



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, 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 Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole	✓		
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi	✓		
Student Trustees			
Shelby Levesque	✓		
Patrick Fowler	✓		

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; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of November 23, 2010, 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 October 26, 2010

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 26, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program - St. Michael Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education, introduced Brian Palujanskas, Principal of St. Michael Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Palujanskas showcased St. Michael Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Palujanskas and the staff of St. Michael Catholic Elementary School for their presentation.

2. Niagara Catholic District School Board Saint Brother André Trip to Montreal

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Saint Brother André Trip to Montreal. Mary Ann Mckinley, Consultant: Student Leadership/Student Engagement, presented the report on the trip and highlighted the main events of the weekend.

The two day faith filled and spiritual journey began with three (3) buses departing on the morning of October 29th and included 125 staff and students from across the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The first stop in Montreal was a tour of Saint Joseph Oratory in which Brother André was the founder. On October 30th the group toured the Notre Dame Basilica followed by a Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of Saint Brother André's canonization at the Olympic Stadium.

3. Niagara Catholic Pilgrimage Sunday 2010

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement, welcomed Terri Pauco, Religious Education and Family Life Consultant who presented the report on Niagara Catholic Pilgrimage 2010.

On Sunday, October 24th, 2010, over 4000 Niagara Catholic students, staff, priests, Trustees, Senior Administration, Catholic School Council members and Alumni participated in this year's annual Pilgrimage. Approximately \$183,500 was raised in this annual event to assist our needy brothers and sisters in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Dominica, Guatemala, Peru, and Rwanda, in addition to Development & Peace and Fogquest.

Students from each of the eight high schools spoke of the joy and satisfaction in participating in the Pilgrimage and assisting Third World countries.

Chairperson Burtnik, on behalf of the Trustees, praised the students for their commitment and dedication to others in need.

4. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 9, 2010 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 9, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 9, 2010:

4.2 Approval of Policies

4.2.1 Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12)

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12), as presented.

CARRIED

4.2.2 Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11), as presented.

CARRIED

4.2.3 Equity & Inclusive Education Policy (200.16)

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Equity & Inclusive Education Policy (200.16), as presented.

CARRIED

4.2.4 Religious Accommodation Policy (100.10.1)

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Religious Accommodation Policy (100.10.1), as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Attendance Area Review Committee for Notre Dame College and Associated Elementary Schools Areas, and for the Port Robinson Area

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that an Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee be formed following the Inaugural Board Meeting on December 7, 2010, to review attendance boundaries for Notre Dame College and Associated Elementary Schools Areas, and for the Port Robinson Area, as per the Attendance Areas Policy (301.3), with a recommendation to the Board by February 22, 2011.

CARRIED

4.3 Financial Reports

4.3.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of October 2010, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4.3.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at October 31, 2010, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5. Special Education Advisory Committee

5.1 Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 6, 2010

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 6, 2010, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.2 Recommendation from Unapproved Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting November 3, 2010

The following recommendation is being presented for the Board's consideration from the Unapproved Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting of November 3, 2010:

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the change in representation for the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara to the Special Education Advisory Committee; Primary Representative: Ms. Naomi Gutknecht; Alternate Representative: Dr. John McNamara.

CARRIED

5.3 Excerpt from Unapproved Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting November 3, 2010
Recognition of Trustee Crole

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the following excerpt from the Unapproved Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting of November 3, 2010 that S.E.A.C. requested to acknowledge at the November Board Meeting.

“SEAC extends its appreciation to Trustee Crole for his involvement and support of the Special Education Advisory Committee during his years of service.”

6. Audited Financial Statements

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services, presented a verbal report on the Audited Financial Statements for the Year 2009-2010.

A Special Electronic Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. to approve the Audited Financial Statements.

7. Special Presentation

Director Crocco and Chairperson Burtnik thanked Trustees Belcastro, Crole, Dekker, and Scalzi for their years of leadership, dedication, commitment and stewardship to Catholic education as they conclude their terms as a Trustee with the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The Trustees were presented with a token of appreciation from the Board.

Trustees Belcastro, Crole, Dekker and Scalzi thanked fellow Trustees and staff for their support over the years and spoke of the privilege and opportunity at being able to serve the students of Niagara Catholic.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil Report

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 9, 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 9, 2010, issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – December 2010

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – December 2010 for Trustees' information.

4.3 Official Blessing & Opening – St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby) Wednesday, November 24, 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the Official Blessing & Opening of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby) being held Wednesday, November 24, 2010.

4.4 Niagara Catholic Trustee Orientation Thursday, November 25, 2010 – Catholic Education Centre

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Trustee Orientation scheduled for Thursday, November 25, 2010 at the Catholic Education Centre.

4.5 Official Blessing & Opening – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby) - Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the Official Blessing & Opening of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby) being held Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

4.6 Niagara Catholic Spelling Bee – Wednesday, December 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Spelling Bee being held Wednesday, December 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls.

4.7 Renaming of Blessed Brother Andre Chapel at Saint Paul Catholic High School

In accordance with Board procedures, Director Crocco presented information on the renaming of the Blessed Brother Andre Chapel at Saint Paul Catholic High School, to the Saint Brother Andre CSC Chapel.

4.8 OCSTA Trustee Orientation Seminar – Friday, January 14-15, 2011 – Toronto

Director Crocco presented information on the OCSTA Trustee Orientation Seminar being held January 14-15, 2011 in Toronto. Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Dekker put forth the following Notice of Motion to be presented at the December Board Meeting.

“THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board investigate the possible expansion of the SCOEP Program, by utilizing the new Jericho House Facilities, beginning September 2011.”

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

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 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of November 23, 2010.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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 October 26, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

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 November 9, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.3)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 October 26, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 November 9, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 9, 2010:

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the easement across the St. Peter Catholic Elementary School property as proposed by Bell Canada be approved, and that a formal agreement be prepared by the Board Solicitor for signature by the Director of Education and Chairperson of the Board.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1. ***Inaugural Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole Meeting***
Tuesday, December 7, 2010 – Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls

Director Crocco presented information on the Inaugural Board Meeting / Committee of the Whole Meeting being held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the November 23, 2010 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 23, 2010.**

Approved on the **21st** day of **December 2010.**

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer