



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 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 Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson MacNeil noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

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**, **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 Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F9.2.1 and F9.2.2 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are employees of the Board. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustee Fera with Items F9.1.1 and F9.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are employees of the Board. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**5. Minutes of the Board Meeting**

**5.1 Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 15, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 15, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 12, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program – Loretto Catholic Elementary School**

John Crocco, Director of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Antonio Cardamone, Principal and Gus Marchio, Vice-Principal of Loretto Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Cardamone and Vice-Principal Marchio, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Loretto Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

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

**2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2016 and Consideration of Recommendations**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2016.

**2.1 Technology Blueprint 2016-2020**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board endorse the Niagara Catholic Technology Blueprint 2016-2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of December 2, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 2, 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Review 2015-2016**

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Review 2015-2016 report for information.

Director Crocco acknowledged the efforts of Senior Administrative Council, Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer and Margaret Wesley, Print Clerk.

Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil extended appreciation to Director Crocco and his staff for the excellent report which captured how responsive the Board is to meet the needs of students in Catholic Education.

**5. Financial Report 2015-2016**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report 2015-2016 for Trustee information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil extended appreciation to Superintendent Vetrone for the clarity of the newly designed report.

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

**1. Correspondence**

**1.1 January 8, 2016 Letter from Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies**

Chair MacNeil, highlighted information contained in the January 8, 2016 letter from Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies to Director Crocco.

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Trustee O'Leary highlighted the community hub presentation during the OCSTA Professional Development Seminar held in Toronto on January 15 & 16, 2016.

Trustee Sicoli highlighted the presentation addressing transgender students.

Trustee Vernal enjoyed all the presentations.

Trustee Burtnik noted that the conference engaged dialogue on many difficult and often misunderstood topics and thanked Niagara Catholic for their outstanding support.

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

Director Crocco reported the Multi-Year Accommodation Plan will be provided to the February 2016 Committee of the Whole.

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 12, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 12, 2016 issue for Trustee's information.

**4.2 Calendar of Events – February 2016**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - February 2016 for Trustees information and reminded Trustees of the information session at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Chair MacNeil reminded Trustees of the CCSTA 2017 AGM meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on Thursday January 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

**4.3 Board Committee Membership 2016**

Chair MacNeil presented the Board Committee Membership 2016, and thanked all Trustees for their 2015 membership participation.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 8:49 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 January 26, 2016

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 December 15, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

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 A: Student Trustees Present of January 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 December 15, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**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 January 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F6)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the January 26, 2016 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 26, 2016**.

Approved on **February 23, 2016**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer