



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, DATE 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 Vice-Chairperson Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee O'Leary

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that Trustee Burtnik, Trustee Fera and Trustee Nieuwesteeg were excused from attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2015.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik				✓
Maurice Charbonneau		✓		
Frank Fera				✓
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg				✓
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Jessica Di Pasquale	✓			
Chloe Demizio	✓			
Student Trustees Elect				
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**, **Mark Lefebvre**, 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**

Moved by Chair MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees O'Leary with Item F5 of the In Camera Agenda. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2015**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Canadian National Medalists**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the Niagara Regional and Canada Wide Science Fair and introduced Grade 7 student Bethany Pörtl who won a Bronze medal at the Canada Wide Science Fair.

Bethany provided a brief presentation about her Canada Science Fair and trip to New Brunswick.

Chair MacNeil thanked Bethany, her family and teachers for all their dedication.

Bethany was presented with an "Excellence in Academics" pin in recognition of her victories.

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education welcomed Ivana Galante, K to 12 Consultant: business/Technological Education/Specialist High Skills Major. Ms. Galante presented background information on the Skills Canada National Competition and acknowledged Sergio Borghesi, teacher-coach for Mechanical CADD, Notre Dame College School and Paul Cianflone, teacher, Saint Michael Catholic High School.

Ms. Galante introduced Gold medal winner Alex Powell of Saint Michael Catholic High School and Bronze medal winner.

Mr. Borghesi introduced Alex DiPaola of Notre Dame College School. Both students provided a brief presentation.

Bethany, Alex Powell and Alex DiPaola were presented with an “Excellence in Academics” pin in recognition of their national academic achievements.

2. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2015-2016 Introductions

John Crocco, Director of Education introduced Michaela Bodis of Lakeshore Catholic High School and Aidan Harold of Notre Dame College Schools, provided a background report and welcomed them as Niagara Catholic District School Board’s 2015-2016 Student Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 26, 2015

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 26, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Policies

Policy Committee presented the Policy Committee recommendations to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

1.2.1 Progressive Student Discipline – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.9)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Progressive Student Discipline – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.9), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.2 Admission of Elementary & Secondary Students Policy (301.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Admission of Elementary & Secondary Students Policy (301.1), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.3 Safe Physical Intervention with Students Policy (301.8)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Safe Physical Intervention with Students Policy (301.8), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.4 Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.5 Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1), as presented.

CARRIED

1.2.6 Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2), as presented.

CARRIED

1.3 Policy and Guideline Review 2014-2015 Schedule

Direct Crocco expressed his appreciation to Senior Staff, Policy Committee Members and all Trustees for their contribution to the review and revision of policies.

Director Crocco summarized the Policy and Guideline Review 2014-2015 Schedule for the information of Trustees.

2. Summer Learning Program

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education presented the Summer Learning Program for information.

Superintendent Iannantuono answered questions of Trustees

3. Larking Estate Admission Awards

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the report and recommendation on the Larkin Estate Admission Awards and noted an amendment to the recommendation.

Superintendent Lefebvre distributed a revised Appendix A & B to be included with the report.

Moved by Trustee Chair MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of payment of \$2,075.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards in total for all eligible students, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Educational Development Charges Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services provided a verbal update on the Educational Development Charges.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees

5. Capital Projects Submission 2015

Controller Whitwell presented the report on the Capital Priorities Submission 2015.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Capital Priorities Submission 2015 for Our Lady of Fatima (G), St. Christopher, St. Theresa, and St. Michael Catholic Elementary Schools to the Ministry of Education, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School Board 2014-2015

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the report on Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School board 2014-2015 for information.

7. June 2015 Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 – Update

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council provided a verbal update on the June 2015 Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

8. Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee Approvals – 2015

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the report on Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange for information.

9. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities - 2015

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

10. Monthly Updates

10.1 Capital Projects Update

Controller Whitwell presented the Capital Projects Update.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

10.2 Student Trustees' Update

Chloe Demizio and Jessica Di Pasquale Student Trustees, presented a verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate and the OSTA-AECO's Annual General Meeting they attended. They thanked the Board for their continued support; the importance of student voice and welcomed incoming Student Trustees Michaela Bodis and Aidan Harold.

10.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Farrell

- During numerous fundraising events over the past 2½ years students and staff of St. Michael Catholic Elementary School reached their goal of \$10,000.00 to build a school in Kenya. On Monday June 1, 2015 a representative from Free the Children were presented with the cheque.

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- On June 5, 2015 a special celebration was held at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Welland to announce the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation 2015 Grant of \$53,000.00 to the school community. St. Mary Catholic Elementary School was one of twenty (20) schools across Canada to receive the grant to purchase new books and resources over a three year period, to support the improvement of literacy and student achievement for all students at the school.

Superintendent Baldasaro

On May 27, 2015, at the Ontario Mining Associations Video Contest Awards Gala attended by Premier Wynne, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School students George Bull and Morgan Bender were double winners. Their Ontario Mining video called "The Doorway" won for best directing and was awarded the Teacher's Choice Award. Their cash prizes totaled \$5000.00. Blessed Trinity Catholic will also receive \$1,000 to go towards video equipment for the school. The annual event was held at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. This is the second year in a row that Blessed Trinity Catholic students were double winners for this contest.

Superintendent Vetrone

- Anna Tykolis, Administrative Assistant won a gold medal and prestigious cycling jersey in Individual Time Trial at the UCI World Cycling Tour. This win secured her a spot on the Canadian Team. The UCI World Championship will take place in Denmark in September 2015.

In addition, Anna will be Torchbearer #11 for the Welland Pan Am Games Torchbearer Relay on June 20, 2015.

Vice-Chair Sicoli extended his congratulations

Director Crocco highlighted the artwork displayed throughout the Board Room as part of the Intermediate/Senior Art Gallery 2015 from secondary school students throughout Niagara Catholic District School Board.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 26, 2015

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 26, 2015 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – June 2015 and September 2015

Director Crocco presented the June 2015 and September 2015 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Board Retirement and Service Recognition Friday, June 19, 2015 at Club Roma at 5:30 p.m. Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications by this Friday for meals, seating and recognition by the Chair.

1.3 Education Development Charge Public Meeting – June 16, 2015

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Education Development Charge Public Meeting taking place on June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the June 2015 Board Meeting.

1.4 June Board Meeting – June 16, 2015

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the June Board Meeting taking place on June 16, 2015.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco noted a number of items Senior Administrative Council and staff will be working on between the June 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting now and the first Committee of the Whole Meeting in September;

- System Priority 2014-215 final report
- various policies for revision
- follow-up on property items
- designing the multi year blue print for technology plan
- report on the results of the student surveys
- completion of major projects such as the addition to Lakeshore Catholic High School and possible ground breaking ceremony at the location of our new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2015.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on May 12, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Trustee Burtnik joined the In-Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting electronically at this time.

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on May 12, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the June 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 9, 2015.**

Approved on **September 15, 2015.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer