



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 10, 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 Vice-Chairperson Sicoli.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Sicoli

2. Roll Call

| Trustee                 | Present | Present<br>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**, **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 Trustee Chair MacNeil

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees O'Leary with Items F5.1.1, F5.2.1 and F5.2.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Pilgrimage 2015**

On behalf of Terri Pauco, Religion & Family Life Consultant, Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced the Pilgrimage 2015 presentation and Ken Griepsma, Principal of Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School.

Student testimonials from each Catholic secondary school and a visual presentation capturing all of the Pilgrimages 2015 was shared with the Committee of the Whole.

Chair MacNeil and Vice Chair Sicoli thanked students and staff for their presentation.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Policy Committee**

**1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 27, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 27, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

As Chair of the Policy Committee, Trustee Burtnik confirmed the requirement for all vetting feedback to follow the proper process as outlined in the Board Policy when submitting vetting comments. All comments are to be sent to Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer who would then forward the feedback to the lead Supervisory Officer who would then share the vetting feedback with the Policy Committee.

**1.2 Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule**

John Crocco, Director of Education presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule for the information of Trustees.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

**2. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics 2014-2015 Results**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the report on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics 2014-2015 Results.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Leadership Identification Program 2014-2016**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented the report on Leadership Identification Program 2014-2016 for information. A visual presentation was presented highlighting the program.

Superintendent Farrell introduced planning committee members Andrew Boon, Vice-Principal of Lakeshore Catholic High School and Lori Spadafora, Principal of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School. Vice-Principal Boon and Principal Spadafora highlighted the framework of the Leadership Identification Program 2014-2016.

Superintendent Farrell introduced the candidates accepted into the 2014-2016 Leadership Identification Program cohort.

Chair MacNeil thanked the candidates for stepping forward to participate in our leadership program.

**4. Catholic Education Congress 2016-2017**

Director Crocco presented the report on Catholic Education Congress 2016-2017 for Trustee information and noted that future reports will be presented to the Committee of the Whole as plans continue to be developed and finalized.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

**5. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities - 2015**

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

**6. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update – November**

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented the November Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update for the information of the Committee of the Whole.

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

**7. Monthly Updates**

**7.1 Capital Projects Update**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

**7.2 Student Senate Update**

Aidan Harold and Michaela Bodis, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

**7.3 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Farrell**

- The Educational Technology Services Department was notified that the application for a Shared Services Grant from the Ministry of Education to help support our data center move to the Niagara Region was approved for \$100,000.
- The Educational Technology Services Department was also an applicant on a joint initiative to provide Cloud services throughout the region of Niagara for another Shared Services Grant. Partnering with the department were the District School Board of Niagara, Brock University, Niagara College, Niagara Police Services, and the Niagara Region. The application was successful and consequently the consortium will receive \$100,000 as seed money for the project.

**Director Crocco**

- Congratulations to Student Trustees Michaela Bodis and Aidan Harold for a successful and productive Student Senate meeting and their leadership in representing all students across Niagara Catholic.
- Trevor Plug, a graduate of Holy Rosary, St. Charles, Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools and Denis Morris Catholic Secondary School was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 27, 2015**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 27, 2015 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – November 2015**

Director Crocco presented the November Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

#### **1.3 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 1, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Organizational Meeting on December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

#### **1.4 December Committee of the Whole – December 1, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

Director Crocco announced the Committee of the Whole meeting for December 1, 2015.

Director Crocco included two additional information items.

#### **CCSTA 2017 Planning Committee Meeting – November 18, 2015**

Director Crocco confirmed that the CCSTA 2017 Planning Committee meeting has been re-scheduled to November 18, 2015.

#### **Debra McCaffery Funeral Mass**

Director Crocco informed Trustees that Danny DiLorenzo, Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School has arranged for reserved parking and seating until 11:30 for Debra McCaffery's Funeral Mass taking place on Wednesday November 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Julia's Roman Catholic Church.

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

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Director Crocco confirmed that the multi-year reports presented under item C6 would be presented commencing at the January 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

## **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 9:28 p.m. and reconvened at 11:21 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2015.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**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 October 13, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**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 October 13, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Chair MacNeil

**THAT** the November 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

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Approved on **December 1, 2015.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer