



**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 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 7:08 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayer was led by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

**2. Roll Call**

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that Trustee Charbonneau be excused.

<b>Trustee</b>	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**, **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.

Vice-Chair Sicoli welcomed Mr. Wayne Campbell of Post Media

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees O'Leary with Item F5.1 and F5.2 of the In Camera Agenda. Trustee O'Leary left the meeting during discussion of these items.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Fera

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

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2015-2016 School Year**

John Crocco, Director of Education Secretary/Treasurer and Senior Administrative Council welcomed the Board to the new school year and presented a visual report which provided information and update on the beginning of the new school year, summer activities, System Priorities, enrolment, staffing and budget updates.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

Vice-Chair Sicoli and Chair MacNeil thanked Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council for the excellent and informative report and the smooth and focused start to the new school year.

**2. The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services - Special Education Plan for information. All Trustees were presented a copy of the Special Education Plan Building Bridges to Services 2015 and Beyond.

**3. Ombudsman Ontario – Complaints About School Boards**

A copy of the Ombudsman Ontario – Complaints About School Boards Pamphlet was distributed.

Trustee Burtnik noted that until the Government of Ontario appoints an Ombudsman, Barbara Finlay is the acting Ombudsman for Ontario.

**4. Monthly Updates**

**4.1 Capital Projects Update**

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

**4.2 Student Trustees' Update**

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

**4.3 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

- Notre Dame College School 2015 Valedictorian, Conary Coyne is studying Engineering at McMaster University, and was awarded a Mc Master University Entrance Scholarship. In addition, Conary has been recently recognized as a Schulich Leader, and has been awarded one of the 50 Schulich Leader Scholarships valued at \$80,000 funded by the Schulich Foundation. Conary is Notre Dame College School's first ever Shulich Leader. At Notre Dame College School, Conary actively participated in social justice activities, was a mathlete, a soccer referee, a Lego League Robotics mentor, a lacrosse player, and a hockey goalie.

**Superintendent Lefebvre**

- Two Niagara Catholic students, Alex Powell, from Saint Michael Catholic High School, Niagara Falls and Owen Pasincky from Lakeshore Catholic High School, Port Colborne have been awarded the Skills Ontario Board of Directors Scholarship Award. Alex Powell is entering the engineering Program at the University of Western Ontario.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 2015**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 2015 issue for Trustees information.

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

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

#### **1.3 Director's Letter to Students and Parents – September 2015**

Director Crocco presented a copy of the letter that was sent to all students and families for September 2015.

#### **1.4 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 16, 2015**

Director Crocco presented the Agenda and Registration form for the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 16, 2015.

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

#### **1.5 Niagara Festival Grape Grande Parade – September 26, 2015**

Director Crocco informed the Board that Niagara Catholic will once again participate in the Niagara Festival Grande Parade on September 27, 2014. Three (3) Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools will participate with student ambassadors representing all of our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.

All Trustees were invited to walk in the annual parade with the Board and asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

#### **1.6 OCSTA – 2015 Fall Regional Meetings – Information & Registration**

Director John Crocco highlighted the OCSTA 2015 fall regional meeting dates for Trustee information and registration.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

#### **1.7 Federal Election Administrative Procedures – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Director Crocco reviewed the Director's Memorandum DM 150 – Federal Election Administrative Procedures for Trustees information.

#### **1.8 OCSTA – April 28-30, 2016 AGM & Conference**

Director John Crocco presented the invitation for the OCSTA's 2016 AGM & Conference.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

### **1.9 CCSTA – June 9-11, 2016 AGM & Conference**

Director Crocco presented the invitation for the CCSTA 2016 AGM & Conference.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

1.1 Director Crocco informed the Board that the 2014-2015 System Priorities Final Achievement Report will be presented at the October 27, 2015 Board Meeting.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**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 9:12 p.m. and reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2015

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 June 9, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**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 June 9, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

A moment of silence was observed for the Syrian Refugees.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the September 15, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 15, 2015.**

Approved on **October 13, 2015.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer