

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chair Burtnik.

# A. ROUTINE MATTERS

# 1. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Vice-Chair Burkholder

# 2. <u>Roll Call</u>

Chair Burtnik noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Student Trustees				
Vincent Atallah	✓			
Dallas McMahon	✓			

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; Jennifer Brailey, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; Kristine Murphy, 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 February 25, 2014, as presented.

#### CARRIED

# 4. <u>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</u>

Trustee MacNeil disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in Item C71 of the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions, of the September 24, 2013 Board Meeting.

#### 5. <u>Minutes of Board Meetings</u>

#### 5.1 Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2014

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2014, as presented.

#### CARRIED

# 5.2 <u>Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 11, 2014</u>

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 11, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

# **B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### 1. <u>Speak Out Showcase 2014</u>

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Lisa Incaviglia, Acting-Vice Principal, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School and Co-Chair of the Speak OUT! Committee, and Christine Battagli, Consultant - Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting and Co-Chair of the Speak OUT! Committee. The Co-Chairs presented background information on the Speak Out! Program.

Ms. Battagli introduced the student speakers who presented their award winning speeches to the Board.

#### **Intermediate First Place;**

Susan Leone, Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School Topic: Child Rights

Kyle Wong, Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School Topic: Behaviour at Youth Sporting Events

#### Junior First Place;

Jacob Pozzobon, Loretto Catholic Elementary School Topic: How to Meet a Millionaire

#### Catholic Messenger;

Kian Rego, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School in St. Catharines Topic: Why it is good to be an Individual

Chairperson Burtnik congratulated the students on their award winning speeches and along with Vice-Chair Burkholder and Director Crocco presented the students with Niagara Catholic specially minted "Excellence in Academics" Pins.

# C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

#### 1. <u>School Excellence Program – St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School</u>

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent Lefebvre introduced Principal Wendy Brant.

Principal Brant, with the assistance of Ms. Mary Byers, parent from the community, students and staff showcased St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair Burtnik, Trustee Fera and Trustee Nieuwesteeg thanked Principal Brant, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

#### 2. <u>Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2014</u> <u>and Consideration of Recommendations</u>

Moved by Trustee MacNeil Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2014, as presented.

# CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2014.

#### 2.1 <u>Approval of Policies</u>

#### 2.1.1 <u>Religious Education for Teaching Staff Policy (201.3)</u>

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Religious Education for Teaching Staff Policy (201.3), as presented. **CARRIED** 

#### 2.1.2 School Generated Funds Policy (301.6)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the School Generated Funds Policy (301.6), as presented. **CARRIED** 

# 2.2 <u>Revised Attendance Area Boundaries for St. Ann Catholic, St. James Catholic and Assumption Catholic Elementary Schools</u>

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Revised Attendance Area Boundaries for St. Ann Catholic, St. James Catholic and Assumption Catholic Elementary Schools, as presented:

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the following revisions to the current attendance area boundaries for St. Ann Catholic, St. James Catholic and Assumption Catholic Elementary Schools and approve the recommendations as presented.

**THAT** the new boundary description for St. Ann Catholic Elementary School be described as:

East: Commencing at Lake Ontario and Lake Street (centerline) to South: Lakeshore Road (centerline) to Lakeport Road (centerline) to LinwelRoad (centerline) to Ontario Street (centerline) to Ontario Jaycee Gardens (Fairview Creek) projected west to Twelve Mile Creek South to Hwy 406 to Vansickle Road N (centerline) to Martindale Road to Erion Road (centerline – and its extension) to West: Hwy 406 to the QEW to

North: Fifteen Mile Creek to Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on Lake Street (centerline)

**THAT** the new boundary for St. James Catholic Elementary School be described as: East: Commencing at Lake Ontario and Vine Street (centerline) to South: Linwell Road (centerline) to West Lakeport Road (centerline) to Lakeshore Road (centerline) to Lake Street (centerline) to

North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on Vine Street

**THAT** the new boundary description for Assumption Catholic Elementary School be described as:

East: Commencing on the City Boundary (St. Catharines & Niagara on the Lake) to South: Linwell Road East (centerline), crossing Welland Canal to Linwell Road (centerline) to West: Vine Street (centerline) to North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on the City Boundary, as presented. CARRIED

#### 2.3 <u>Pupil Accommodation Review for St. Christopher/St. Theresa Catholic Elementary</u> <u>School Submission Timelines</u>

Moved by Trustee Sicoli Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Pupil Accommodation Review for St. Christopher/St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School Submission Timelines, as presented:

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the St. Catharines Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule (Appendix 3) for 2014, as presented.

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines (Appendix 4) for Public Input, as presented.

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Pupil Accommodation Review Process for the 2013-2014 school year, in accordance with Board By-Law Section 17 -Rules of Order -Subsections 1 and 2; Board By-Law Section 13 -Delegations, be modified as outlined in the Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input, as presented.

# CARRIED

#### 3. Financial Reports

#### 3.1 Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of January 2014

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of January 2014, as presented for information. **CARRIED** 

#### 3.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures as at January 31, 2014

Moved by Trustee Fera Seconded by Trustee MacNeil **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at January 31, 2014, as presented for information. **CARRIED** 

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

#### 1. Correspondence

- 1.1 Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario February 10, 2014
- 1.2 Saint Michael Catholic High School Reception of J. Trudeau & K. Wynne
- 1.3 Proposed OCSTA Amended and Restated By-Law Number 2014-01

Chair Burtnik and Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

#### 2. <u>Report on Trustee Conferences Attended</u>

Nil Report

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

3.1 2017 Conference CCSTA Co-Host

Chair Burtnik provided background information on the 2017 Conference CCSTA Co-Host report and the recommendation to the Board.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board agree to co-host the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) 2017 Annual General Meeting/Convention in Niagara Falls with Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC).

#### CARRIED

#### 4. <u>Trustee Information</u>

#### 4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 11, 2014

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 11, 2014 issue for Trustees' information.

#### 4.2 Calendar of Events – March 2014

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – March 2014 for Trustees' information

#### 5. <u>Open Question Period</u>

None Submitted

# E. NOTICES OF MOTION

# F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau 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 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

# G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Vice-Chair Burkholder Seconded by Trustee Fera **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 25, 2014

# SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Vice-Chair Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**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 January 28, 2014, as presented.

#### CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Vice-Chair Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**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 February 11, 2014, 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 January 28, 2014, as presented.

#### CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 February 11, 2014, as presented.
CARRIED (Item F5)

# H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

# I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

# J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the February 25, 2014 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

# CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on February 25, 2014.

Approved on <u>March 18, 2014</u>.

Kathy Burtnik Chair of the Board John Crocco Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer