



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc 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 Charbonneau.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau noted that Trustees Fera and Sicoli and Student Trustee Atallah asked to be excused from the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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				✓
Michael Blair	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 15, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item C4.1 of the Public Agenda, as she has a family member who is associated with the Quartek Group.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda. This Trustee has family members who are employees of the Board. Trustee O'Leary left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 4, 2012

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 4, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Norah Morgan Memorial Award

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Debra McLauchlan, Chair of the Carousel Players Board of Directors who presented background information on the Norah Morgan Memorial Award.

Ms. McLauchlan presented the 2013 Award to Paul Lukacs, teacher at St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School, for his efforts in promoting and integrating music, drama, art and dance into his classroom and at the school.

Mr. Lukacs stated that he is extremely honored to receive the Norah Morgan Memorial Award and thanked the Board for opportunity to offer the Arts program to the students.

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau thanked Carousel Players for their enthusiastic support and promotion of drama and arts among children.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. *French Immersion In Niagara Catholic Schools - September 2013*

Superintendent Lefebvre introduced the report on French Immersion in Niagara Catholic Schools - September 2013 and invited FSL Consultant Jayne Evans to present further information on the Program.

Mrs. Evans informed Trustees that based on the data collected through the French Immersion Interest Survey as well as the information gathered during the six (6) community information sessions, Senior Administrative Council has developed proposed French Immersion sites and entry points to begin in September, 2013.

Trustees asked questions of staff and expressed appreciation for the implementation of the French Immersion Program in line with the System Priorities and Strategic Plan.

2. *Access, Engagement and Student Learning Using Digital Textbooks in Niagara Catholic*

Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education, presented background information on the report on Access, Engagement and Student Learning Using Digital Textbooks in Niagara Catholic. Mark Di Tomasso, e-Learning Consultant, elaborated on the program which focuses on Grades 7 & 8 classrooms using Mathematics and Science Pearson eText as the platform.

Trustees asked questions of staff and discussed the technology involved in e-Learning.

3. *Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities - 2013*

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information. The revised Leadership Identification Program (LIP) was highlighted through a visual presentation.

4. *Monthly Updates*

4.1 *Capital Projects Progress Report*

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

4.2 *Student Trustees' Update*

Michael Blair, Student Trustee, 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 Ciccarelli

- The Fatima Falcons Lego (Robotics) Team received the Alliance Award and the First Place Champion's Award at the First Lego League Provincial East Division Tournament. The First Place prize is participation in a tournament at LegoLand California.

Superintendent Baldasaro

- Students at St. James Catholic Elementary School were greeted by a giant statue of a bulldog in front of the school on Monday, January 7th in honor of the school's 50th Anniversary. Students, staff and the St. James Catholic School community are currently planning the school's 50th Anniversary Open House to take place on Saturday, April 27th, 2013.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 18, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 18, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – January 2013

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – January 2013

1.3 3rd Annual Niagara Catholic Baby Celebration – January 16, 2013

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Niagara Catholic Baby Celebration is being held at the Catholic Education Centre on January 16, 2013. All Board employees who had a baby during 2012 and are on maternity leave have been invited to the Catholic Education Centre for a get together to reconnect with colleagues. All Trustees were invited to attend.

1.4 OCSTA Professional Development Seminar – January 17–19, 2013

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the OCSTA Professional Development Seminar being held January 17–19, 2013 in Toronto.

1.5 2013 Annual Partners Breakfast - February 8, 2013 - 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Director Crocco presented information on the BEC - 2013 Annual Partners Breakfast – being held February 8, 2013 from 7:30 a.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena no later than Friday, January 18th, 2013.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Trustees were supplied with copies of the 2013 Trustee Committee List. Chairperson Burtnik asked Trustees to review the list and provide feedback prior to the January Board Meeting.
- Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Demographic and School Utilization Report regarding Phase 1 will be presented to the January Board Meeting and that the Phase 2 report will be presented to the Board by April 2013.
- Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Annual Mid-Year System Priority Review Report will be presented to the January Board Meeting as scheduled.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

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 Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 15, 2013.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 December 4, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

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 B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on December 4, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the January 15, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 15th, 2013.**

Approved on the **12th** day of **February 2012.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer