



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, in the Father Kenneth Burns C.S.C. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Fera

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of September 29, 2015.

**CARRIED**

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau				✓
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Michaela Bodis	✓			
Aidan Harold	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

John Crocco, Director of Education noted the addition of Item F8.1.2.2 to the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2015, as amended:

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Item F8 of the In-Camera Agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings**

**5.1 June 16, 2015 Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 June 16, 2015 Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 16, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 August 12, 2015 Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 12, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 September 3, 2015 Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 3, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program – St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program, and on behalf of Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Mr. Arghittu, Principal of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Arghittu, with the assistance of students and staff showcased St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil, Trustee Fera and Trustee Nieuwesteeg thanked Principal Arghittu, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

**2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2015**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of May 7, 2015**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of May 7, 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 3, 2015**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 3, 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015 – Achievement Report**

Director Crocco provided highlights on the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015 Achievement Report.

Director Crocco and members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil extended appreciation to Director Crocco and his staff for the excellent report and leadership in achieving the System Priorities for 2014-2015.

**6. Appointment of Community Representative(s) to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2015-2016**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the report on Appointment of Community Representatives to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2015-2016.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community members to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the term of 2015-2016; Shelley Gilbert – St. Vincent de Paul Society – Appendix A, Leone Strilec – St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development & Peace – Appendix B, Heather Pyke – Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) – Appendix C, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education presented the report on Staff Development Department: Professional Development Opportunities for information.

**8. Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at July 31, 2015**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at July 31, 2015.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at July 31, 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Correspondence**

Trustee Burtnik requested clarification on responding to correspondence received by the Board.

Chair MacNeil noted that he reviews all correspondence with Director Crocco but did not respond to D1.2 as it did not ask for a response. Director Crocco reminded the Board that Board responses require Board approval.

Chair MacNeil asked Trustees if there were any questions on the Board correspondence.

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

**3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Director Crocco informed the Board that a presentation on World Meeting of Families will be made at the October Committee of the Whole Meeting. Director Crocco provided Trustees with a Magnificat booklet and a book on Pope Francis's Joy of the Gospel from World Meeting of Families Philadelphia 2015.

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 15, 015**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 15, 2015.

**4.2 Calendar of Events – October 2015**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – October 2015 for Trustees information.

**4.3 We Day – Toronto – October 1, 2015**

Director Crocco announced that Student Trustees Michaela Bodis and Aidan Harold would be representing the Niagara Catholic District School Board at We Day.

**4.4 Director's Inspiration Award – October 8, 2015 – Our Lady of the Scapular Church**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the upcoming Director's Inspiration Award Mass and Celebration.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications

**4.5 Blessing of Lakeshore Catholic High School – October 29, 2015**

Director Crocco confirmed the date of the Blessing of Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**4.6 CCSTA Niagara – June 1 – June 3, 2017 Committee**

Chair McNeil extended an invitation to Trustees to join one of the many different Committees for the CCSTA Niagara AGM 2017.

**4.7 Ontario College of Teachers Professional Advisory Duty to Report**

Director Crocco distributed copies of the Ontario College of Teachers Professional Advisory Duty to Report booklet. Director Crocco announced the date and time of an October 7, 2015 Educational information meeting for Trustees and Board staff.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Vernal  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**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 8:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

**G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2015

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 June 16, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 September 15, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

**SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 June 16, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 August 12, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 September 3, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.3)**

Moved by Trustee Vernal  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 September 15, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the September 29, 2015 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 29, 2015.**

Approved on **October 27, 2015.**

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer