "Excellence in the Arts" pins.

3. School Excellence Program - Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forstyh-Sells, Superintendent of Education, introduced Joe Zaroda, Principal of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

Principal Zaroda, with the assistance of students and staff, showcased Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Zaroda, the staff and students for their presentation.

4. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009.

4.1 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**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Fera

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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

4.2 Report on Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010, as presented.

CARRIED

4.3 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2009-2010

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the 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. Policy Committee

Policy Committee Chairperson Tony Scalzi presented the Policy coming forward from the Policy Committee Meeting of June 16, 2009.

5.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 16, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 16, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Approval of Policies

5.2.1 Admission of Students Policy (#301.1)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Admission of Students Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Attendance Areas (#301.3)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Attendance Areas Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2.3 Volunteer Drivers (#302.4)

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Volunteer Drivers Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2.4 Student Suspension - Safe Schools (#302.5.4)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Suspension Policy - Safe Schools, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2.5 Student Expulsion - Safe Schools (#302.5.5)

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Expulsion Policy - Safe Schools, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2.6 Code of Conduct - Safe Schools (#302.6.2)

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Code of Conduct Policy - Safe Schools, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2.7 Nutrition Policy (#302.7)

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Nutrition Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009.

6.1 Niagara Catholic District School Board Special Education Plan "Building Bridges to Services – 2009 and Beyond"

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic District School Board Special Education Plan - "Building Bridges to Services – 2009 and Beyond", as presented.

CARRIED

**6.2 Appointment of John Howard Society to the
Special Education Advisory Committee as a Community Partner**

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the John Howard Society to the Special Education Advisory Committee as a Community Partner.
CARRIED

7. Minutes of the Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils Meeting of June 2, 2009

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive Minutes of the Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils Meeting of June 2, 2009, as presented.
CARRIED

8. Financial Reports

8.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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

8.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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

9. Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010. He stated that following extensive deliberations with staff, input from Principals; presentations to Catholic School Councils/SEAC/Regional CSC/PIC and to the Committee of the Whole, that the budget submitted is a balanced budget which continues to allocate the necessary funding to implement and deliver the excellence in distinctive programs and services to our students and staff as approved in the Board Priorities for 2009-2010.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010, which amounts to a total of \$228,706,574, as presented.
CARRIED

10. Executive Council Power

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board empower Executive Council to approve any actions, of an emergency nature, recommended by the Director of Education, if a quorum cannot be achieved after a Special Meeting of the Board is called as per Board By-Laws, during the months of July and August 2009.

CARRIED

11. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2009

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2009 and highlighted the Niagara Catholic results relative to the Provincial results in which Niagara Catholic excelled.

12. 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.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil Report

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

2.1 OCSTA Conference - May 7 - 9, 2009

Chairperson Burtnik and Vice-Chairperson Fera provided information on the OCSTA Conference which took place May 7 - 9, 2009.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - June 2, 2009

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

4.2 Elementary Principal & Vice-Principal Appointments and Transfers 2009-2010

Director Crocco presented the Elementary Principal & Vice-Principal Appointments and Transfers 2009-2010 for Trustees' information.

4.3 Calendar of Events - June 2009

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events - June 2009 for Trustees' information.

4.4 L'Aquila Earthquake Fundraiser

Director Crocco presented information on the L' Aquila Earthquake Fundraiser for Trustees' information.

4.5 Ground Breaking Ceremonies

- June 23, 2009 - 9:15 a.m. - Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School
- June 26, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby)
- June 26, 2009 - 10:45 a.m. - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby)

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Groundbreaking Ceremonies dates and times.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of June 16,2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 May 26, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 June 2, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

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 May 26, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

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 June 2, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee
Seconded by Trustee

THAT the June 16, 2009 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 16, 2009.**

Approved on the **29th** day of **September 2009.**

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 22, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of Special Board Meeting of June 22, 2009, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Belcastro.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustees Charbonneau and Crole from attending the Special Board Meeting of June 22, 2009.

CARRIED

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik		✓	
Maurice Charbonneau			✓
Gary Crole			✓
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg		✓	
Tony Scalzi		✓	

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; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of June 22, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

B. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

**1. St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary Schools (Grimsby)
Replacement Elementary School Facilities - Award of Construction Contract**

James Woods, Controller of Plant Services, presented the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby, Addition and Alterations - Award of Construction Contract report.

Trustees asked questions of staff regarding the Award of Construction Contract and discussed the Reserve for Working Funds.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the award of a construction contract to Brouwer Construction (1981) Ltd, for the replacement of St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School facilities, subject to Ministry approval, and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the project budget of \$13,478,609.00, for the replacement of St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School facilities, subject to Ministry approval, and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the funding of the projects as outlined in the report, including the transfer of up to \$838,073.00 from the Reserve for Working Funds for the replacement of St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School facilities, subject to Ministry approval.

CARRIED

C. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the June 22, 2009 Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 22, 2009**.

Approved on the **29th** day of **September 2009**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
LORETTO CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Catholic School Profile

Loretto Catholic

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Niagara Catholic District School Board

October 2009

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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 Theme or Motto
"Growing in Spirit"
"We create a Christ-centered environment within which students will grow and learning will flourish."

Who We Are

Loretto Catholic is in its tenth year of operation. It is a unique facility as it is the only "joint-use" school in Niagara Falls. While we operate completely independently, we do share some physical space with the school from our coterminous District Board, namely Kate S. Durdan School. Loretto Catholic has been named in honour of the Loretto Sisters, in recognition of their dedicated and inspiring service to the cause of Catholic education. As a community of dedicated, educated and religious women, the Loretto Sisters constantly attempted to discern the needs of the times in order to better serve the people. They also had an exemplary reputation for quality education through teaching. *"To educate is to lead others to the truth, to draw forth, to provide opportunity and to promote human dignity."* We can only hope to emulate the excellent standard and the name, which preceded us.

The following is a brief outline of our school:

- Grades in the school: JK – 8 and a Reading Recovery Program (.5)
- Total Enrolment: 460 as of September 2008
- Our school facilities include a shared gymnasium, computer lab and a shared library. While we have our own full sized gym, we have the option of utilizing a double gym for special events and performances.
- We are handicapped accessible and the school has two elevators – one leading to the second floor and one to the stage in the gym.
- In addition to the principal, we have a teaching staff of 19 including 3 French teachers, 2 Educational Resource Teachers and a English as a Second Language Teacher. We are fortunate to have a teacher assigned to the Reading Recovery Program. Our staff complement also includes a secretary, ten and half educational assistants, a library technician, and 1 part-time Child and Youth Worker. We also have an Itinerant Music Teacher who runs the instrumental music program & she is at our school 3 days out of a 5 day cycle.
- Roots of Empathy & Learning Through the Arts Programs.

What We Stand for

The Loretto School community is committed to the notion of helping persons less fortunate than ourselves and promoting worthwhile causes. To this end, we will participate in the following endeavours:

- Food Drives for Project Share at Thanksgiving and Easter
- Canadian Tire Coupon Drive to purchase toys, gifts and games for children at Christmas time
- Soliciting donations for the needy
- Support of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre through the "Kids Helping Kids" campaign.
- Sending gift boxes to Third World countries at Christmas.
- Volunteer on a weekly basis at the local community kitchen.
- Raising funds for various causes including: Terry Fox Foundation, the Holy Childhood Association, Wells of Hope, The United Way, the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre and the Alzheimer's Society.

In May and June of 2009, the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics were administered. The results of these provincial assessments were released in September 2009. Students who have achieved a Level 3 or 4 on an EQAO Assessment have achieved the Provincial Standard as established by the Ontario Government.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is celebrating the achievement of students in Grades 3 and 6 for exceeding the provincial averages in the EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our commitment to quality Catholic Education, and to the achievement of each individual child, has been demonstrated by the participation of 99% of all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to facilitate Student Achievement on the EQAO Assessments through the dedicated and coordinated efforts of its staff through continuous School and Board Improvement Planning initiatives.

Niagara Catholic System Priorities:

- Nurturing our Distinctive Catholic Education
- Improving Student Achievement
- Building Capacity with Trustees, Administrators, Staff and Parents
- Improving Efficiencies in the Structure and Operations of the System to Maximize Performance

EQAO Background Information

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics at key points in their elementary-school education. Students are tested twice:

- at the end of Grade 3, to assess what they've learned throughout the Primary Division (Grades 1–3)
- at the end of Grade 6, to assess what they've learned throughout the Junior Division (Grades 4–6).

Why does Ontario conduct province-wide tests of reading, writing and mathematics?

In 1995, Ontario's Royal Commission on Learning recommended such tests for Ontario students. The Commission made this recommendation after consulting with parents, educators, students and others who wanted greater accountability and assurances of quality in the publicly funded education system.

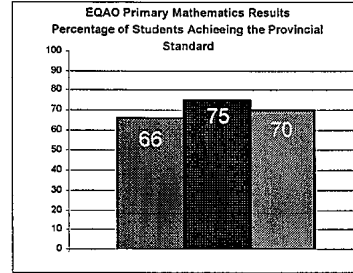
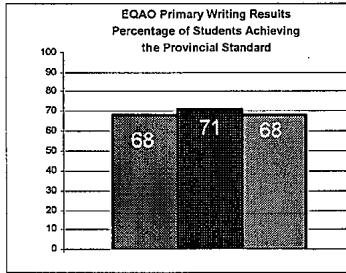
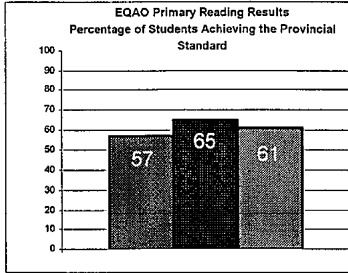
What do EQAO results tell me about my child?

EQAO test results provide a snapshot of your child's achievement in relation to the provincial standard. Students meeting or exceeding the standard (Levels 3 and 4) have demonstrated most or all of the required reading, writing and mathematics knowledge and skills expected at this stage in their education. However, no single test can offer a complete or definitive picture of what your child has learned. In the end, no one better understands the true measure of your child's abilities and knowledge—or is in a better position to assess them—than his or her classroom teacher. When used together, the results of EQAO and classroom tests provide a more complete picture of your child's knowledge.

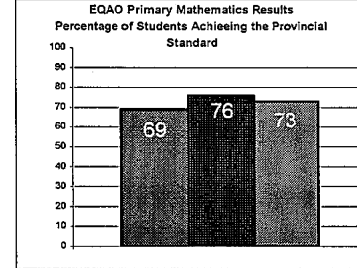
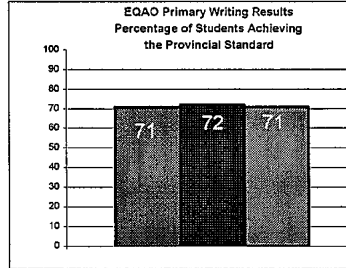
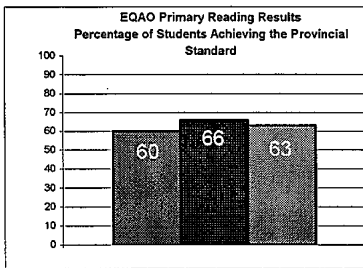
(A Parent's Guide to EQAO Testing, EQAO, September 2009)

EQAO Primary Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Results

All Students (including Exempted and No-Data Students)



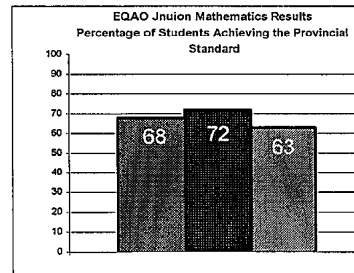
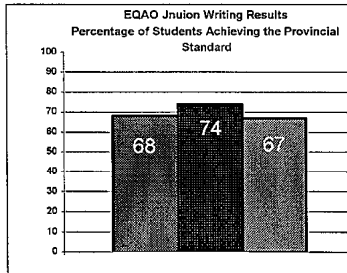
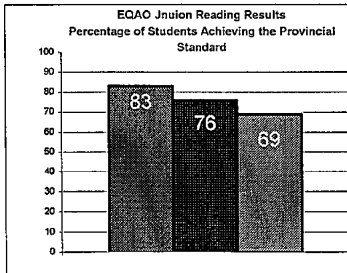
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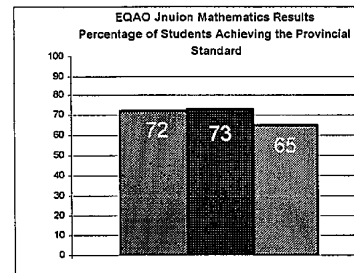
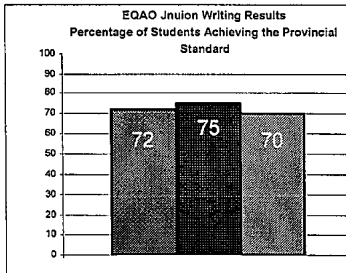
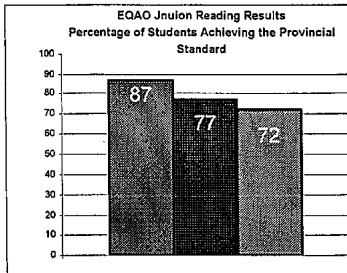
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EQAO Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Results

All Students (including Exempted and No-Data Students)



Participating Students (excluding Exempted and No-Data Students)



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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009, as presented.

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009.

2.1 Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Facilitator

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the selection of Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development phase of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at a projected cost as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

2.2 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the months of June, July and August 2009, as presented for information.

2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

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



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 15, 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 Crole.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau		✓
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓	
Megan Grocholsky	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **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 September 15, 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 June 2, 2009

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic 2009-2010 – Director’s Preview

John Crocco, Director of Education, presented the report on the Niagara Catholic 2009-2010 – Director’s Preview.

The Director informed Trustees of the various new staff appointments including Principals and Vice-Principals, as well as the reorganization of Senior Staff assignments.

He stated that the staff will have their host of initiatives to work through this school year, including projects and events such as: Growth In Our Faith Formation; the Celebration of the Year for Priests; H1N1 Pandemic; Improving Student Achievement; Attendance Area Ad-Hoc Committees; Capital Plan; Balanced Budget 2009-2010 And 2010-2011; Improve Connection to Schools – Classrooms and Staff; Measure Performance (Students, Staff, Administration); Actualization of Priorities and Goals; Next Phase in Communication with Parents and Community; Governance of Boards, the Strategic Plan Vision 2020 Process; and Operational Review in February 2010.

1.1 Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Facilitator

Director Crocco presented information on the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Facilitator. He stated that Vision 2020 is following the timeline for implementation, and that the Niagara Catholic District School Board wants to engage as many stakeholders as possible in the process and recommendations to the Board so that staff and the community are all focused in the same direction.

The Director informed Trustees that Senior Staff is launching four (4) new communication mediums to improve communication with adults and students: Distinguished Alumni Series, where graduates of Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools will be recognized; a Niagara Catholic District School Board Facebook group; Twitter updates regarding the Board; and a Blog regarding special initiatives (ie. Vision 2020).

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the selection of Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development phase of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at a projected cost as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

CARRIED

2. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management and reviewed the key points for Trustees.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board Pandemic Plan is in full compliance with Dr. King, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario and the Niagara Public Health Department Pandemic Plan. On the first day of school, Kindergarten to Grade 12 students were taught age appropriate lessons on hand hygiene; respiratory etiquette: avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose; and stay home when ill. Hand sanitizers have been installed in all Board facilities as part of the Niagara Catholic Pandemic prevention strategy.

Senior Staff will continue to keep students, staff, parents and Trustees informed with all current information regarding the H1N1 Pandemic. Updates to Trustees will consist of a standing verbal report on all Committee of the Whole and Board meeting agendas.

3. Student Achievement K-12 Executive Summary of Programs, Services and Resource Implementation for 2009-2010

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement, introduced Mark Lefebvre, Administrator: School Effectiveness and David Pihach, Administrator: Student Success, who presented information on the Student Achievement K-12 Executive Summary of Programs, Services and Resource Implementation for 2009-2010.

4. Niagara Catholic District School Board Annual Accessibility Plan September 2009 – August 2010 (Year 7)

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the Niagara Catholic District School Board Annual Accessibility Plan September 2009–August 2010 (Year 7).

5. Executive Summary – With Our Best Future In Mind: Implementing Early Learning in Ontario Report to the Premier by the Special Advisor on Early Learning, Charles E. Pascal

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the Executive Summary – With Our Best Future In Mind: Implementing Early Learning in Ontario Report to the Premier by the Special Advisor on Early Learning, Charles E. Pascal.

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. Financial Reports

7.1 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 months of June, July and August 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7.2 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 August 31, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8. Monthly Updates

8.1 Policy Development Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update. Trustees were informed that future Policy Committee Meetings are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. prior to the Monthly Board Meetings.

8.2 Capital Projects Progress Report

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

8.3 Student Trustees' Update

Juliana Ciccarelli, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

8.4 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

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

Superintendent Ciarlo

- Adult & Continuing Education had a very successful summer school program with over 2000 students as well as a successful Summer Italian Program.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Port Colborne is working towards developing a positive environment and is encouraging everyone to aim for 21 consecutive days without complaining. They hope to create a community where members are safe and feel grateful for our many gifts and talents. Staff and students will wear a bracelet on either wrist and when they catch themselves complaining, gossiping or criticizing, they move the bracelet to the other arm and begin again.
- Loretto Catholic Elementary School will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.
- St. Gabriel Lalemant Catholic School will be hosting a 50th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, September 27, 2009 to recognize 50 years in Catholic Education.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 16, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 16, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund Committee – Thank You for Financial Contribution

Director Crocco presented correspondence from the Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund Committee thanking the Niagara Catholic District School Board for their Financial Contribution.

1.3 Rick Dykstra, St. Catharines MPP – Congratulations on Fund Raising for Kids Helping Kids

Director Crocco presented correspondence from Rick Dykstra, St. Catharines MPP, congratulating the Niagara Catholic District School Board on their fund raising for Kids Helping Kids.

1.4 YMCA of Niagara – Thank You for Supporting YMCA School Aged Child Care

Director Crocco presented correspondence from the YMCA of Niagara thanking the Niagara Catholic District School Board for their support of the YMCA School Aged Child Care.

1.5 Calendar of Events – September 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – September 2009.

1.6 Community Outreach Calendar of Events – 2009-2010

Director Crocco presented the Community Outreach Calendar of Events 2009-2010.

1.7 Director's Letter to Parents & Students re New School Year

Director Crocco presented a copy of the Director's Letter to Parents and Students re New School Year.

1.8 Niagara Child & Youth Services AGM – September 22, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Child & Youth Services AGM – September 22, 2009.

1.9 OCSTA Regional Meeting – October 13, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the "OCSTA Regional Meeting" – October 13, 2009.

1.10 OCSTA Letter re Continuation of OCSTA Membership of Trustees from 5 English Catholic School Authorities

Director Crocco presented the OCSTA Letter re Continuation of OCSTA Membership of Trustees from 5 English Catholic School Authorities.

1.11 When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference - October 22-24, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the “When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference” – October 22-24, 2009.

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 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

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 A: Student Trustees Present held on June 5, 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 June 2, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the September 15, 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 **September 15, 2009**.

Approved on the **13th** day of **October 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
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: NIAGARA CATHOLIC VISION 2020
STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the selection of Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development phase of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at a projected cost as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: September 29, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15th, 2009**

VISION 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR SELECTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the fall of 2008, the Director of Education presented to the Board a four stage strategy to design an inaugural strategic plan for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Entitled "*Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan*", the four stages and timelines encompass the following;

- ✓ Stage 1 – Niagara Catholic Staff Consultation – September 2008 to May 2009
- ✓ Stage 2 – Data Analysis – April 2009 to August 2009
- ✓ Stage 3 – Strategic Plan Development – September 2009 to Spring 2010
- ✓ Stage 4 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation – Spring 2010 to Spring 2020

Regular updates and feedback were provided to Trustees throughout the first two stages of the design. In June 2009, Trustees approved the request for proposal process to select a facilitator for Stage 3 of the design of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and funding was approved in the 2009-2010 Niagara Catholic Annual Budget.

Throughout the spring of 2009, the Director of Education continued his consultation with various individuals seeking recommendations for companies with prior experience facilitating the design of strategic plans with Catholic organizations. Over the summer of 2009, the Director contacted the recommended companies and dialogued, either in person or through telephone conversations, extending an invitation to present a request for proposal to Senior Staff to facilitate the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

While all companies congratulated Niagara Catholic for designing a strategic plan, the process and the invitation to participate, some of the companies had prior commitments which negated their availability to facilitate or present a proposal. Four companies, however, did accept the invitation to present a request for proposal, three on August 31st, 2009 and one on September 14th, 2009.

Following the four presentations, Senior Staff discussed each presentation according to a pre-designed appraisal format. While each company presented unique processes in facilitating the design of a strategic plan, the recommendation of Senior Staff is Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness. The projected cost to facilitate Niagara Catholic's strategic plan is \$ 20,000 to \$ 30,000 as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Board Budget.

With the confirmation of the selected firm, a contract will be signed which will specify the timelines and process to facilitate the design of a strategic plan for our Board.

If the timelines and the process are achieved, a Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan will be presented to the Committee of the Whole in the spring of 2010.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the selection of Maria Sanchez-Keane of the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan Development phase of the design of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan at a projected cost as approved in the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

PREPARED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

PRESENTED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

APPROVED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education

DATE: September 15th, 2009

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the months of June, July and August 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: September 29, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of June, 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 recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of June, 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: Sept. 15, 2009

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON BANKING TRANSACTIONS	
SUMMARY OF BANK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF: JUNE, 2009	
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BANK ACCOUNT
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH	(A) 32,622,750
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. GENERAL LEGISLATIVE GRANTS	13,890,531
2. OTHER GRANTS (EPO, O.E.Y.C.)	50,089
3. INTEREST REVENUE	9,367
4. MUNICIPAL TAXES	11,678,799
5. TUITION FEES REVENUE - A.C.E. & OTHER	153,149
6. CHARITABLE DONATIONS	16,091
7. GOVERNMENT REBATES (GST 68% REBATE ON TAXABLE PURCHASES)	222,500
8. RECOVERY OF COSTS (LTD, WCB, BENEFITS, OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS))	135,212
9. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS	
- Reimbursements of Employee Benefits	12,850
- Other (Sale of Land & Building - St. Bosco, Port Colborne)	0
10. PROCEEDS FROM DEBENTURE ISSUE (NET)	0
11. CAPITAL LOAN PRINCIPAL ADVANCES	0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS AND LOAN ADVANCE	(B) 26,168,588
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (NET OF CANCELLED CHEQUES AND DEBT REPAYMENTS)	(17,757,663)
2. TEACHER PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(1,068,234)
3. O.M.E.R.S. PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(315,038)
4. CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEDUCTIONS	(119,183)
5. TRANSFER TO 4 OVER 5 TRUST ACCOUNTS	(46,306)
6. OTHER DEBITS	(40,566)
7. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	(164,281)
8. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	(371,000)
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(C) (19,882,268)
CASH BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	(D) 38,909,069 <small>A + B - C = D</small>

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON LOAN BALANCES				
SUMMARY OF LOAN BALANCES AS AT : JUNE, 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.	(13,199,588.06)		0.00	(13,199,588.06)
2. GPL2 Loan 25 YR.	(10,129,567.35)			(10,129,567.35)
3. GPL3 Loan 25 YR.	(4,683,110.00)			(4,683,110.00)
4. Capital Loan 20YR.	0.00			0.00
5. Capital Loan 20YR.	0.00			0.00
6. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(2,373,000.00)			(2,373,000.00)
7. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(3,910,000.00)		371,000.00	(3,539,000.00)
8. Capital Projects - Completed 2001	(21,421,419.59)			(21,188,846.99)
9. Capital Projects - Completed 2002/03	(22,400,160.42)			(22,632,733.02)
10 Capital Projects - Completed 2004/05	(9,151,289.65)		0.00	(9,084,725.98)
11 Capital Projects - Completed 2005/06	(8,217,494.32)			(8,284,057.99)
Total Debentures & Capital Loans	(95,485,629.39)	0.00	(371,000.00)	(95,114,629.39)

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
 PRESENTED BY: Larry Reich



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of July, 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 recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of July, 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: Sept. 15, 2009

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON BANKING TRANSACTIONS SUMMARY OF BANK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF:		JULY, 2009
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS		BANK ACCOUNT
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH		(A) 38,909,069
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH		
1. GENERAL LEGISLATIVE GRANTS		9,921,807
2. OTHER GRANTS (EPO, O.E.Y.C.)		819,643
3. INTEREST REVENUE		7,829
4. MUNICIPAL TAXES		0
5. TUITION FEES REVENUE - A.C.E. & OTHER		121,044
6. CHARITABLE DONATIONS		7,937
7. GOVERNMENT REBATES (GST 68% REBATE ON TAXABLE PURCHASES)		67,589
8. RECOVERY OF COSTS (LTD, WCB, BENEFITS, OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)		988,621
9. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS		
- Reimbursements of Employee Benefits		9,194
- Other (Sale of Land & Building - St. Bosco, Port Colborne)		0
10. PROCEEDS FROM DEBENTURE ISSUE (NET)		0
11. CAPITAL LOAN PRINCIPAL ADVANCES		0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS AND LOAN ADVANCE		(B) 11,943,663
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH		
1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (NET OF CANCELLED CHEQUES AND DEBT REPAYMENTS)		(16,074,071)
2. TEACHER PENSION DEDUCTIONS		(1,015,687)
3. O.M.E.R.S. PENSION DEDUCTIONS		(315,696)
4. CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEDUCTIONS		(112,849)
5. TRANSFER TO 4 over 5 ACCOUNTS		(40,368)
6. OTHER DEBITS		(307,936)
7. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT		(198,362)
8. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT		(112,305)
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS		(C) (18,177,274)
CASH BALANCE AT END OF MONTH		(D) 32,675,458
		A + B - C = D

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON LOAN BALANCES SUMMARY OF LOAN BALANCES AS AT :		JULY, 2009		
The Debentures & Capital Loans are made up as follows:				
Loan Description	Opening Balance	Loan Advances	Loan Repayments	Ending Balance
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3. GPL3 Loan 25 YR.	(4,683,110.00)			(4,683,110.00)
4. Capital Loan 20YR.	0.00			0.00
5. Capital Loan 20YR.	0.00			0.00
6. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(2,373,000.00)			(2,373,000.00)
7. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(3,539,000.00)			(3,539,000.00)
8. Capital Projects - Completed 2001	(21,188,846.99)			(21,188,846.99)
9. Capital Projects - Completed 2002/03	(22,632,733.02)		0.00	(22,632,733.02)
10 Capital Projects - Completed 2004/05	(9,084,725.98)		0.00	(9,084,725.98)
11 Capital Projects - Completed 2005/06	(8,284,057.99)		112,305.26	(8,171,752.73)
Total Debentures & Capital Loans	(95,114,629.39)	0.00	(112,305.26)	(95,002,324.13)

PREPARED BY : William Turnath
 PRESENTED BY: Larry Reich



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of August, 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: Sept. 15, 2009

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON BANKING TRANSACTIONS	
SUMMARY OF BANK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF:	AUGUST, 2009
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BANK ACCOUNT
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH	(A) 32,675,458
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. GENERAL LEGISLATIVE GRANTS	11,791,885
2. OTHER GRANTS (EPO, O.E.Y.C.)	51,782
3. INTEREST REVENUE	8,977
4. MUNICIPAL TAXES	0
5. TUITION FEES REVENUE - A.C.E. & OTHER	78,081
6. CHARITABLE DONATIONS	2,105
7. GOVERNMENT REBATES (GST 68% REBATE ON TAXABLE PURCHASES)	223,816
8. RECOVERY OF COSTS (LTD, WCB, BENEFITS, OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS))	97,309
9. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS	
- Reimbursements of Employee Benefits	12,935
- Other (Sale of Land & Building - St. Bosco, Port Colborne)	0
10. PROCEEDS FROM DEBENTURE ISSUE (NET)	0
11. CAPITAL LOAN PRINCIPAL ADVANCES	0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS AND LOAN ADVANCE	(B) 12,266,889
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	
1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (NET OF CANCELLED CHEQUES AND DEBT REPAYMENTS)	(12,364,952)
2. TEACHER PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(960,623)
3. O.M.E.R.S. PENSION DEDUCTIONS	(268,238)
4. CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEDUCTIONS	(69,485)
5. TRANSFER TO 4 OVER 5 TRUST ACCOUNTS	(41,027)
6. OTHER DEBITS - Canada Revenue Agency (Employee Deductions)	(21,004)
7. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	0
8. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	0
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(C) (13,745,329)
CASH BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	(D) 31,197,018
	A + B - C = D

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON LOAN BALANCES				
SUMMARY OF LOAN BALANCES AS AT : AUGUST, 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.	(13,199,588.06)		0.00	(13,199,588.06)
2. GPL2 Loan 25 YR.	(10,129,567.35)			(10,129,567.35)
3. GPL3 Loan 25 YR.	(4,683,110.00)			(4,683,110.00)
4. Capital Loan 20 YR.	0.00			0.00
5. Capital Loan 20 YR.	0.00			0.00
6. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(2,373,000.00)			(2,373,000.00)
7. Debenture (Niagara Region)	(3,539,000.00)			(3,539,000.00)
8. Capital Projects - Completed 2001	(21,188,846.99)			(21,188,846.99)
9. Capital Projects - Completed 2002/03	(22,832,733.02)			(22,832,733.02)
10. Capital Projects - Completed 2004/05	(9,084,725.98)		0.00	(9,084,725.98)
11. Capital Projects - Completed 2005/06	(8,171,752.73)			(8,171,752.73)
Total Debentures & Capital Loans	(95,002,324.13)	0.00	0.00	(95,002,324.13)

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
 PRESENTED BY: Larry Reich

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES
AUGUST 31, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at August 31, 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: September 29, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT AUGUST 31, 2009**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at August 31, 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 August 31, 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: September 15, 2009

Appendix A

**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT AUGUST 31, 2009
PRELIMINARY AS AT SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

ACCOUNT DISCRIPTION	THIS YEAR					LAST YEAR		
	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL	\$ AVAIL	COMMITTED	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL
REVENUE								
REVENUE	-212,649,396	-221,457,181	4.0%	-8,807,785	0	217,104,571	-212,646,964	202.1%
TOTAL REVENUE	-212,649,396	-221,457,181	4.0%	-8,807,785	0	217,104,571	-212,646,964	202.1%
EXPENDITURES								
BOARD ADMINISTRATION	7,245,434	7,168,736	-1.1%	-76,698	50,966	7,530,279	6,606,215	-14.0%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	102,735,384	103,557,494	0.8%	822,110	272,375	95,597,135	97,928,567	2.4%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	62,420,790	62,845,816	0.7%	425,026	503,592	59,871,895	58,818,923	-1.8%
CONTINUING EDUCATION	5,647,566	5,986,817	5.7%	339,251	33,900	5,445,425	5,362,378	-1.5%
PLANT OPERATIONS	16,786,933	16,683,203	-0.6%	-103,730	84,918	16,880,447	16,408,479	-2.9%
PLANT MAINTENANCE	3,337,249	3,358,014	0.6%	20,765	24,788	3,583,610	3,034,096	-18.1%
TRANSPORTATION	10,957,739	10,779,861	-1.7%	-177,878	3	9,434,860	9,177,427	-2.8%
CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	10,899,778	11,077,240	1.6%	177,462	351,165	18,760,920	15,310,879	-22.5%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	220,030,873	221,457,181	0.6%	1,426,308	1,321,707	217,104,571	212,646,964	-2.1%

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
Finance Department

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2009, as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario
Connie Parry	Association for Bright Children
Cyndi Gryp	Community Living-Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln
Kim Rosati	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children
Heather Schneider	Community Living – Welland/Pelham
Mike Gowan	Autism Ontario
Gary Crole	Trustee
Kathy Burtnik	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
Theresa Murphy	Principal – Elementary
Ken Griepsma	Vice Principal - Secondary

REGRETS:

Carole Fuhrer	Learning Disabilities Association
Lilly Iuliano	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)
Frank Fera	Trustee

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tina DiFrancesco	Recording Secretary
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Anna Racine, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and Anna Racine led the members in prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

Members, who had sent regrets or were absent, were noted.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009.

Moved by Kim Rosati
Seconded by Mike Gowan

That the Agenda at the Meeting of June 3, 2009 be approved.

Carried

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009.

Moved by Kim Rosati
Seconded by Heather Schneider

That the Agenda at the Meeting of June 3, 2009 be approved as amended to add item 12.6 Vetting of Policies to the agenda.

Carried

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2009.

Moved by Heather Schneider
Seconded by Connie Parry

That the Minutes of the Meeting of May 6, 2009 be approved.

Carried

6. VISIONING

6.1 Goals and Vision for 2009

Anna Racine asked Marcel Jacques about the ERT survey. Marcel Jacques stated that Student Support Services would work together on the survey with representatives from the SEAC in September.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2009

7.1 Learner Advocacy – Review of New Member Welcome Package

Carole Fuhrer and Tina DiFrancesco have created a new member welcome package to be handed out to all new members of the SEAC starting in September 2009. Anna Racine distributed the package to the SEAC members for information.

Update on Member Recruitment

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells stated that there was no report in regards to the appointment of the John Howard Society as a member of the SEAC but would follow up on any correspondence. Cyndi Gryp will check with Sarina Labonte in regards to the response from the Brain Injury Association. Anna Racine welcomed Mona O'Brien from VIEWS who is interested in becoming a member of the SEAC.

Amendment to Minutes, Re: Motions Update

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells withdrew the consideration for an amendment to the minutes of the April 1st, 2009 SEAC meeting.

Review of Correspondence from Chair, Re: Motions – Deferred to September meeting

7.2 Parent Outreach – Parent Survey 2009 – Further Updates

Marcel Jacques handed out the IEP parent survey results to the members of the SEAC. He reviewed the results commenting on the improvements from last year. Results will be placed on the Board's website. Mike Gowan made a suggestion to conduct the survey electronically in the future. See attached report.

7.3 Program and Service Recommendations – Letter on School Activities Selection Process – Deferred to September meeting

7.4 Special Education Budget – Update on Board Budget Meeting from May 25, 2009

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells was pleased to advise the SEAC about the continued support from the Board of Trustees for Special Education in the 2009-2010 Budget. Budget numbers were presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting and will be approved at the June 16th Board meeting. Kathy Burtnik said that it is a good news budget continuing support for programs and services for all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

7.5 Annual Review – Updates on approval of plan

Marcel Jacques handed out copies of the Special Education Plan 2009 "Building Bridges to Services 2009 and Beyond" to the members of the SEAC and stated that it will be presented to the Board for approval at the June 16th, 2009 Board meeting.

7.6 Other related items – Exam Times

Mike Gowan addressed a letter inquiring about students who are not taking exams and if they are receiving the amount of school days they should for the school year. During the June exam period, parents/guardians of students attending General Skills Special Education classes at the Secondary level will have the option of sending their son/daughter to school for three half days. Marcel Jacques explained the practice currently in place at the Niagara Catholic District School Board and emphasized that Niagara Catholic is one step ahead of other boards providing this learning opportunity to students. See attached letter.

8. PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1** Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells presented to the members of the SEAC a video from the Community Support Information Evening held on May 7th, 2009. The video displays how the Niagara Catholic District School Board provides direct services to students in Elementary and Secondary schools in regular classrooms. An update was given on the Elementary Social Skills classes and Secondary General Skills and Supportive Skills classes. For September, there will be three Elementary Social Skills classes and a minimum of one Special Education class at each Secondary school. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells reported on the positive feedback that the Niagara Catholic District School Board received from the Ministry of Education Special Education Program and Financial Review. The release of the document *Learning for All* is anticipated to be released in the fall of 2009. The Niagara Catholic District School Board hosted the Association for Special Education Technology (ASET) conference on May 29th, 2009 in Niagara Falls. Adaptive and Assistive Technology was the focus of the conference and it was well attended by guest speakers, educators, and computer support personnel from the Niagara Catholic District School Board and other school boards. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells thanked the Board of Trustees for adopting the definition of inclusion and also thanked the SEAC for their continued support. See attached report.

9. AGENCY REPORTS

9.1 VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Kim Rosati

- Due to a number of parents expressing interest, we are pleased to announce a new monthly VOICE Parent Support Group starting September 17th, 2009 at 7p.m. The meetings will be held at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre in St. Catharines. (across from Brock University). This group will be a venue to bring forth concerns and questions regarding your child. As well to share your child's story and what strategies and ideas have worked for you.
- VOICE HHNP will continue to be our main Chapter with meetings being held in Burlington once a month. A reminder notice will be sent to you at the beginning of September. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact us anytime.
- A special reminder for the VOICE Camp that is taking place August 7th - 9th at Bark Lake. A weekend you and your family won't want to miss. Please visit the VOICE website www.voicefordeafkids.com to check out upcoming events and valuable information for you and your child. See attached report.

9.2 Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Lilly Iuliano

- No Report

9.3 Community Living – Welland/Pelham – Heather Schneider

- The 56th Annual General Meeting will be held on June 30th, 2009 at the Days Inn, 1030 Niagara Street in Welland. The doors open at 5:00p.m. and dinner is at 5:30p.m. See attached flyer.

9.4 Association for Bright Children – Connie Parry

- Connie Parry spoke about two brochures; “Is My Child Gifted?” by the U.S. based National Association for Gifted Children and “Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted”. For excellent information on giftedness visit www.nagc.org and www.sengifted.org. See attached brochures.
- Please visit www.giftedbooks.com to view Great Potential Press Inc., a publisher of gifted education resources.

9.5 Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara – Carole Fuhrer

- No Report

9.6 Community Living – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln(G/L/WL) – Cyndi Gryp

- The Annual General Meeting will be held on June 15th, 2009 in Beamsville. The Momentum Choir will be performing.
- Summer Options – Elementary aged children will be supported to attend the local camps.
- Teen camp will be offered for those in Secondary school.

9.7 Autism Ontario – Mike Gowan

- Autism Ontario – Niagara Chapter is running a full day program for high school students in conjunction with exam week.
- Summer camps are starting in July in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland.
- July 1st is the move in date for Autism Ontario’s new location on Paige Street in St. Catharines. An Open House is anticipated possibly in the fall.

9.8 The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine

- Amanda Cybula and Behaviour Resource Teacher, Barb Hennessy gave an informative presentation to the Tourette Syndrome Association focusing on children with Tourette Syndrome and transitioning students into high school.
- The Annual Walkathon will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2009 at Merritt Island in Welland. All of the Tourette Syndrome Association’s support groups will be having their walkathons on the same day.

10. STAFF REPORTS

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

- On May 21st, 2009 an invitation to all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board with a hearing loss were invited to attend an information night at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School with their families. Niagara Catholic's audiologist spoke to the parents, workshops were provided, and students were engaged in various activities. Many families from other school boards also attended the event. It was a well attended event and many parents expressed that it was very informative and a great way to make connections with others in the community.

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

- The Accessibility Committee has met to discuss recent revisions to the Board's Accessibility Plan for 2009/2010. Part of our committee will be looking at reviewing accessibility for signage (deaf and hard of hearing). The team consists of Yolanda Baldasaro, Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Marcel Jacques, Student Support Services' staff, union and non union representatives, as well as Heather Schneider from the SEAC.

10.3 Theresa Murphy – Principal, Elementary

- Theresa Murphy informed the SEAC that teachers are working on the final report cards. Theresa Murphy also indicated that EQAO Primary and Junior assessments were recently completed. Elementary schools are looking forward to celebrating graduations.

10.4 Ken Griepsma – Vice-Principal, Secondary

- Our Special Education students and staff are continuing with all of their regular programming, including attending their classes, working at their co-operative placements, and a host of other activities within the eight Niagara Catholic District School Board secondary schools. Some of our students with special needs will be taking part in summer co-operative opportunities. This allows them to earn some employment income and experience while still receiving some school support.
- Students with special needs and staff from all of our Catholic high schools attended the Track and Field Event at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, and, as always, they had a terrific time! They look forward to the Basketball tournament at Notre Dame College School this Friday.
- St. Michael High School reports that their Community Pathways event went very well. St. Michael and St. Paul teamed up to host a large number of outside agencies. Students from both schools went around to each agency to ask questions and have their "passport" stamped.
- In June, the various Resource departments will be assisting with the Grade 9 Mathematics EQAO test supporting students who will need additional supports, such as Assistive Technology programs, as they write their final examinations for the end of the second semester.
- The Resource departments are also working closely with the Student Support Services' staff and students at the various schools, in order to facilitate the creation of timetables that best suit our students' pathways.
- Finally, the various school teams look forward to some transition visits for some of their incoming Grade 9 students during the month of June.
- Thank you for allowing me to be the Secondary Administrative representative on SEAC this year. It has been an honour and a privilege.

10.5 Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells – Superintendent of Education

- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells handed out the May edition of *Spotlight on Niagara* and the *June 2009* calendar highlighting the good things that are happening in our Board. She also handed out the revised policy on the *Administration of Oral Medication to students under the age of 18* and spoke about the vetting of policies. See attached reports.
- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells spoke about Father Tony Ricard who was the guest speaker for the Graduation Celebration 2009 with Bishop Wingle, the Partners in Catholic Education celebration with parish priests, parents and Principals, and the Professional Activity Day on May 15th, 2009 for all Niagara Catholic staff.
- The Young Artists Gallery opening is on June 4th, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.
- Elementary and Secondary graduations are happening in the month of June.
- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells wished all a safe and happy summer.

10.6 Marcel Jacques – Program Officer

- Marcel Jacques spoke about the Geneva Centre Summer Training Institute being held on August 24th – 27th in London and the Child and Youth Workers in-service which was held on June 2nd, 2009.
- Marcel Jacques shared a success story in regards to special education co-operative education placements. He advised the members of the SEAC that assistive technology is used for EQAO testing and helps prepare students for literacy tests.
- Marcel Jacques handed out the March Elementary and October Secondary ONSIS reports to the members of the SEAC. The reports show a breakdown of exceptionalities per school. See attached reports.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

11.1 Gary Crole

- Gary Crole spoke about the Blessed Trinity Track and Field event he attended on Friday, May 29th, 2009. He said it was a great event enjoyed by all who attended and participated.
- At the May 26th, 2009 Board meeting, ten out of eleven recommendations were approved with respect to the Pupil Accommodation Review. A recommendation to close St. Nicholas school no sooner than 2012 was rewritten.
- At the June 2nd, 2009 meeting, the Committee of the Whole Meeting recommended that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of attendance area ad hoc committees for St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary schools as well as Niagara Falls and St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools, in order to study boundaries of schools.

11.2 Kathy Burtnik

- Kathy Burtnik reported that in terms of the budget it is a good news document. She spoke of VISION 20/20 being a consultative approach to setting direction under the leadership of John Crocco, Board of Trustees and Senior staff.
- Kathy Burtnik encouraged the SEAC to continue to give direction so that the Board can continually strive to be better. She thanked the SEAC for their efforts and commitment.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Learner Advocacy

12.2 Parent Outreach – Newsletter Submissions starting in September 2009

- There was a discussion about school newsletter submissions and providing information about SEAC awareness. Amanda Cybula stated that information from specific associations can be sent electronically as required to the schools about specific activities for students.

SEAC/Student Support Services presence at September Open Houses

- Anna Racine commented on the SEAC PowerPoint presentation to present at September Open Houses providing information to all parents. Marcel Jacques stated that all Principals have been strongly encouraged to show the PowerPoint at their schools.

12.3 Program and Service Recommendations

12.4 Special Education Budget – Letter to Ministry of Education from SEAC – - Deferred to September meeting

Letter from SEAC to LIHNS – Deferred to September meeting

12.5 Annual Review, Special Education Plan

12.6 Other Related Items – Vetting of Policies

- Anna Racine reviewed the policies for vetting with the members of the SEAC. The policies included: Admission of Students Policy, Volunteer Drivers Policy, Student Suspension Policy, Student Expulsion Policy, Code of Conduct Policy and the Nutrition Policy. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells clarified the revisions that have been made and recommended that Kim Rosati forward electronically any comments or suggestions to Jennifer Brailey. Kathy Burtnik suggested that policy reviews be a standing item on the agenda.

13. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION for FUTURE MEETINGS

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Anna Racine addressed a letter from Lakehead Public Schools to the members of the SEAC in regards to the School Information Finder website. Kathy Burtnik advised the SEAC that the problem has been rectified. See attached letter.
- b) Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells advised the SEAC that the first day of school is September 8, 2009 and that there are two Professional Activity Days scheduled prior to that date, one being dedicated to Special Education. As a result of September 8th, 2009 being the first day of school, it was decided to change the next SEAC meeting date to September 9, 2009.

15. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

- a) IEP Survey Results 2008/2009
- b) March Elementary ONSIS Report and October Secondary ONSIS Report
- c) Administration of Oral Medication to Students under the age of 18
- d) June 2009 Calendar
- e) Spotlight on Niagara

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SEAC will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cyndi Gryp
Seconded by Heather Schneider

That the meeting adjourn at 9:15pm

Carried

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

TOPIC: APPOINTMENT TO S.E.A.C.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Dianne Radunsky as a representative of Ontario Brain Injury Association to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: September 29, 2009



May 6, 2009

John Crocco
Director of Education &
Board of Trustees
Niagara Catholic District School Board
Catholic Education Centre
427 Rice Road,
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Transmitted by email to tina.difrancesco@ncdsb.com

Dear John Crocco:

We are pleased to confirm with you that Ontario Brain Injury Association has identified the following representative for the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) for our organization.

Primary Representative:

Dianne Radunsky
Email address:
(905) 641-8877

Please send any future SEAC correspondence electronically to Diane Radunsky. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 2338 St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R9

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kumpf". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Kumpf
Executive Director

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: H1N1 PANDEMIC UPDATE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

The H1N1 Pandemic Update
– Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management
is presented for information.

Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: September 29, 2009

H1N1 Flu Virus School and Child Care Staff

This year is a different flu season. In the fall and winter there will be two types of flu viruses circulating – seasonal flu viruses and the new H1N1 flu virus.

Children are at high risk for catching and passing on respiratory viruses, and depending on their age, many are not able to follow hygiene practices (washing hands, covering their cough). The school/child care setting may make the spread of such viruses easier due to the number of children close together.

As another school year has begun, Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) would like to slow the spread of germs in schools and child care facilities.

The majority of confirmed H1N1 flu virus cases in Niagara to date have been mild, and only a few individuals required hospitalization. Niagara Region Public Health recommends the following basic steps to reduce the spread of the virus.

Monitoring for flu-like symptoms

- When children and/or staff show flu-like symptoms of fever and cough plus one or more of the following: sore throat, muscle aches, tiredness, headache, and possibly vomiting or diarrhea, they should stay home and not attend school or other events until the fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Children or staff that become ill during the day should be sent home. If it is not possible to send the individual home, he or she should be separated from other students/staff.

Reporting absenteeism

- Elementary and high schools are asked to report daily student absenteeism numbers to NRPH through our online form. This allows us to track flu activity in our community. The online form can be found on our website at: http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/professionals/school-absenteeism-surveillance-program.aspx. We ask that you bookmark this page for ongoing convenience. As well, the online form can be found on the A-Z index of the Niagara Region website under 'A' for 'absenteeism – school reporting' OR 'S' for 'school absenteeism reporting'.
- Child care facilities are asked to report higher than usual absenteeism to NRPH by calling 905-688-8248 or toll free 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7330.

Prevention

Children and adults working with children can take these simple steps to help reduce the spread of illness:

1. **Wash your hands:** Encourage regular hand cleaning with either soap and water for at least 15 seconds, or an alcohol-based hand rub and rub until hands are dry. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself. Supervise children when they are using an alcohol-based hand rub.
2. **Stay home if you are ill.**

3. **Cough or sneeze into your sleeve:** Encourage children to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, or cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve, NOT the hands.
4. Plan ahead to ensure enough soap and/or alcohol-based hand rub is available within the school/child care facility.
5. Avoid close contact with ill people.
6. Discourage touching the eyes, nose or mouth, as germs spread this way.

Cleaning premises

Please ensure that all areas and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact such as desks, tables, change tables, toys, bathrooms, railings, computer keyboards, sports equipment, working surfaces and various personal items are cleaned. Use the cleaning agents that are usually used. It is not necessary to conduct disinfection of the above mentioned surfaces beyond routine cleaning. For detailed information on cleaning and disinfecting, visit our website at:

http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/disease-prevent/cleaning-disinfecting.aspx

Frequently Asked Questions for Staff:

Will schools and child care centres be closed to help stop the spread of the H1N1 flu virus?

At this stage, there is no plan to close schools or child care centre as a control measure for the H1N1 flu virus. If this recommendation changes, NRPH will notify schools/child care centres and parents, and work closely together with the administrators of the school/child care centre.

Will Public Health inform us if there is a case of H1N1 flu virus in our school or child care centre?

No. At this time, NRPH does not plan on informing schools, school boards or child care centres if there is a case(s) of H1N1 flu virus in their school or child care centre. As with seasonal flu, once the virus is present in the area it can be acquired anywhere in the community. Therefore, reporting cases in individual schools or child care centres is not necessary. The best way people can protect themselves from seasonal and H1N1 flu is to be diligent about taking infection control precautions such as washing their hands, covering their cough, and staying home when sick. As with seasonal flu, schools will be reporting absenteeism rates to NRPH and NRPH will respond to outbreaks as necessary.

For more information on the H1N1 Flu Virus, visit www.niagararegion.ca, or call NRPH H1N1 Flu Virus Information Line Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7950. Residents can subscribe to the H1N1 website page to receive an email alert when new information is uploaded.

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Elementary and Secondary Schools (PDF) (issued August 28, 2009)

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/h1n1/pro/docs/school_guidelines_20090828.pdf

September 2009

Sources: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Public Health Agency of Canada websites: www.health.gov.on.ca, www.phac-aspc.gc.ca



NEWSROOM

Ontario Announces Flu Shot Rollout For Seasonal And H1N1 Vaccines

September 24, 2009

Ontario will provide seasonal flu shots to people aged 65 and over and residents of long-term care homes in October, followed by the H1N1 flu vaccination program for all Ontarians. Seasonal flu vaccine will be available to the rest of the province following the H1N1 flu vaccination program.

Evidence shows the H1N1 flu virus will be the main flu strain in circulation this fall in Ontario. It is important to protect those most at risk for complications from catching the flu this year. Seniors are most at risk for complications from seasonal flu while younger people are more at risk for complications from H1N1 flu.

By targeting those most at risk for complications from either of the flu strains, the province is effectively delivering the vaccine people need most to stay healthy and reduce the spread of flu.

Some studies in Canada show a potential association between prior seasonal flu vaccination and the risk of getting an infection with the H1N1 virus. Ontario is taking a cautious approach and is phasing in two flu vaccine programs:

- In October, the seasonal flu vaccine will be offered to Ontarians 65 years and over and residents of long-term care homes
- H1N1 vaccine will be offered to the general population in November
- The universal seasonal influenza immunization program will be offered to all other residents six months of age and older.

QUOTES

"We know that seniors are at most risk for complications from seasonal flu. We have a good plan to provide the greatest protection from the flu where it's needed most."

- David Caplan
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"It's a different flu season this year and rolling out two flu vaccine programs is a great example of how different it is. It's important to protect those among us who are most at risk for complications from the flu. I believe that this vaccine strategy is the best way to keep Ontario as healthy and safe as possible during the flu season this year."

- Dr. Arlene King
Chief Medical Officer of Health

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
(EQAO) PRIMARY AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS
OF READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS AND GRADE 9
ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS – 2008-2009**

The report on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics – 2008-2009 is presented for information.

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Date: September 29, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (EQAO) PRIMARY AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS OF READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS AND GRADE 9 ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS, 2008-2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 17th, 2009 Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released the school and Board level results of the 2008-2009 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1 to 3) and Junior Division (Grades 4 to 6), and the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. The provincial level results show a steady improvement over the past five years with specific increases in Grade 6 Reading and Grade 9 Applied Mathematics.

The school and Board level results of the 2008-2009 Assessments enable the Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board to review the progress of their students and the progress of Ontario schools. In addition, the analysis of school and Board level results of student achievement from the provincial assessments, as one form of data, allows parents, teachers, school administrators and Board staff to work collaboratively to improve student achievement in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

As stated by Marguerite Jackson, EQAO's Chief Executive Officer, "The true value emerges when the information is thoroughly integrated into planning at the local levels to support effective teaching and learning. While EQAO is only one part of the assessment picture, it is an important one and ultimately, it is the student that is at the centre of this picture," (www.eqao.com).

The Catholic Elementary and Secondary schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board continue to celebrate student success on provincial assessments. Through ongoing Board and School Improvement Planning initiatives, along with Board, school, and classroom curriculum based assessments, Principals, Vice-Principals, teaching and support staff, work cooperatively with the Student Achievement and the Research, Assessment and Evaluation Departments to ensure that the needs of each student in the Niagara Catholic District are being met in the classroom.

School Improvement Planning at the school level with School Teams led by the Principal of the school will continue focusing on the Niagara Catholic District School Board's System Priorities and each school's Smart Goals for 2009-2010. The focus on the improvement of student achievement for all students is captured in the System Priority of: "Improving Student Achievement" with the following indicators:

- To reduce the gap in student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's "16 by 16" achievement 3% and the Board graduation rate an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To improve student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's EQAO scores and the OSSLT achievement average of 2% by June 2010.
- To develop a Niagara Catholic Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting K-12 Document that will complement and comply with the Ministry of Education Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy by June 2010.
- To sustain literacy and numeracy initiatives and implement programs to improve student achievement and pathway success, Kindergarten to Graduation, as outlined in Board and School Improvement Plans.

This report to the Board on EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments and the Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment provides the following information about achievement of students at or above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4):

- **Primary:** Grade 3 Highlights in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and over five years from 2004-2009.
- **Junior:** Grade 6 Highlights in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and over five years from 2004-2009.
- **Grade 9 Mathematics Highlights:** Applied and Academic Programs, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and over five years from 2004-2009.
- Exemption Rates for Primary and Junior Assessments and Grade 9 Mathematics: Applied and Academic.
- Gender Analysis.

The focus on the improvement of student achievement will continue by tracking the progress of student cohorts with the Grade 3 results in 2006 and the Junior Assessment in 2009. Schools will also review the results of students on the Mathematics component from the Junior Assessment of 2006 and the results on the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics in 2009. This tracking will assist classroom teachers with program planning and assessment strategies based on the individual learning needs of students.

Students who participated in the provincial assessments will be receiving an Individual Student Report (ISR) indicating achievement in relation to the Provincial Standard. The ISR for students who wrote the Junior Assessment will also show their results from the Primary Assessment in 2006. The Individual Student Reports provide parents/guardians with a summary of School, Board and Provincial results. Classroom teachers will also be reviewing Individual Student Reports to support the improvement of student achievement in their classrooms. The Research, Assessment and Evaluation Department will be updating the Catholic School Profiles for each school to distribute to parents, Catholic School Councils and staff. The Catholic School Profiles contain the Provincial, Board and School results and reflect specific priorities for the improvement of student achievement at the school and Board level.

Finally, the Research, Assessment and Evaluation Department will continue to analyze the results of the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and the Grade 9 Applied and Academic Mathematics Assessment for contextual information in the areas of gender, language, and special needs, in order to support the improvement of student achievement for all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

The report on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) - Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2008-2009, is presented for information.

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**EQAO 2008 – 2009 Primary (Grade 3) Assessments of
Reading, Writing, and Mathematics**

Results for All Students

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
NCDSB	65	71	75
Province	61	68	70
% difference NCDSB with province	+4	+3	+5

NCDSB 2007-08	69 (-4)	76 (-5)	75 (0)
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5 Year Trends

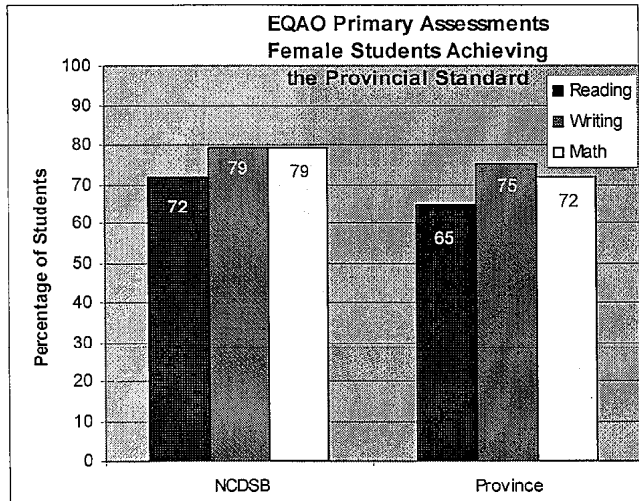
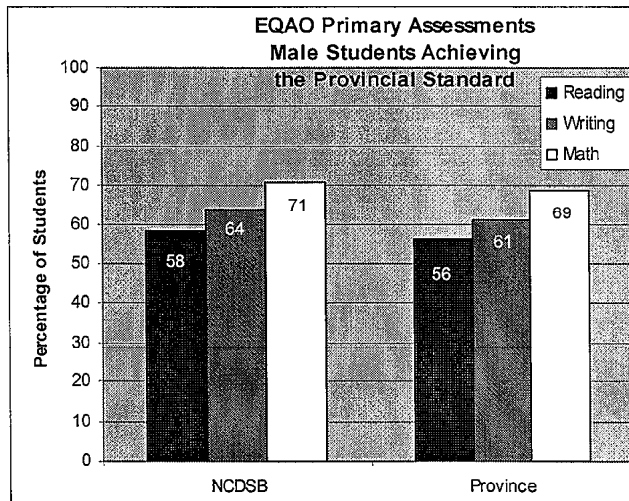
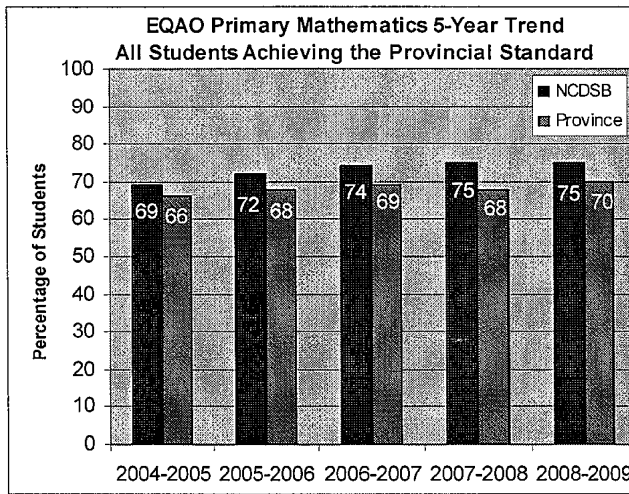
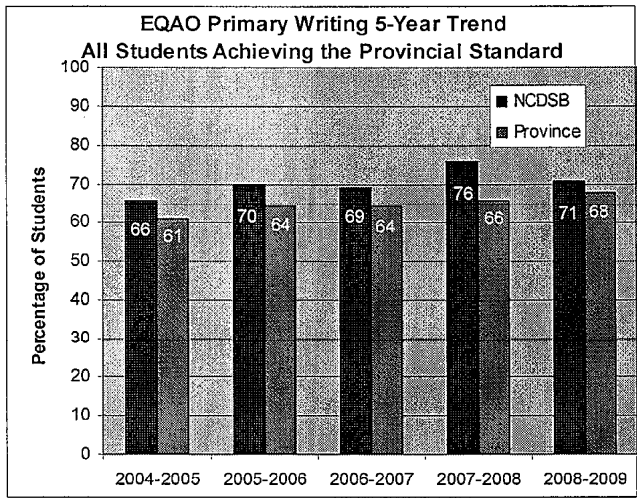
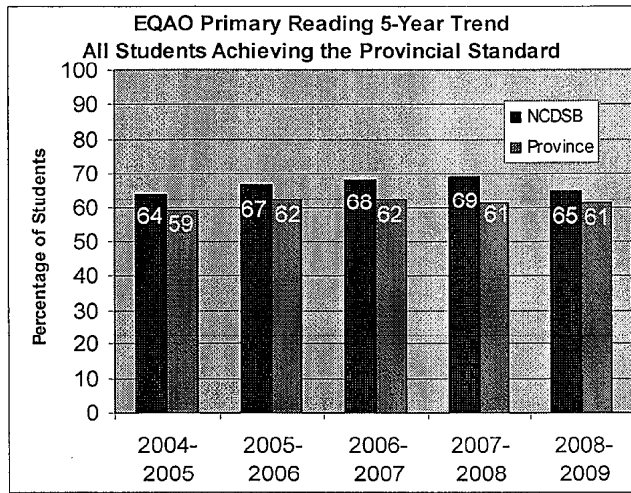
5 Year Trend NCDSB	+1	+5	+6
5 Year Trend Province	+2	+7	+4

Results based on Gender

Male Students NCDSB	58	64	71
Female Students NCDSB	72	79	79
Male Students Province	56	61	69
Female Students Province	65	75	72

Exemption Rates

Exemption Rate NCDSB	1	1	1
Exemption Rate Province	4	3	3



**EQAO 2008 – 2009 Junior (Grade 6) Assessments of
Reading, Writing, and Mathematics**

Results for All Students

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
NCDSB	76	74	72
Province	69	67	63
% difference NCDSB with province	7	7	+9

NCDSB 2007-08	71 (+5)	73 (+1)	69 (+3)
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5 Year Trends

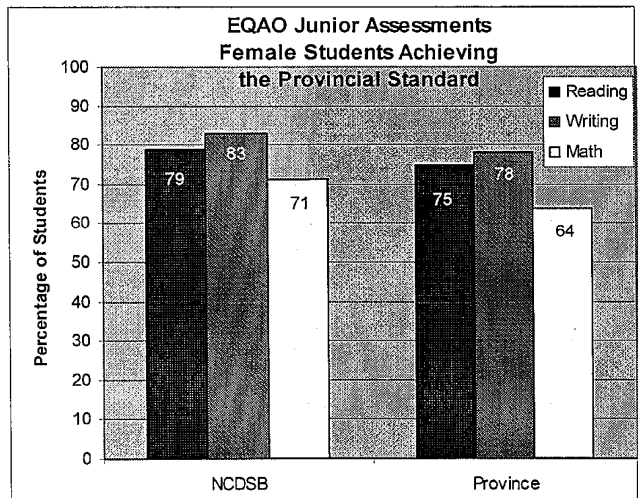
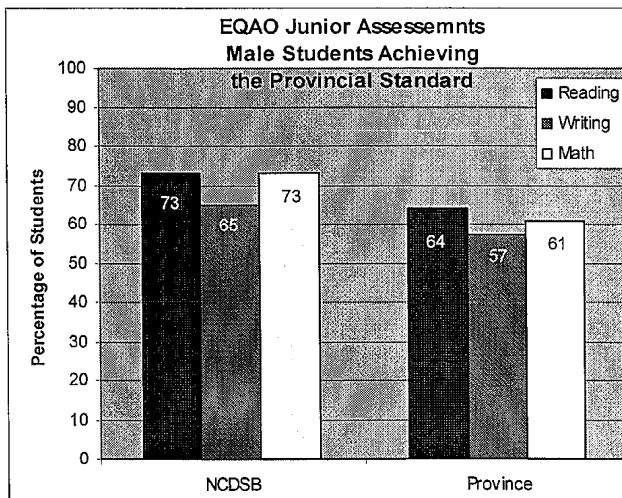
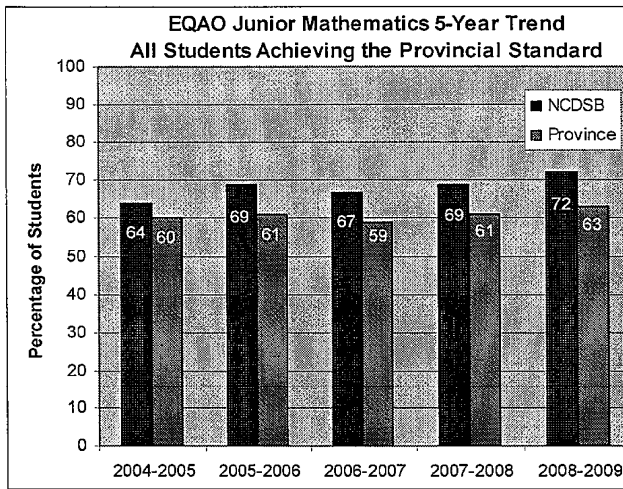
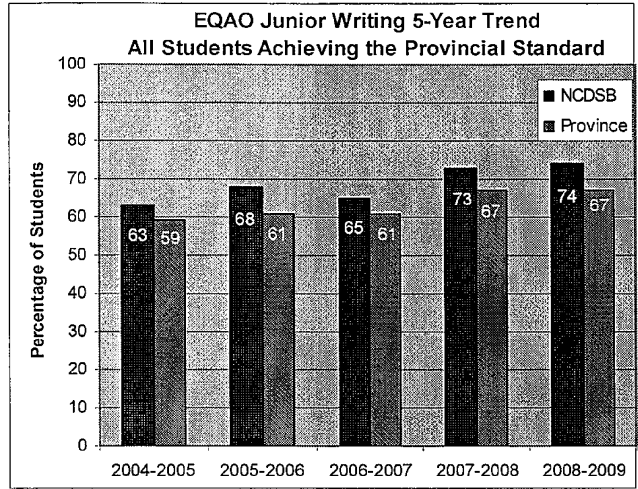
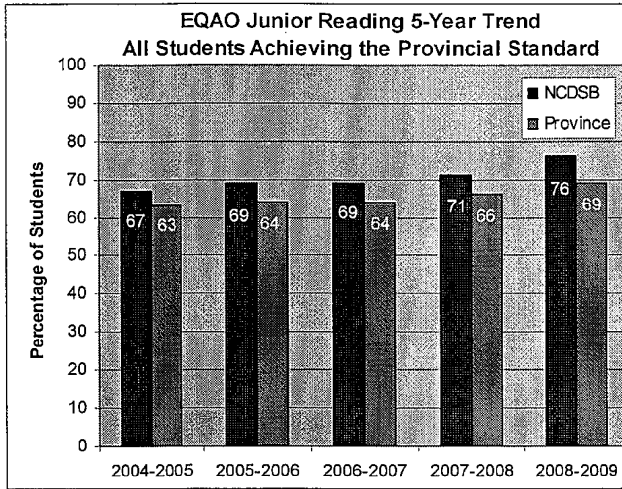
NCDSB 5 Year Trend	+9	+11	+8
Province 5 Year Trend	+6	+8	+3

Results based on Gender

Male Students NCDSB	73	65	73
Female Students NCDSB	79	83	71
Male Students Province	64	57	61
Female Students Province	75	78	64

Exemption Rates

Exemption Rate NCDSB	1	1	1
Exemption Rate Province	3	3	3



EQAO 2008 – 2009 Grade 9 Assessment of Academic and Applied Mathematics

Results for All Students

	Academic	Applied
NCDSB	73	38
Province	77	38
% difference NCDSB with province	-4	0

NCDSB 2007-08	77 (-4)	29 (+9)
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5 Year Trends

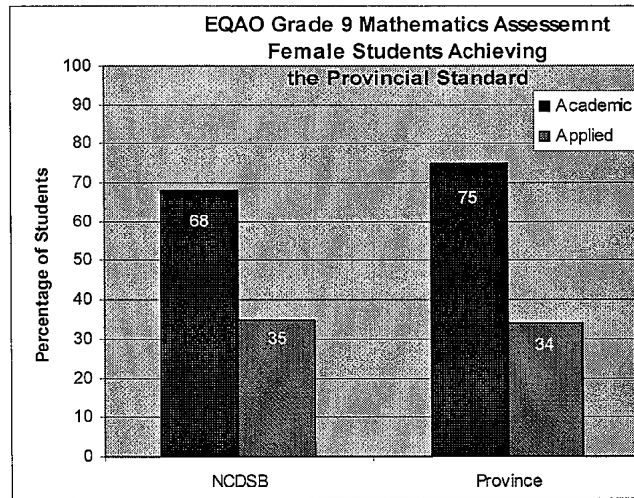
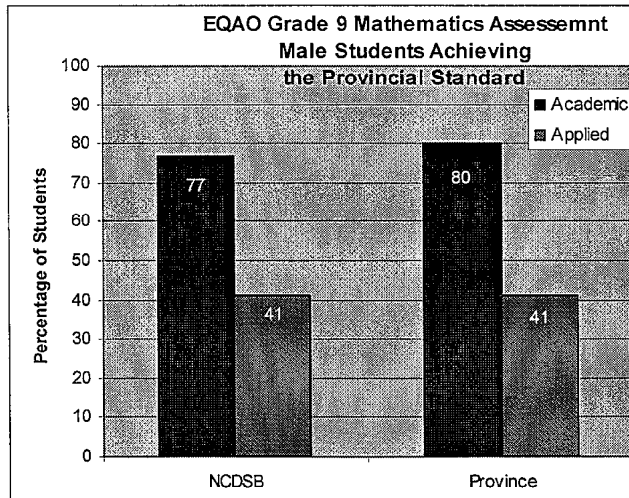
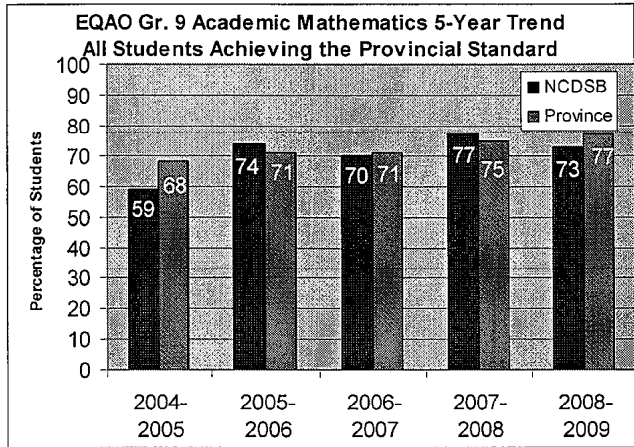
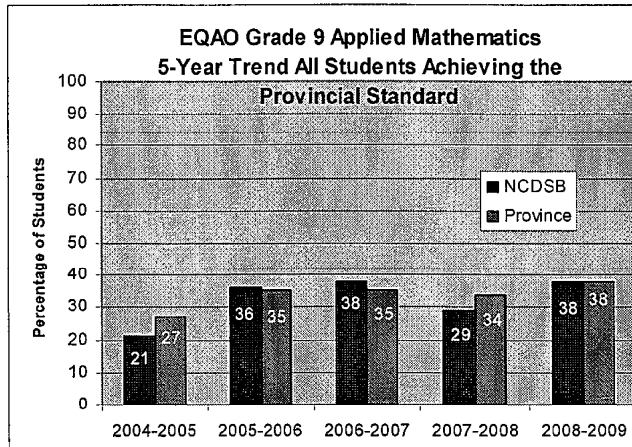
NCDSB 5 Year Trend	+14	+17
Province 5 Year Trend	+9	+11

Results based on Gender

Male Students NCDSB	77	41
Female Students NCDSB	68	35
Male Students Province	80	41
Female Students Province	75	34

Exemption Rates

No Data (exemption/absences) NCDSB	1	2
No Data (exemption/absences) Province	1	6



**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
CAROUSEL PLAYERS – THANK YOU LETTER
FOR SUPPORT OF NIAGARA ARTISTS**

Carousel Players

THEATRE YOU NEVER OUTGROW!

September 19, 2009

Mr. John Crocco, Director of Education, and Board of Trustees
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road
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Dear Mr. Crocco and Board of Trustees:

This month, Carousel Players has been recognized for its 2009 Niagara Artists in the Classroom program with a City of St. Catharines Trillium Award for "Innovation in the Arts."

We want to convey our special thanks to consultant Jayne Evans from the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the role she has played in supporting the Niagara Artists in the Classroom program since its inception in 2007, and in helping to improve and expand its delivery in NCDSB schools.

Through the 2007 Niagara Artist in the Classroom program, eight Niagara artists visited over 217 classrooms, reaching 5,425 children in 27 Niagara schools (NCDSB & DSBN) in Beamsville, Fenwick, Fonthill, Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Queenston, St. Catharines, Smithville, Stevensville, Thorold, Wainfleet and Welland.

Aggressive fundraising by Carousel Players allowed us to reach a \$30,000 goal to deliver an expanded program in 2008. In that year, we worked with a roster of 16 Niagara artists to deliver 517 workshops in 68 schools for 11,704 children in April, May, September, and October over a period of 50 days.

Jayne's leadership in our educational community helps Carousel Players maintain a partnership with NCDSB schools to present plays and teacher-artist workshops that entertain, challenge, and inspire creativity in young audiences. Attached are highlights from our 2009-10 season. If we reach our funding goal, we will once again offer Niagara Artists in the Classroom workshops that link to our two touring productions. We look forward to another great year with NCDSB.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra McLauchlan".

Debra McLauchlan
Chair, Board of Directors
Carousel Players

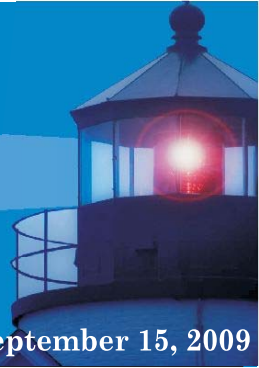
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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**



Spotlight

ON
NIAGARA CATHOLIC



www.niagaracatholic.ca

September 15, 2009

Niagara Catholic Working to Prevent H1N1

Niagara Catholic has put in place a multi-phased strategy to reduce or prevent outbreaks of the H1N1 influenza virus in all Niagara Catholic schools and facilities.

Niagara Catholic has taken a proactive approach to influenza prevention in our schools and buildings. Among those initiatives are:

- Posting signs on proper handwashing techniques in all washrooms;
- Installing mobile hand sanitizing stations throughout Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary schools and facilities;
- Implementing a Pandemic Plan which lays out how Niagara Catholic schools and the CEC will operate in the event of a widespread outbreak of the H1N1 virus;
- Instructing teachers on handwashing and respiratory hygiene etiquette and then teaching these lessons to students on the

first day of school and on an ongoing basis as necessary;

- Maintaining a line of communication with the area's lead agency on H1N1 information and instruction, Niagara, Regional Public Health, to ensure Niagara Catholic staff and families receive the most current information about H1N1 status in Niagara and best practices for disease prevention.

Niagara Catholic is a partner with Regional Public Health in the disease prevention initiative.

We will report possible or confirmed H1N1 cases to Public Health to assist the agency in tracking outbreaks during the flu season. Niagara Catholic will also continue to update information for parents and teachers as it becomes available, through schools, our eCommunity and at niagaracatholic.ca.

Director rolls out goals for 2009-10 school year

Niagara Catholic Director of Education John Crocco laid out plans for the 2009-2010 school year during the first Committee of the Whole meeting of the new school year.

Mr. Crocco began his presentation by congratulating new Principals at Niagara Catholic, and announcing new staff appointments at the Catholic Education Centre.

Mr. Crocco spoke about the promises presented by new opportunities. In particular, he identified continued growth in faith formation and student achievement.

Guiding these opportunities is the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. Mr. Crocco presented Senior Staff's recommendation for a facilitator to guide the process. It is anticipated the Board will select the facilitator during the September 29 meeting.

Key objectives for the 2009-2010 school year include:

- Reducing the gap in student achievement through the "16 by 16" (16 credits by age 16) initiative and;
- Increasing student improvement on EQAO and OSSLT testing and high school graduation rates by 2 per cent by June.

Niagara Catholic initiatives are fully aligned with the Ministry's student achievement objectives.

Promoting our distinctive Catholic education is also a priority this year, as we launch a "Distinguished Alumni" campaign. In addition to mainstream media, we will also reach out to our Niagara Catholic family and the Niagara community through social networking such as Facebook and Twitter.



Lisa Incaviglia, an Educational Resource Teacher at Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School in Welland, displays how to use the antibacterial hand sanitizer stations set up inside all Niagara Catholic schools to Grade 2 student Nathan Elcich (left), and Grade 3 student Gage Burton. Teachers and students are encouraged to wash hands frequently and to use hand sanitizer when soap and water isn't available, to prevent infection.

School Construction Projects Well Under Way



This summer, construction projects began at St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary Schools in Grimsby and Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls. Excavation for the foundation is nearly completed at St. Joseph while the foundation and footings at Our Lady of Fatima is now finished. Interior alterations were completed at Cardinal Newman, as was the bus loop. Most of the construction will take place at all three schools throughout the year and will be completed by the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Grimsby and Our Lady of Victory School Catholic Elementary School in Fort Erie will also get much-needed additions. Our Lady of Victory's two schools will be merged into one by January, 2011, while Blessed Trinity will receive a 23-classroom addition in time for the 2011-2012 school year.

Annual Accessibility Report Presented at Meeting

In compliance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Niagara Catholic's Accessibility Working Group has prepared its seventh annual accessibility plan.

Niagara Catholic's Accessibility Working Group is comprised of staff, administrators, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members and community members. The goal of the group is to monitor and improve the objectives of Niagara Catholic's Annual Accessibility Plan.

The 2009-2010 plan focuses on removing barriers from education and Niagara Catholic facilities. By 2015, all Niagara Catholic facilities will be fully accessible to people with physical disabilities and sensory rooms will be installed in all Niagara Catholic schools.

To eliminate challenges for people with communicative disabilities, additional lighting will be installed at entrances to buildings and classrooms will be wired for communication devices.

Niagara Catholic has ongoing professional development opportunities to assist staff in understanding ways to effectively communicate with people who live with disabilities. At the classroom level, teachers provide peer awareness counselling to students who have classmates with special needs. Through this counselling, students learn how to better understand and to help their classmates.

Current Niagara Catholic Policies, Practices and Protocols are also under review to ensure that they are inclusive toward individuals with disabilities.

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+ Congratulations to the staff and students at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Port Colborne. They have started the new school year on a positive note by declaring St. Patrick a "Complaint Free World." Students and staff wear purple wrist bands bearing the slogan and are encouraged to try to go 21 days - the length of time it takes most people to break a habit - without complaining. Those who succeed will have their name on the school's new Gratitude Wall.

+ Congratulations to Michael Sattin, who graduated from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School in June. Michael's final average of 99.34 per cent was the highest average of any public or Catholic high school graduate in Niagara, Hamilton and Halton. He was featured on CHCH News in early September as one of the "Best and Brightest" graduating students in the station's coverage area. Michael is currently studying Health Sciences in the Scholar's Elective program at the University of Western Ontario and would like to pursue the medical field of Ophthalmology.

Congratulations!

Policy Updates Coming

Five updated Niagara Catholic policies will be reviewed by the Board this fall and winter.

The *Safe Physical Intervention with Students*, *Self-Identification of Aboriginal Students* and *Accessible Customer Service* policies will be presented in the fall. The *Conflict of Interest for Employees and Code of Conduct - Trustees* policies will be presented in the winter.

Nurturing Souls & Building Minds

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2009**

September 2009

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	1	2	3	4	5
		Elem/Sec PA Day	Elem/Sec PA Day	Board Holiday	
6	7 Labour Day	8 First day of classes	9 SEAC Mtg	10 11	12
13	14 Terry Fox Run 	15 Committee of the Whole Mtg	16 Fall Legends Charity Invitational Golf Tournament 	17 18	19
20	21	22	23	24 25 Terry Fox National School Run Day 	26
27	28 St. Gabriel Lalemant 50th Anniversary Celebration 	29 Board Meeting - Denis Morris, Blessing Father Fogarty Peace Garden 10 am	30 Loretto Catholic 10th Anniversary Celebration 		



Welcome back!



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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION – VERBAL REPORT
AD HOC ATTENDANCE AREA REVIEW COMMITTEE
NIAGARA FALLS/ST. CATHARINES**

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION – VERBAL REPORT
MENTOR CONNECTOR STEERING COMMITTEE**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION – VERBAL REPORT
OCSTA UPDATE**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
OCSTA - 2010 AGM & CONFERENCE – RESOLUTIONS**



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September 18, 2009

MEMO TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Margaret Binns, Office Administrator

RE: **2010 AGM & Conference Resolutions**

The 2010 OCSTA Annual General Meeting will once again offer an opportunity for delegates to consider and vote on all resolutions received from our members.

The resolution process provides member boards with the opportunity to bring important issues, which have provincial implications, to the attention of all trustees in the province.

The processing of member board resolutions is a fundamental responsibility of the Association.

Attached please find guidelines to assist you in the preparation of your resolution(s).

The deadline date for receipt of resolutions
in the OCSTA office is
January 15, 2010

Guidelines for Preparing Resolutions

To improve the effectiveness of the resolution process, we ask boards to review the following guidelines.

Resolutions are your opportunity to address problems, solutions or concerns, which affect Catholic education in Ontario. A resolution approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting calls for priority action by OCSTA and the commitment of OCSTA resources to address the particular issue outlined in the resolution.

A. Criteria for Submitting a Resolution

A resolution should:

- a. Address an area of concern for the province's Catholic school boards.
- b. Concern a matter which requires attention or action.
- c. Be written in language appropriate for province-wide consideration (language contained in resolutions is often incorporated into subsequent communications to the government or other relevant parties).
- d. Be accompanied by substantiated rationale.
- e. Not deal with education funding issues (a separate process has been created to deal with this type of issue).

B. Steps in Preparing a Resolution

1. Identify the concern. Be sure the concern is a matter of **province-wide** scope.
2. Research and gather sufficient supporting background materials to substantiate the resolution. If the concern has been presented/dealt with in a previous resolution, review the outcome of that process to assess what changes in approach/additional information might be useful.
3. Write the resolution in the following proposed format taking care to ensure that:
 - a. Each "*Whereas*" is accompanied by adequate background material.
 - b. The "*Therefore be it Resolved*" directs OCSTA to take specific action.

C. Writing A Resolution

Structure

The resolution should be assigned a succinct title that identifies the problem or issue (or its proposed solution). There should be two parts to the resolution: a preamble followed by a resolving clause (or clauses).

1. Preamble

The preamble is a brief statement of background or rationale coming before the resolving clause(s). The purpose of the preamble is to provide information without which the point or the merits of a resolution are likely to be poorly understood.

Each clause in a preamble is written as a separate paragraph, beginning with the word "WHEREAS".

2. Resolving Clauses

A resolving clause indicates what action(s) is to be taken given the “WHEREAS” clause(s) in the preamble. If more than one action is being recommended, the “Therefore be It Resolved” portion should be divided into a), b), c), etc.

3. Submission Statement

Please include the following information in the submission statement.

[Mover’s Name]
[Secunder’s Name]
[Board Name]
[Topic]

D. **Submission Deadline Date**

The deadline date for receipt of resolutions in the OCSTA office is **January 15, 2010**. We encourage boards to submit their resolutions by email to Jane Ponte at jponte@ocsta.on.ca. The provincial office will distribute, in the delegate kits, resolutions to be presented from the floor provided a minimum of 225 copies of each resolution (and background material, if applicable) are received in the Provincial Office by **April 1, 2010**.

E. **Regulations**

See the enclosed attachment for current regulations regarding submission and presentation of resolutions at the AGM.

These guidelines (and the enclosed template) have been provided as a reference that we hope you will find useful in preparing effective resolutions for your Association and Catholic education in Ontario.

Thank you.

Template

The following example is provided for your reference. Please **do not use** tables, text boxes or any type of graphic. The type of font to be used in this document is **Times New Roman 12pt**.

MOVED BY: [Mover's Name] [Board Name]

SECONDED BY: [Seconder's Name]

TOPIC: [e.g. Vacancies on School Boards]

WHEREAS: from time to time a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the board;
and

WHEREAS: according to Section 221(1) of the *Education Act*, the vacancy must be filled by either a by-election or by appointment; and

WHEREAS: boards choosing to appoint a new trustee will, most commonly, engage in an open and fair process of selection; and

WHEREAS: the *Education Act* requires that the process be fully completed within 60 days of the office becoming vacant; and

WHEREAS: the 60 day time period may encompass a part of the year (e.g. Christmas, summer months, March Break) when board operations and processes are reduced, thus making the timelines very tight and, potentially, unmanageable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

OCSTA petition the Ministry of Education to review the section of the *Education Act* which relates to trustee vacancies with a view to extending the timeline by either increasing the number of days or altering the requirement that the process be completed within a designated number of regular school days.

If you have any questions regarding this template please contact **Jane Ponte** either by telephone at (416) 932-9460 ext. 223 or by e-mail at jponte@ocsta.on.ca.

Explanation of Committee Recommendations & Resolution Session Procedures

Resolution sessions will be conducted using “**Robert’s Rules of Order**” and the provisions of the OCSTA Constitution. The chairperson of the session will ensure compliance with their rules.

Explanation of Committee Recommendations

The Conference Committee will study the resolutions and offer recommendations on the best way to meet their intent. The recommendations and their implications are:

- i. **Approve**
The direction given in the “therefore be it resolved” section of the resolution will be carried out.
- ii. **Approve and refer to the committee for appropriate implementation.**
The resolution will be forwarded to the designated committee for implementation.
- iii. **Receive and refer to the committee for study.**
The resolution will be forwarded to the designated committee for study. Following the study and receipt of the committee’s recommendation, the Board of Directors will determine whether or not the resolution will be implemented.
- iv. **Not approve**
No action will be taken.
- v. **No action required**
The intent of the resolution has been met. No further action will be taken.
- vi. **No recommendation**
The committee is not making any recommendation with respect to the resolution.

Resolution Session Procedures

Delegates wishing to speak to a resolution must go to one of the floor microphones and state their name and the name of the board they represent.

The mover of a resolution will have the opportunity to be the first and last to speak to that resolution. Other trustees may speak **once** to a resolution.

The chairperson may declare a motion out of order giving the reasons for doing so. The chairperson’s decision may be challenged by a majority vote of those voting delegates present **at the session** when the vote is called.

Voting will be by a show of hands. Delegates carrying proxies must have and show proper identification - i.e. proxy badge. Ballots will be provided in the event that a vote by ballot is called for.

Note Re Quorum: *A quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of Members shall consist of not fewer than forty (40) individuals entitled to vote, present in person.*

Grouped Resolutions

- a. the chair of the session will ask for a mover and seconder to approve the **grouping** of various related resolutions.
- b. the chair of the session will ask for movers and seconders for the committee recommendation for each group.
- c. delegates will vote on the committee recommendation for each group.

Delegates may request that any resolution(s) be removed from a “group” to be handled individually. These will be addressed when the group from which they have been removed has been dealt with.

Resolutions Handled Individually

These will include resolutions removed from the groups, resolutions for which the committee has not made any recommendation and resolutions from the floor.

A. Resolutions with committee recommendations

1. The chair of the session will announce the resolution number and the name of the sponsoring board:
 - the chair will call for the sponsoring board to move and second **the committee recommendation**;
 - delegates will speak to the committee recommendation;
 - delegates will vote on the committee recommendation.
2. If the sponsoring board does not move the committee recommendation from the floor:
 - the chair will call for the sponsoring board to move their **original resolution**;
 - delegates will speak to the resolution;
 - delegates will vote on the resolution.
3. If the original resolution is not moved by the sponsoring board, the resolution will be withdrawn.

B. Resolutions without committee recommendations

1. These resolutions will be handled as follows:
 - the chair will call for the sponsoring board to move their **original resolution**;
 - delegates will speak to the resolution;
 - delegates will vote on the resolution.
2. If the original resolution is not moved by the sponsoring board, the resolution will be withdrawn.

C. Amendments from the Floor

Amendments made on the floor relate to the “therefore be it resolved” section of the resolution and **must be written out** and handed to the chairperson. The chairperson will consider the amendment and, if necessary, discuss it with the parliamentarian or others to ensure that it is clearly understood.

- the chair will **read** the amendment;
- delegates will speak to the amendment;
- delegates will vote on the amendment;
- delegates will vote on the resolution as amended.

If the amendment is defeated:

- delegates will be asked to speak to the original resolution;
- delegates will vote on the original resolution.

D. Resolutions Presented from the Floor

After resolutions presented by the committee have been dealt with, other resolutions may be presented from the floor. The following rules apply:

- 2/3 of the voting delegates present at the session must consent to consider the resolution;
- sufficient copies of the resolution (and background material) must be provided for all those present at the resolution session;
- these resolutions will be handled as outlined above.

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