



*The Niagara Catholic District School Board through  
the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership,  
nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all  
to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*

*AGENDA AND MATERIAL*

## **BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**



*FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO*

### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayers – Trustee Nieuwesteeg -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest -
5. Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 29, 2016 A5

### **B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. School Excellence Program C1  
Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School
2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016 C2  
and Consideration of Recommendations  
2.1 Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017 C2.1  
2.2 Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three C2.2
3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) C3  
Meeting of March 2, 2016
4. Appointment of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) C4  
Member 2014-2018
5. Financial Report 2015-2016 as at March 31, 2016 C5

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

1. Correspondence  
1.1 March 10, 2016 Letter from Holy Childhood Association D1.1  
1.2 March 14, 2016 Letter from St. Alfred Roman Catholic Parish D1.2  
1.3 March 22, 2016 Letter from Project Share D1.3  
1.4 April 4, 2016 Letter from Niagara Children’s Centre D1.4  
1.5 April 12, 2016 Letter from Ontario College of Teachers D1.5  
1.6 April 14, 2016 Letter from Ministry of Education D1.6  
1.7 April 19, 2016 Letter from Ministry of Education D1.7

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| 2.  | Report on Trustee Conferences Attended   | -    |
| 3.  | General Discussion to Plan for Future Action   | -    |
| 4.  | Trustee Information  |      |
| 4.1 | Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 12, 2016   | D4.1 |
| 4.2 | Calendar of Events – May 2016  | D4.2 |
| 4.3 | Catholic Education Week 2016   | D4.3 |
| 4.4 | Ontario College of Teachers Conference Invitation  | -    |
| 4.5 | Naming of Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School Chapel   | -    |
| 5.  | Open Question Period   |      |
|     | <i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i> |      |

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

**G. REPORT ON IN CAMERA SESSION**

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF  
MARCH 29, 2016**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 29, 2016, as presented.



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 29, 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 7:07 p.m. by Chairperson MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Fera.

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustee Charbonneau and Trustee Nieuwesteeg were asked to be excused from the March 29, 2016 Board Meeting.

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**, 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**

Chair MacNeil requested items F6 and F7 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) be moved to the In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included).

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 29, 2016, as amended.

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F10.2.1 and F10.2.2 and Trustee Fera with Items F10.1 and F10.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of these items.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program – St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education introduced Clare Tofano, Principal of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Tofano, with the assistance of students, staff and parents showcased St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil and Trustee Sicoli thanked Principal Tofano, the staff, students and parents for their presentation and performance.

**2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
 Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of November 19, 2015**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
 Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of November 19, 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. Multi-Year Grass Cutting Services Tender Approval**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Multi-Year Grass Cutting Services Tender.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
 Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Multi-Year Contracts for Grass Cutting Services to:

Area A	St. Catharines, ON	Steele's Landscaping
Area B	St. Catharines, ON	Steele's Landscaping
Area C	Lincoln, ON	Steele's Landscaping
Area D	Welland, ON	Snips Landscape
Area E	Thorold, ON	Snips Landscape
Area F	Port Colborne, ON	Snips Landscape
Area G	Fort Erie, Ridgeway, ON	Paramount Landscaping
Area H	Niagara Falls, ON – North	HS&M Landscape
Area I	Niagara Falls, ON – South	Paramount Landscaping

Grass cutting per occurrence	\$10,273.56
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**CARRIED**

**5. Financial Report 2015-2016 as at February 29, 2016**

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

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

### **1. Correspondence**

Nil Report

### **2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

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

Senior Administrative Council continues to work on the design of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 report and recommendations to the April Committee of the Whole meeting; as well as Phase 3 of the Long Term Accommodations Plan which will be presented at the April Committee of the Whole meeting.

With the approval of the Facility Partnerships Policy a recommended Facilities Partnership Plan will be presented at the May Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### **4. Trustee Information**

#### **4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 8, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 8, 2016.

#### **4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2016**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - April 2016 for Trustees information and reminded Trustees of the Bishop's Gala taking place Friday April 1, 2016 and noted that seating is reserved and the plan will be emailed to Trustees attending the Gala.

#### **4.3 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – April 11, 2016**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 11, 2016 at the Holiday Inn St. Catharines and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications.

#### **4.4 OCSTA Change in Groupings for Regional Meeting**

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the OCSTA change in groupings for each regional meeting.

#### **4.5 OCSTA Spring Regional Meeting Questions**

Director Crocco reviewed the memorandum from OCSTA regarding the invitation for Boards to submit two priority questions for discussion at the OCSTA Regional Meeting. Chair MacNeil indicated that the item would be placed on the April Committee of the Whole Agenda for discussion and submission from Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Chair MacNeil reminded Trustees of the CCSTA regional planning meeting on April 23, 2016 at Our Lady of Scapular Church.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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 March 29, 2016

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 February 23, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 March 8, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

**SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 February 23, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 March 8, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the March 29, 2016 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 29, 2016**.

Approved on **April 26, 2016**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TITLE: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM  
MARY WARD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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The School Excellence Program report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016

## SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

### MARY WARD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NIAGARA FALLS

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**Grades**

ELKP - Grade 8

**Enrolment**

352 As of September 2015

**Principal**

Joseph Tornabuono

**Superintendent**

Mark Lefebvre

**Catholic School Council**

Chair: Annie Etazadi  
Co-Chair: Robin Forlin

**Parish**

Our Lady of the Scapular



Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School was built in 1956 as a four-room school. The original building, which was incorporated into the present school, was constructed by the Niagara Falls Separate School Board. Our school has since expanded to meet the needs of our community.

Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School is a part of the [Saint Paul Catholic High School](#) Family of Schools.

Prepared by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016:

**2.1 Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017, as presented.

**2.2 Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three, as presented.



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 12, 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 Chair MacNeil, who chaired the April Committee of the Whole for Vice-Chair Burtnik who was present electronically.

#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Chair MacNeil.

2. Roll Call

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 O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Items F4.1.1 and F4.2.1 and Trustee O'Leary with Items F4.2.1, F4.2.2 and F4.2.3 of the In Camera Agenda, These trustees have family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of these items.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Policy Committee**

**1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 29, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 29, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Sicoli suggested Policy Committee Meeting times or dates be changed.

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

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

**2. System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update – April 2016**

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council provided an update on the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Elementary Itinerant Arts Curriculum Delivery & Support**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Teri Cristelli, Arts/Student Engagement Consultant.

Ms. Cristelli presented the Elementary Itinerant Arts Curriculum Delivery and Support report.

Superintendent Lefebvre and Ms. Cristelli answered questions of Trustees.

**4. Catholic Educational Congress 2016-2017 Update**

Director Crocco presented a background on the Catholic Educational Congress and introduced Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader and Chair of the Alliance Sub-Committee of the Catholic Educational Congress.

Ms. Wood presented the Catholic Education Congress 2016-2017 report.

Chair MacNeil thanked Krista for her commitment and the Catholic Education Congress initiative.

**5. Long Term Accommodations Plan – Phase Three**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education, Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, and Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services presented the Long Term Accommodations Plan – Phase Three.

Superintendent Farrell and Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Following a discussion on previous Board motions and discussions between Director Crocco and the Director of Education of Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud on a joint partnership capital priorities submission to the Ministry of Education for a new downtown elementary school, Chair MacNeil read the following motion for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole; **THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board to submit a request to delegate to the Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud requesting a partnership to submit a capital priorities business case for a joint use school between St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School and Ecole Immaculee Conception.

Discussion took place between Trustees and Senior Staff.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board to submit a request to delegate to the Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud requesting a partnership to submit a capital priorities business case for a joint use school between St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School and Ecole Immaculee Conception.

**CARRIED**

**6. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017**

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil suggested the following amendments to the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017;

- *Building Partnerships and Schools as Hubs* second bullet to “Enhance the relationships capacity between schools, parishes and homes in Niagara Catholic and the Diocese of St. Catharines”
- *Create Equity and Accessibility of Resources* bullet to begin with “continue to”
- *Provide Supports For Success* first bullet to begin “Evangelize our schools as we continue to deliver Catholic programs”

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017, as amended.

**CARRIED**

The Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017 Appendix B will be revised as amended by the Committee of the Whole and recommended by the Committee of the Whole to the April 26, 2016 Board meeting for approval.

**7. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

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

**8. Monthly Updates**

**8.1 Capital Projects Update**

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

**8.2 Student Trustees' Update**

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

### **8.3 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

#### **Superintendent Farrell**

- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School dance and drama students will be involved in a unique performance at First Ontario Performing Arts Centre funded by the Ontario Trillium foundation and Canada Council for the Arts. A culmination of a four year Shebang process bringing Dreamwalker Dance Company together with Niagara Artists on Thursday April 21, 2016.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 29, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 29, 2016 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – April 2016**

Director Crocco presented the April 2016 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

#### **1.3 OCSTA Spring Regional Meeting Questions**

Director Crocco reviewed the memorandum from OCSTA regarding the invitation for Boards to submit two priority questions for discussion at the OCSTA Regional Meeting and asked Trustees for their input.

Following a discussion by Trustees Chair MacNeil will e-mail the draft formulated questions to Trustees prior to remitting to OCSTA by April 15, 2019 as requested.

#### **1.4 CCSTA 2017 Planning Committee Meeting – April 23, 2016**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the CCSTA regional planning meeting on April 23, 2016 at Our Lady of Scapular Church.

#### **1.5 Niagara Catholic Summer Camps 2016**

Director Crocco presented a draft copy of the Niagara Catholic District School Board Summer Camps 2016 flyer prior to its distribution throughout the Region of Niagara.

Superintendent Lefebvre highlighted key areas of the Niagara Catholic Summer Camps for 2016.

#### **1.6 Health and Physical Education Catholic Resources Update**

Director Crocco highlighted the Health and Physical Education Catholic Resources Update and implementation in Niagara Catholic.

Director Crocco and Superintendent Lefebvre answered questions of Trustees.

Director Crocco indicated that a report on the revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum and Catholic resources would be presented at the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 Director Crocco informed the Board that along with the continued design of a balanced budget for 2016-2017, a draft Facilities Partnership Plan is on target for presentation at the May Committee of the Whole meeting.
- 1.2 In accordance with Board's Administrative Guideline on School Name Selection, there has been a recommendation from students and staff at the Pope Francis Centre and supported by Senior Administrative Council to name the new day care facility Blessed Mother Teresa House.

This request was fully endorsed by the Board.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**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 10:32 p.m. and reconvened at 11:36 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**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 March 8, 2016, 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 March 8, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the April 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 12, 2016.**

Approved on **May 10, 2016.**

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Fr. Paul McNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES 2016-2017**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017, as presented.

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Prepared by: Senior Administrative Council

Presented by: Senior Administrative Council

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING APRIL 12, 2016

### NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES 2016-2017

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Commencing at the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Director of Education, the Superintendent of Business and Financial Services and members of Senior Administrative Council commenced monthly information reports to the Committee of the Whole Meetings on the Design of the System Priorities and Annual Board Budget 2016-2017 for ongoing discussion, input and recommendations.

The monthly information reports provided opportunities for the Director of Education and Senior Administrative Council to engage in dialogue with the Committee of the Whole towards the design and consideration of a recommendation for the approval of the System Priorities 2016-2017 at the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Simultaneously, Senior Administrative Council continues to build the 2016-2017 Budget to achieve the System Priorities 2016-2017 and meet all of the legislated requirements of the *Education Act* and the Ministry of Education Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding allocations.

At the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Director of Education, the Superintendent of Business and Financial Services and Senior Administrative Council will present a balanced Board Budget 2016-2017 for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole Meeting towards a recommendation for approval at the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting.

As noted in each monthly report to the Committee of the Whole, the annual System Priorities and balanced annual Board Budget will be in alignment with the Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision and Values, the two Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions and the four current goals of the Ministry of Education's *Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario*.

The Director of Education, the Superintendent of Business and Financial Services and Senior Administrative Council continue to be committed to two fundamental principles in preparing the 2016-2017 System Priorities and balanced Board Budget. The two principles are:

- a) A commitment to providing Catholic educational excellence through approved programs and services for all students.
- b) A commitment to achieving the Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and Annual System Priorities through balanced and sustainable annual budgets.

In preparing the recommendations for the 2016-2017 System Priorities and balanced Board Budget for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole and Board, the Director of Education, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services and Senior Administrative Council continually monitor and review a variety of Niagara data and information. The data includes city demographics, economic and employment statistics and trends; current and projected enrolment in elementary, secondary and continuing education schools; provincial educational directions; provincial Grants for Student Needs (GSN), Educational Funding Other (EPO) grants and capital funding of district school boards.

### **System Priorities and Annual Budget 2016-2017 Consultation & Decision Making Process**

As part of the design, consultation and decision making process, the Director of Education, the Superintendent of Business and Financial Services and members of Senior Administrative Council engaged, updated and informed, through reports, the January, February, March and April 2016 Committee of the Whole Meetings.

In addition to the continued dialogue with the Committee of the Whole, the Director of Education and Senior Administrative Council engaged in continuous discussions with the following leadership groups, committees, councils and educational partners for input and recommendations in the design of the System Priorities and balanced Board Budget 2016-2017 for the consideration of the April and May 2016 Committee of the Whole and Board.

The Consultation and Decision Making Process towards finalizing the System Priorities and the balanced Board Budget for 2016-2017 included the following:

Continuous consultation, discussion and recommendations from:

- ❖ Senior Administrative Council
- ❖ Trustees at Committee of the Whole Meetings
- ❖ Principals at Director's Meetings
- ❖ Family of Schools Meetings
- ❖ Secondary Principals Meetings
- ❖ Academic Council
- ❖ Elementary and Secondary Curriculum Councils
- ❖ Secondary Management Council Meetings
- ❖ School and Catholic Education Centre Staff Meetings

Presentations and an invitation to provide recommendations were made to:

- ❖ Student Senates - Elementary and Secondary
- ❖ Catholic School Councils
- ❖ Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)
- ❖ Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC)
- ❖ Niagara Catholic Alliance Committee (NCAC)
- ❖ OECTA - Niagara Elementary Unit President
- ❖ OECTA - Niagara Secondary Unit President
- ❖ CUPE 1317 President

Submission Timelines to the Committee of the Whole Meetings

- System Priorities 2016-2017 recommendations to April 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Balanced Budget 2016-2017 recommendations to May 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting

### **System Priorities 2016-2017**

Rooted in achieving the expectations and outcomes of the Board approved Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, the Ministry of Education *Achieving Excellence* document and building on the 2015-2016 System Priorities, the Enabling Strategies of the System Priorities provide focused system priority initiatives for 2016-2017 to achieve the Board's two Strategic Directions within its Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

At the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Senior Administrative Council will provide background information on each System Priority and the plan to operationalize each System Priority 2016-2017 connected to a balanced Board Budget 2016-2017 within the funding provided in the 2016-2017 Grants for Student Needs. (Appendix A)

Once approved by the Board, a copy of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017 will be provided to all Principals, Vice-Principals, Managers, Bishop Bergie and the Diocese of St. Catharines, the Special Education Advisory Council, Catholic School Councils, the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Alliance Committee. A poster size copy of the 2016-2017 System Priorities will be placed in a public location in all schools, Board sites and the Catholic Education Centre for review by students, staff, parents and guests to Niagara Catholic. A copy will also be placed on the Board, My Niagara Catholic, My Niagara Catholic Alumni and My Niagara Catholic Trustee websites.

As we began in September 2015, throughout 2016-2017, Senior Administrative Council will continue to provide updates at each Committee of the Whole Meetings with reports on the implementation of various initiatives in achieving the System Priorities 2016-2017.

As has been provided annually since 2010, a Mid-Year Progress Review of the System Priorities 2016-2017 will be presented at the January 2017 Board Meeting. A Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017 Achievement Report will be presented at the September 2017 Board Meeting.

Given full consideration of all input and recommendations provided through the extensive consultation process, the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017 are presented to the Committee of the Whole for its consideration, discussion and approval. (Appendix B)

A visual presentation will be presented as part of this report.

*Appendix A – OCSTA 2016-2017 Grants for Student Needs Announcements*

*Appendix B – Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017, as presented.

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Presented by: Senior Administrative Council

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: April 12, 2016



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March 29, 2016

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education

**FROM:** Wally Easton, Policy Advisor - Finance

**SUBJECT:** 2016-17 Grants for Student Needs Announcements

On March 24, 2016 the Ministry of Education issued Ministry Memorandum 2016:B6. This memorandum provides highlights of the 2016-17 Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The GSN for 2016-17 is estimated at \$22.9 billion which is an increase of \$300 million from the previous year. Highlights are as follows:

### Funding to reflect the central labour agreements:

- increase in salary benchmarks for teaching and non-teaching staff of 1.25 percent for the entire 2016-17 school year
- reduction for projected savings from the Earned Leave plans, which apply to teachers represented by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) or l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO). A reconciliation will occur at the end of the year and savings not realized will be reimbursed to boards.
- changes to how employee benefits are funded through the GSN in 2016–17 will be made once the 2014–15 benefit costs are determined through the data collection and validation process that is currently underway
- one-time funding will be provided through the 2015–16 GSN for the early payout of retirement gratuities.

Also related to the central labour agreements the 2015-16 (Current year) GSN is being amended as follows:

- Funding for the one percent lump sum payment will be provided through a table amount in the GSN
- The Teacher Qualifications and Experience Allocation and the Early Childhood Educator Qualifications and Experience Allocation will recognize the restoration of grid movement retroactive to September 1, 2015
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**Other funding:**

- an investment of \$1.2M in the per-pupil allocation of the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Supplement to ensure that all boards receive a base amount of funding. This will give all boards resources to establish a position at a supervisory officer level that is dedicated to supporting implementation of the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework.
- funding of \$6M to support Board Action Plans on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education will be transferred to the GSN from Education Programs – Other (EPO).
- as a point of clarification, it should be noted that Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten pupils are eligible to generate funding from the Native Languages Allocation for elementary pupils, provided that the programs in which the pupils are enrolled meet the requirements for average daily length of program.
- updates to the per pupil allocation in the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Supplement and two components of the Language Grant based on the 2011 census data will be phased in over three-years.
- the Student Transportation Grant will be increased by 2 percent.
- the Ministry will again provide a 2 percent cost benchmark update to the non-staff portion of the School Operations Allocation benchmark to assist boards in managing the increases in commodity prices (natural gas, facility insurance, and other costs)
- increase of 3.5 percent for electricity costs.

- accountability measures previously announced:
  - i. as announced in 2015, the Ministry will begin to take action to ensure compliance with the Full-day Kindergarten (FDK) and Primary (grades 1 to 3) provisions of the Class Size regulation (O. Reg. 132/12)
  - ii. in 2015 the Ministry informed boards of its intent to review board compliance with the enveloping provisions of the School Board Administration and Governance Grant. The Ministry recognizes that, as a result of collective bargaining, boards may face extraordinary costs in 2015–16. The review of compliance is therefore deferred to 2016–17.

Several existing Ministry programs will be transferred into the GSN in 2016–17 as follows:

- funding for library staff, projected to be \$10M in 2016–17, supports the hiring of teacher-librarians and/or library technicians to support the learning of elementary school students
- funding for the Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Local Capacity initiative, projected to be \$3.2M in 2016–17, supports school boards to build capacity to better manage information to inform board decisions, school administration, and classroom practice
- funding for Outdoor Education, \$17M in 2016–17, provides elementary and secondary students with learning experiences in the outdoors
- funding for Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching Contacts, \$7.6M in 2016–17, provides boards with one Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching contact per school board.

As a reminder, the following funding model reforms began in prior years will continue to be implemented:

- 2016–17 is the second year of a three-year phase-in of School Board Efficiencies and Modernization (SBEM) measures, introduced in 2015–16
- In 2014-15 the Ministry began the four-year implementation of a new funding model for what will now be called the Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) Allocation (formerly High Needs Amount)
- In 2014–15 the Ministry began phasing in a new allocation method for the School Board Administration and Governance Grant and 2016–17 is the third year of the four-year phase-in.

**Capital funding:**

The Ministry intends to make amendments to the regulation 444/98 Disposition of Surplus Real Property as follows:

- double the current surplus property circulation period from 90 days to 180 days
- expand the list of public entities to receive notification of surplus property disposition
- have all board-to-board sales be at fair market value
- introduce a maximum rate a school board can charge for leasing a school to another board
- clarify that private education providers are not eligible to lease surplus property unless the property has first been circulated to listed public entities

In 2014-15 the Ministry introduced the School Consolidation Capital (SCC) program as part of the School Board Efficiencies & Modernization program and the Ministry is currently reviewing board submissions for the second round of SCC funding and expects to announce funding approvals in spring 2016.

In 2016-17, \$500M will be allocated to school boards through the School Condition Improvement (SCI) program to address the significant backlog in school renewal needs.

**2016-17 School Year Education Programs – Other (EPO) Funding**

To facilitate school boards' budget planning for the 2016-17 school year, the Ministry confirms that \$104.1 million (\$214.1 million in 2015-16) of EPO funding will be allocated to school boards and school authorities to support ministry priorities. Within this amount:

- \$79.4 million will be announced shortly.
- \$24.7 million to be confirmed later in the year.

In the coming weeks, the ministry will outline the details of the Renewed Mathematics Strategy – a roadmap that leverages all of the knowledge and evidence that contributes to our collective understanding of the improvement process. An EPO B-Memo specifically on mathematics will be released in the coming weeks and will outline the Strategy's funding model, its assumptions and the specific allocations for each district school board.

The 2016-17 GSN Technical Paper, board by board estimates, and other information regarding funding for 2016-17 is available on the Ministry of Education website.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 416-932-9460 or email: [weaston@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:weaston@ocsta.on.ca).



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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION PLAN – PHASE THREE**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three, as presented.

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Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 12, 2016**

### **LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION PLAN - PHASE THREE**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Committee of the Whole received Phase One of the Long Term Accommodation Plan for its consideration. The Phase One report provided a summary and update on the status of previous Board motions on accommodations and recommended planning principles the Board would follow in designing the Long Term Accommodation Plan. At the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting, the Board approved Phase One - Long Term Accommodation Planning Principles.

At the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Committee of the Whole received Phase Two of the Long Term Accommodation Plan for its consideration. The Phase Two report provided enrolment data for individual schools and consolidated enrolment data for each Families of Schools and each of the lower-tier municipalities in the Region of Niagara. At the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting, the Board received the Committee of the Whole information report on Phase Two of the Long Term Accommodations Plan. At the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 In-Camera Board Meeting, Section A, the Board discussed the staffing and property implications associated with the data provided in the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase 2 report.

#### **Updated Ministry Guidelines**

The capital assets of school boards need to be managed effectively and dedicated appropriately to achieve the Board's two Strategic Directions with its Vision 2020 Strategic Plan to *Build Strong Catholic Identity to Nurture the Distinction of Catholic Education and Advance Student Achievement for All*. Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education in March 2015, support school boards in designing Long Term Accommodation Plans.

#### **Board Policies**

At the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and the Community Planning and Partnerships Policy to support accommodation reviews that may impact school utilization. These two Board Policies also support the development of a Long Term Accommodation Plan.

#### **Outstanding Board Approved Motions and Senior Staff Follow-up**

The information provided below provides the historical and current status of the Board motions along with a statement of an associated update.

1. THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board maintains all three Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines and continues to monitor the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary facilities, and that Senior Staff bring a report to the Board no later than April 2018.

*Approved: April 23, 2013*

*Update: March 8, 2016 - Monitoring continues*

2. THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve an agreement to create a new joint venture St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with the French Catholic District School Board which is contingent on acquiring a suitable downtown site and Ministry of Education funding for a new elementary school by September 2014. Senior Staff will continue to explore all available facility options for St. Nicholas Catholic and bring a report to the Board no later than November 2013.

*February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Update*

*At the November 26, 2013 Board Meeting, the Controller of Facilities Services reported that the Board would continue to dialogue with the City of St. Catharines, and potential community partners to support the motion. Also, the Board was recently provided the opportunity to purchase a vacant school from our coterminous board but deemed the site unacceptable. The Board will continue to monitor the downtown core for potential sites.*

3. THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the preparation and submission of a capital priorities business case to secure funding for a new joint venture Catholic elementary school in downtown St. Catharines with the French Catholic District School Board.

*Approved: April 23, 2013*

*Update: March 8, 2016 - In June 2014 the Director of Education wrote a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Director of Education of Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud to pursue a joint capital submission. Niagara Catholic's Director of Education has spoken with the Director of Education for Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud on multiple occasions regarding a joint capital submission. While we await a formal reply from Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud, recent information indicates that no joint capital submission will be made within the 2016-2017 school year.*

### **French Immersion**

One of the recommendations that came from the consultation process for Vision 2020, the Board's Multi-year Strategic Plan, was for the Board to implement French Immersion. The Program will be fully implemented, ELKP to Grade 8, in designated elementary sites by September 2020. The program will then impact the secondary schools between 2021-2025.

The program began operating in September 2013 at five Niagara Catholic elementary schools:

- ELKP and Grade 1 at five (5) sites located at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School, Beamsville, for the Blessed Trinity Family of schools;
- Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls, for the Saint Paul Family of Schools;
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls for the Saint Michael Family of Schools;
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines for the Saint Francis, Denis Morris and Holy Cross Family of Schools;
- Holy Name, Welland for the Notre Dame College Family of Schools.

The French Immersion Program impacts the use of school facilities and is a consideration for the Long Term Accommodation Plan. As the program matures, consideration must be given to the ability of the existing sites to absorb the additional enrolment and the need to potentially move to new locations.

The Intensive French Program may also impact the use of schools as students seek this program outside of their home school.

## **Planning Principles**

The following Long Term Accommodation Planning Principles were approved at the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Board meeting:

1. Ensure viable and sustainable Catholic schools and programs for all students:
  - i. that students are accommodated in safe, healthy and appropriate facilities that support the highest quality Catholic education to meet their needs, while advancing student achievement and well-being and nurturing the distinctiveness of Catholic education in local communities.
  - ii. that schools should be of a sufficient size to support equity of educational opportunities for all students from a resource perspective, including technology, to ensure effective and efficient stewardship of Board resources from fiscal and environmental perspectives.
  - iii. that each school plays an important part to the long-term health and sustainability of the Board and that schools are sustainable over the long term.
2. Minimize the use of temporary accommodation/ facilities to address short, medium and long term enrolment pressures:
  - i. that the use of portables be minimized in terms of number and duration.
  - ii. that the preferred models of school organization are self-contained within the on- the- ground capacity of the school: Elementary: ELKP to Grade 8; and Secondary: Grades 9 to 12.
  - iii. that new programs support the Board's Vision and be fiscally responsible.
  - iv. that boundary changes may be required to ensure a viable distribution of pupils across school communities as per the Attendance Areas Policy, 301.3.
  - v. that the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy, 701.2 will be used to guide the process for arriving at accommodation decisions.
  - vi. that when addressing enrolment pressures, current projections and planning techniques will be used to make decisions.
  - vii. that all capital projects are 100% dependent on approval and funding from the Ministry of Education.
3. The Long Term Accommodation Plan will be in compliance with legislation such as the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, and will consider Daily Physical Activity, Child Care Centres with Before and After School Programs available at the school, the locations of Child Care Centres, Community Partnerships, and the community use of schools.
4. The Long Term Accommodation Plan will promote facility partnerships to market schools as a community resource within the Region, municipalities and not for profit agencies.

## **Current Enrolment**

As of Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 our Board enrolment for elementary and secondary school students is 21,986 students, comprised of 14,845 in the elementary panel and 7,141 in secondary.

The overall utilization rate of our schools is 92%: 89% elementary and 98% secondary.

## **Recommended Strategies**

The Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan recognizes that our Catholic schools are an integral part of vibrant and healthy communities. The Niagara Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring that students are educated in the highest quality Catholic schools. The Board is further committed to maximizing the use of its facilities through pupil enrolment and engaging community partners.

The strategies suggested within this Phase 3 of the Long Term Accommodation Plan provide the Board with recommended directions related to the use of schools, in alignment with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Board. The Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase 1, 2 and 3 continue to be made public as part of our transparent process.

Taking into consideration the approval of the Long Term Accommodation Principles – Phase One as approved at the February 2016 Board Meeting and the data presented in the Long Term Accommodations Plan – Phase Two which was received at the March 2016 Board Meeting, the Director of Education and Senior Administrative Council presents the following recommendations for the consideration of the April 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting for recommendation to the Board.

The recommendations are presented in a flexible, three-fold approach with an annual Board review of the current needs originally outlined in the long term accommodation plan which will address accommodation issues. The annual review by the Board will provide regular opportunities for the Board to address new accommodation issues.

The recommendations are presented by Family of Schools, with an overall Board summary. Within each recommendation, the successful implementation of one strategy may precipitate the initiation of a linked and subsequent strategy. For example, a successful Pupil Accommodation Review may trigger an application to the Ministry for renovations to existing schools or new school construction which then may require an Attendance Area Review to balance enrolment between neighbouring schools.

Partnerships are identified specifically as a strategy to deal with schools where there are surplus space that should be addressed. Should the pursuit of partnerships be unsuccessful the Board will need to consider other accommodation alternatives. The list of schools identified is not exhaustive and the Board will pursue partnerships for all schools with excess space where partnerships are viable.

### ***Family of Schools***

#### ***Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School Family of Schools***

The Blessed Trinity Family of Schools will experience growth for several years to come. The priority in this area is to address the growth at the elementary level through the construction of a new school.

The French Immersion program is adding additional pressure at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School which can be addressed with a move of the program to St. John Catholic Elementary School in near future. An addition may be required at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School to address growth. In the interim, enrolment pressures will be addressed through temporary accommodation.

#### ***Denis Morris Catholic High School Family of Schools***

The Denis Morris Family of Schools is experiencing a variety of enrolment issues. St. Charles Catholic and Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools are currently underutilized and are projected to be underutilized for the foreseeable future. They also do not align with the planning principle of the preferred organization for elementary schools, ELKP-Grade 8. There is an opportunity to address both of these issues through a Pupil Accommodation Review.

In addition, there is enrolment pressure at St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School while St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School and St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School are projected to be underutilized. A Pupil Accommodation Review encompassing the three schools provides an opportunity to address the over-utilization at St. Christopher, facility issues at St. Nicholas and the open-concept learning space at St. Theresa.

### ***Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Family of Schools***

The Holy Cross Family of Schools is experiencing under-utilization at Assumption Catholic Elementary School. Altering the current French Immersion structure at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School from a dual-track school to a single-track French Immersion school and the addition of the students currently attending Our Lady of Fatima as part of the English-speaking program will help to address Assumption's underutilization. An Attendance Area Review may be needed in the longer term to deal with accommodation issues at Assumption Catholic Elementary School, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School, St. James, St. Denis and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School.

### ***Lakeshore Catholic High School Family of Schools***

The Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools is experiencing underutilization at its two smallest associate schools, St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary Schools. Dealing with these schools pose pressures due to their location. In the short term, partnerships may address underutilization. If partnerships do not address the issues in the short term it may be necessary to pursue Pupil Accommodation Reviews.

### ***Notre Dame College School Family of Schools***

The Notre Dame College Family of Schools is currently experiencing under-utilization at several elementary schools. The under-utilization is most severe at St. Mary Catholic and St. Andrew Catholic Elementary Schools. In addition, St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School is currently under-utilized and is projected to be so for the foreseeable future. A Pupil Accommodation Review encompassing these three schools in the short term will address under-utilization and improve the school facility for the students.

The French Immersion program should be moved by 2017-2018 school year from Holy Name Catholic Elementary School, which is projected to be over-utilized to Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School, which is under-utilized. This move addresses the current enrolment issues at both schools.

St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School would benefit from the presence of partnerships in the school.

### ***Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School Family of Schools***

The Saint Francis Catholic Family of Schools will be experiencing under-utilization at St. Denis and St. James Catholic Elementary Schools. An Attendance Area Review may be needed in the longer term to deal with accommodation issues at Holy Cross Catholic Family of Schools which could also include St. James Catholic Elementary School and St. Denis Catholic Elementary School.

### ***Saint Michael Catholic High School Family of Schools***

The Saint Michael Catholic Family of Schools is currently experiencing the greatest enrolment pressure at Loretto Catholic Elementary School. The Board has a site available for the construction of a new school near Imagine Estates which is located south of McLeod Road. The barrier for application for successful funding for the construction of a new school is the under-utilization currently at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School. Until Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic is at capacity, the Board will not receive Ministry of Education capital funding for a new school near Imagine Estates.

An Attendance Area Review should be conducted in 2016-2017, encompassing Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School and Loretto Catholic Elementary School, to adjust attendance boundaries to address the vacant pupil spaces at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.

In addition to the Attendance Area Review, the French Immersion program at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School should be moved in the near future to another elementary school within Niagara Falls.

Successful implementation of these two strategies should create the conditions to use EDC funding in the medium term to apply for the construction of a new school.

### ***Saint Paul Catholic High School Family of Schools***

The Saint Paul Catholic Family of Schools is experiencing under-utilization in two schools which should be addressed.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, which is a relatively new school should be marketed for partnerships to address underutilization. As well, in the medium term, an attendance area review that includes Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School can address the over-utilization at Cardinal Newman Catholic and help to address the vacant pupil spaces at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School.

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, which is an aging facility and one in which the Board rents gym space for student program needs to be addressed. Limited land space forces the Board to consider broader alternatives. A Pupil Accommodation Review should be considered in the long term encompassing St. Mary and St. Gabriel Lalemant Catholic Elementary Schools that are also under-utilized.

Under-utilization at Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School should also be addressed by pursuing additional partnerships to the current Ontario Early Years Centre which is currently within the school.

### ***Secondary Schools***

At the secondary level, there are currently three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and an outstanding Board motion for a report to be provided to the Board by 2018. It is recommended that a Pupil Accommodation Review be pursued in the 2017-2018 school year to address the variety of accommodations challenges which exist within the three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines.

### ***Long Term Accommodations Plan - Phase Three Charts***

A summary of the above recommendations is presented in the following long term charts. The charts represent short, medium and long range recommendations as part of the Board's Long Term Accommodations Plan.

The following definitions within the charts are provided for clarity of purpose:

#### **Attendance Area Review**

The Board establishes Attendance Areas for each of its schools within its jurisdiction to ensure that facilities are used effectively and that Catholic programs and services are provided to students. There may need to be changes to school attendance areas, from time to time, to accommodate the changing demographics of the Region and as schools open or close.

An Attendance Area Review is the name of the process undertaken to alter the existing boundary of a school or group of schools. The Attendance Areas Policy, 301.3, outlines the process to be followed, which includes public consultation, when impacting existing students.

An Ad-Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee carries out the attendance area review process. An Ad-Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee is a Board committee with Board approved Terms of Reference. It provides recommendation(s) to the Committee of the Whole for its consideration to recommend to the Board for approval.

**Pupil Accommodation Review**

Pupil Accommodation Reviews follow the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy 701.2 which incorporates public consultation and input from the community when the Board is considering the consolidation or closure of schools due to accommodation issues. Such accommodation issues may arise from enrolment pressures, excess surplus space, building condition concerns, program changes or changing demographics.

An Accommodation Review Committee is a Board committee that is provided with Board approved Terms of Reference. The Accommodation Review Committee provides recommendation(s) to the Committee of the Whole for its consideration to recommend to the Board for approval.

**LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION PLAN - PHASE THREE**

**FAMILY OF SCHOOLS/SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

<b>FAMILY OF SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SHORT TERM 2016-2018</b>	<b>MEDIUM TERM 2018-2020</b>	<b>LONG TERM 2020-2021 +</b>
<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	St. Mark, St. John 2017-2018 (French Immersion Program Relocation)	New Grimsby/Lincoln Elementary School	
<b>Denis Morris</b>	Monsignor Clancy, St. Charles 2016-2017 (Pupil Accommodation Review)	St. Nicholas, St. Christopher, St. Theresa (Pupil Accommodation Review)	
<b>Holy Cross</b>		Our Lady of Fatima, Assumption (French Immersion Program Relocation)	Assumption, Canadian Martyrs, St. James, St. Denis, St. Michael (Attendance Area Review)
<b>Lakeshore Catholic</b>	St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph Snyder (Partnerships)		
<b>Notre Dame College</b>	St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Augustine 2017-2018 (Pupil Accommodation Review)		
	Holy Name, Alexander Kuska 2017-2018 (French Immersion Program Relocation)		
	St. Kevin (Partnerships)		
<b>Saint Francis</b>			Assumption, Canadian Martyrs, St. James, St. Denis, St. Michael (Attendance Area Review)
<b>Saint Michael</b>	Father Hennepin, Loretto Catholic, Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2016-2017 (Attendance Area Review)	New South Niagara Falls Elementary school	
	Notre Dame , Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2017-2018 (French Immersion Program Relocation)		
<b>Saint Paul</b>	Mary Ward and St. Vincent de Paul (Partnerships)	St. Vincent de Paul, Cardinal Newman (Attendance Area Review)	St. Patrick, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. Mary (Pupil Accommodation Review)
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SHORT TERM 2016-2018</b>	<b>MEDIUM TERM 2018-2020</b>	<b>LONG TERM 2020-2021 +</b>
		Denis Morris, Holy Cross, Saint Francis (Pupil Accommodation Review)	Blessed Trinity (Addition)
			Introduction of French Immersion to secondary schools

**LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION PLAN – PHASE THREE**

**STRATEGY**

<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>SHORT TERM</b>	<b>MEDIUM TERM</b>	<b>LONG TERM</b>
<b>Pupil Accommodation Review</b>	Monsignor Clancy, St. Charles (2016-2017)	Denis Morris Holy Cross, Saint Francis	St. Patrick, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. Mary
	St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Augustine (2017-2018)	St. Nicholas, St. Christopher, St. Theresa	
<b>Attendance Area Review</b>	Father Hennepin, Loretto Catholic, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (2016-2017)	St. Vincent de Paul Cardinal Newman	Assumption, Canadian Martyrs, St. James, St. Denis, St. Michael (Attendance Area Review)
<b>Capital Construction</b>		Grimsby/Lincoln Elementary School	Blessed Trinity
		South Niagara Falls Elementary School	
<b>Partnerships</b>	St. Nicholas		
	St. Elizabeth		
	St. Joseph, Snyder		
	St. Kevin		
	Mary Ward		
<b>French Immersion Program Relocation</b>	St. Vincent de Paul		
	St. Mark, St. John	Our Lady of Fatima, Assumption	
	Holy Name, Alexander Kuska		
	Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mount Carmel		
<b>French Immersion Program Introduction</b>	St. Michael		Secondary Schools

**Next Steps - Long Term Accommodation Plan – 2016-2021**

A finalized Long Term Accommodation Plan – 2016-2021 will be presented at the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting which will include information previously provided in Phases One, Two and Three. It will also include information related to the Niagara Region due to its effect on enrolment.

A visual presentation will be presented as part of this report to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three, as presented.

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Prepared by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education  
Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services  
Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services

Presented by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education  
Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services  
Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 12, 2016

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 3, 2016, as presented for information.



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 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 Chair Racine

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Chair Racine

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario	✓		
Rob Lavorato	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)	✓		
Carol Baldinelli	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children		✓	
Sarah Farrell	Learning Disabilities Association – Niagara		✓	
Bill Helmeczi	Pathstone Mental Health	✓		
Andrew Howcroft	Community Living Welland Pelham	✓		
<b>Trustees</b>				
Pat Vernal (via Skype)		✓		
Maurice Charbonneau		✓		
<b>Student Senate Representative</b>				
Taylor Timoney		✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

**Yolanda Baldasaro**, Superintendent of Education; **David O'Rourke**, Special Education Coordinator; **Jim Whittard**, Principal – Secondary; **Tina DiFrancesco**, Recording Secretary

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Rob Lavorato  
Seconded by Bill Helmeczi

**THAT** the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 3, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 6, 2016**

Moved by Bill Helmeczi  
Seconded by Rob Lavorato

**THAT** the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 6, 2016 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. 2016-2017 System Priorities and Budget Presentation – Director Crocco**

Director Crocco and Superintendent Vetrone presented information pertaining to *Niagara Catholic System Priorities and Balanced Budget 2016-2017*. Superintendent Vetrone presented the revised estimates for the 2015-2016 enrolment projections, staffing, Special Education and expenses by panel. Director Crocco provided a handout and reviewed the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Enabling Strategies, inviting SEAC members to submit a measurable action verb System Priority for 2016-2017 by March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The SEAC members were also invited to participate in a *Check In* survey which will be provided in mid-February.

**C. VISIONING**

**1. Goals and Vision for 2015-2016**

**1.1 Goals for the 2015-2016 School Year – Planning and Preparation**

SEAC members will do a presentation to Student Senate on February 9. A subcommittee met to start the ProGrant application process as the deadline is in May 2016. Chair Racine provided a handout of the feedback completed by the subcommittee as well as a handout listing potential keynote speakers. A discussion was held and ideas brought forward regarding this initiative. More information will follow at the upcoming March meeting. Superintendent Baldasaro handed out a directory of contacts generated by the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee handbook for information. A discussion was held about having an inclusion club/committee at the school level. Staff informed the SEAC members that this is already happening in Niagara Catholic, as it is permeated in everything we do within our Board.

## **D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2016**

1. **Learner Advocacy**
2. **Parent Outreach**
3. **Program and Service Recommendations**
4. **Special Education Budget**
5. **Annual Review, Special Education Plan**
6. **Other Related Items**
7. **Policy Review**

## **E. SEAC REPORT**

1. **Review and Approval of SEAC Insert for Catholic School Council Agenda**
  - Nil Report
2. **Review and Approval of SEAC Insert for School Newsletters**
  - Nil Report

## **F. AGENCY REPORTS**

1. **VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Carol Baldinelli**
  - Nil Report
2. **Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Rob Lavorato**
  - Nil Report
3. **The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine**
  - Nil Report

4. **Learning Disabilities Association (Niagara) – Sarah Farrell**  
**Report Submitted**

- Our winter programs have kicked off this week and spots filled up very quickly! The programs will run for the next 8 weeks and we are looking forward to seeing the gains the children make.
- We will be holding a “dine for a cause” fundraiser at Boston Pizza on Wednesday, February 24 from 5:00 – 8:00p.m. (near the Pen Centre). Tickets are \$20, which includes a start salad, pop, coffee/tea and your choice of individual pizza or make your own pasta. \$10 from every ticket will support the LDANR. All are welcome!

5. **Pathstone Mental Health – Bill Helmeczi**

- Nil Report

6. **Community Living Welland Pelham – Andrew Howcroft**

- The article entitled, “*No Question, Inclusive Education Matters!*” is included in the March agenda package for information.
- Community Living is celebrating National Inclusive Education month.
- The *Together We’re Better* video contest is underway.

## **G. STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Lisa Selman – Principal, Elementary**

**St. John Beamsville**

- Grade 7 students took it upon themselves to give the St. John Catholic elementary school sensory room a new look. The students spent the past few months planning and preparing the updated look and chose to decorate it in a zoo theme.

2. **Jim Whittard – Principal, Secondary**

**Blessed Trinity**

- Members of the Special Education Department have begun updating Individual Education Plans to reflect accommodations for Semester 2 courses and teachers.
- Timetables for students with IEP’s have been reviewed individually. Special Education and Guidance have worked closely together to ensure that students are taking courses that are appropriate to their individual pathway.
- The list of students who will write the OSSLT has been created and accommodations entered into Maplewood.
- Special Education Class staff has worked very cohesively to develop student and EA’s schedules that maximize integration into regular classrooms and Co-Op placements throughout the community.
- We are looking forward to another group of Peer Tutors who will be integral in supporting our Special Education Class students as they participate in all aspects of the school.
- Meetings between Special Education Staff and Community Agencies continue to take place for our students who will move on next year to their adult pathway.

### ***Exciting Adventures.....***

- We are so excited to report the continuation of the LOL - Live Out Loud workshop which has been developed to embrace the partnership between Community Living and Blessed Trinity and our commitment toward designing services and supports that reflect and compliment the desires and identified goals of graduating students.
- Our goal through conversation, documentation and Person-Centered Thinking is to identify the needs and desires of Transitioning Aged Youth. We believe that by beginning this process early, it will allow for everyone to take the journey together, stay in touch with trends, and the ever changing needs and desires of young people today.
- We feel that the LOL - Live Out Loud workshops will offer students a head start in thinking about how they may like to spend their time after graduation.

### **Denis Morris**

#### **CICE Program**

- Denis Morris Catholic High School has been an advocate for the Community Integration through Cooperative Education Program at Niagara College (CICE). This program is offered at 12 other Colleges across Southern Ontario supporting the needs of students with exceptionalities and developmental disabilities to transition to college and build literacy, numeracy, life and employability skills. Lianne Gagnon, Associate Dean: Academic and Liberal Studies has informed us that The Niagara College Board of Governors has approved the program and it has now moved on to final approval through the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Lianne has spearheaded the proposal and design of the program and has enlisted the consultative support of the Denis Morris Special Education Department as the proposal is transformed into a reality for students across the Niagara region with exceptionalities. The goal is for the program to be fully running by September 2017. More updates will follow.

#### **Capacity Building Series**

- The Denis Morris Special Education Department continues to create our monthly capacity building series to support teacher professional development and to support student achievement and engagement. The topics are as follows:
- **September:** five questions a teacher new to Denis Morris may have about Special Education
- **October:** *Growing Success* – Chapter 7 Overview: Students with Special Education Needs: Modifications, Accommodations and Alternative Programs
- **November:** *Understanding the Communicative Function of Behaviour* (ABA in the Secondary Classroom)
- **December:** *Planting the Seeds of Success Document* (EOCCC) – Understanding Executive Function to Support All Students
- **January:** *Myths about Gifted Students: Supporting our Gifted Learners* and an Enrichment Package to extend their learning (experiential opportunities across Southern Ontario)
- **February:** Digging Deeper into *Learning for All*, 2013
- **March:** Digging Deeper into *Caring and Safe Schools* Document, 2010
- **April:** Supporting the School Effectiveness Framework (SEF)
- **May:** Digging Deeper into *Open Minds, Healthy Minds* Document, 2011
- **June:** Supporting a “Learning for All” stance at Denis Morris – Keep the conversation going

Saint Michael

- Semester two IEPs are currently being developed and will be sent home in March.
- Special Education class students attended for the first three days of exams for the full day. They enjoyed going on some outings, learning how to use city transit, receiving painting instruction from a guest presenter, going to the City library for story time, decorating cookies, and going bowling. Saint Michael had almost 100% attendance during the exam time.
- Saint Michael has also recently launched a Diversity club called Panoptic – Latin for all views or seeing the whole at one view. Our motto is Open Eyes, Open Arms, Open Hearts. Our focus is on diversity in four main areas: culture, faith, sexuality, and abilities. Our desire is that all students feel welcome, accepted and included. We want all students regardless of their circumstances or situations to feel they have a place here.

3. Yolanda Baldasaro – Superintendent of Education

- The Director's Annual Report 2015 and System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Report 2015-2016 were handed out for information.
- The Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE), *Communication: Collaborating with the Community* form was presented. The deadline to respond is February 10, 2016.
- The submission for a measurable action verb System Priority for 2016-2017 will be included in March agenda.

4. David O'Rourke – Coordinator Special Education

- Continuing the review of the Special Education Plan on February 10 and February 23.
- January was the start of transition month. Special Education Coordinators are in the process of gathering information to assess student needs.
- Secondary school IPRC meetings are taking place.

## H. TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. Pat Vernal – Trustee

- Nil Report

2. Maurice Charbonneau – Trustee

- Blueprint for Technology, System Priorities 2016-2017 and to review the use of facilities and how we can best maximize the use of space in our schools are currently the focus for the Board.

## **I. STUDENT REPORT**

### **1. Taylor Timoney – Student Senate Representative**

- SEAC Presentation will be held on Tuesday, February 9.
- Waiting for the constitution to be approved.

## **J. NCPIC REPORT**

- The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is working on goals for this school year.
- Faith Formation for NCPIC members will be held in May with Father Michael Wastag presenting on the Works of Mercy.

## **K. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Learner Advocacy**

### **2. Parent Outreach**

### **3. Program and Service Recommendations**

### **4. Special Education Budget**

### **5. Annual Review, Special Education Plan**

#### **5.1 Review Dates**

David O'Rourke, Special Education Coordinator informed the SEAC members that Special Education staff will meet to review the Special Education Plan on February 10 from 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.: (Sections A-L) and February 23 from 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. :( Sections M-T).

### **6. Other Related Items**

#### **6.1 2016-2017 School Year Calendar**

Vice-Chair Lavorato sat on the School Year Calendar Committee and informed the SEAC members that the proposed date for Christmas shutdown is December 23 – January 9 and that an additional Professional Activity Day has been included in the proposed calendar.

**7. Policy Review**

The *Access to Board Premises – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.3)* and *Reimbursement of Travel Expenses Policy (201.4)* were presented for information and review. Suggestions will be brought back to the March meeting. Individual comments are also welcome. The deadline to respond is April 8, 2016.

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

**M. QUESTION PERIOD**

**N. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**O. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Submission for a measurable action verb System Priority for 2016-2017 – March agenda
2. ProGrant Application – March agenda
3. SEAC Electronic Portal – Hector Jarquin

**P. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Q. NEXT MEETING:**

*Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre*

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Rob Lavorato

Seconded by Andrew Howcroft

**THAT** the February 3, 2016 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF NIAGARA CATHOLIC SPECIAL  
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEMBER  
2014-2018**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representative to serve as a Special Education Advisory Committee member for the term of 2014-2018:

Michael Jacques - Community Living Welland Pelham (Alternate Representative)

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Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education  
Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education  
Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: April 26, 2016



## REPORT TO THE BOARD APRIL 26, 2016

### APPOINTMENT OF NIAGARA CATHOLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEMBER

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 464/97 (O. Regulation 464/97) Special Education Advisory Committees outlines the composition, eligibility requirements and length of term served by the membership of this Board committee.

Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 below are the excerpts from O. Regulation 464/97:

1. In this Regulation, “local association” means an association or organization of parents that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of a Board and that is affiliated with an association or organization that is not an association or organization of professional educators but that is incorporated and operates throughout Ontario to further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults. O. Regulation 464/97, s. 1.
2. (1) Every district school Board shall establish a Special Education Advisory Committee that shall consist of,
  - (a) subject to subsections (2) and (3), one representative from each of the local associations that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of the Board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the Board;
  - (b) one alternate for each representative appointed under clause (a), as nominated by the local association and appointed by the Board;
  - (c) such number of members from among the Board’s own members as is determined under subsection (4), as appointed by the Board;
  - (d) where the number of members appointed under clause (c) is less than three, one alternate, as appointed by the Board from among its own members, for each member appointed under clause (c);
  - (e) one or two persons to represent the interests of Indian pupils, as provided by section 4; and
  - (f) one or more additional members appointed under subsection (5).
  - (2) The Board shall not appoint more than twelve (12) representatives under clause (1) (a).
  - (3) Where there are more than twelve (12) local associations within the area of jurisdiction of the Board, the Board shall select the twelve (12) local associations that shall be represented.
  - (4) The number to be appointed by the Board under clause (1) (c) shall be the lesser of,
    - (a) three; and
    - (b) twenty-five (25) per cent of the total number of members of the Board, rounded down to the nearest whole number.
  - (5) For the purposes of clause (1) (f), the Board may appoint one or more additional members who are neither representatives of a local association nor members of the Board or another committee of the Board. O. Regulation 464/97, s. 2.
5. (1) A person is not qualified to be nominated or appointed under section 2 or 3 to a Special Education Advisory Committee of a Board unless the person is qualified to vote for members of that Board and is resident in its area of jurisdiction.

6. Subject to section 7, each of the persons appointed to a Special Education Advisory Committee of a Board shall hold office during the term of office of the members of the Board and until a new Board is organized. O. Regulation 464/97, s. 6.

The attached letter of nomination has been received for consideration of appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2014-2018 term of office.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representative to serve as a Special Education Advisory Committee member for the term of 2014-2018:

Michael Jacques – Community Living Welland Pelham (Alternate Representative)

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Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016



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March 29, 2016

**Niagara Catholic District School Board**  
**427 Rice Road**  
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**Attention: Chair of the Board**

**cc. John Crocco, Director of Education**

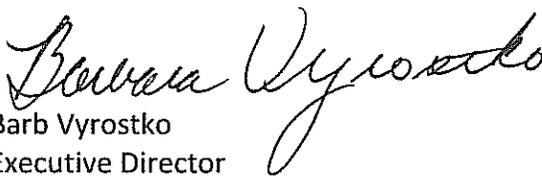
Community Living Welland Pelham would like to nominate Michael Jacque for membership as the alternate representative for Niagara Catholic's SEAC.

Michael meets the criteria as he is eligible to vote for the current Board of Trustees and is a resident within the area of jurisdiction of the Board.

Contact information is :

**Michael Jacques**  
**64 Concord St.,**  
**Fonthill ON L0S 1E5**  
**905-892-4564**  
[michael.jacques1@gmail.com](mailto:michael.jacques1@gmail.com)

Sincerely

  
**Barb Vyrostko**  
**Executive Director**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-2016 AS AT MARCH 31, 2016**

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The Financial Report 2015-2016 as at March 31, 2016 report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016



**REPORT TO THE BOARD  
APRIL 26, 2016**

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-2016 AS AT MARCH 31, 2016**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Financial Report 2015-2016 is presented in Appendix A

Also attached;

Appendix B – Financial Report as at March 31, 2016

Appendix C – Average Daily Enrolment Report as at March 31, 2016

The Financial Report 2015-2106 as at March 31, 2016 report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2016



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### MONTH-END REVIEW

The operations for Niagara Catholic have ended March 2016 in a projected surplus position for compliance purposes of approximately \$984,168. The contributing factors of this in-year projected surplus are primarily attributed to the planned delays in implementing the remaining 2015-2016 Board approved System Priorities. The milder winter season has created a savings of approximately \$400,000 in snow removal and utilities.

Board Administration variance is attributed to the central bargaining costs incurred by OCSTA during central negotiations. Niagara Catholic will be reimbursed by the Provincial government for all central negotiation costs through the Grants for Student Needs.

### COMMITMENT TO YEAR-END

To achieve our commitment for a balanced budget for 2015-2016, Senior Administrative Council and its departments continues to monitor the pressures that have in prior years negatively impacted the financial results of Niagara Catholic.

- Fringe benefit costs associated with health benefit costs.
- The continued monthly costs associated with sick replacement for all staff that requires coverage.
- The legal fees associated with local negotiations, grievances, and arbitrations.
- Aging equipment and infrastructure that could burden the system with emergency repairs and replacement of equipment.

### *Looking Forward*

#### *2016-2017*



The annual operating budget process is beginning in mid-April and will be completed in approximately four weeks.

Niagara Catholic has endorsed the Technology Blueprint as a pathway to earmark funds for 2016-2017 for students and staff.

Classroom teaching staff is aligned with Ministry compliance ratios.

Niagara Catholic will address the pay equity gap and will plan for a compensatory increase for non-union management for September 1, 2016.

Mental health priority for our learners will continue to be a focus for Niagara Catholic.

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS AT MARCH 31, 2016

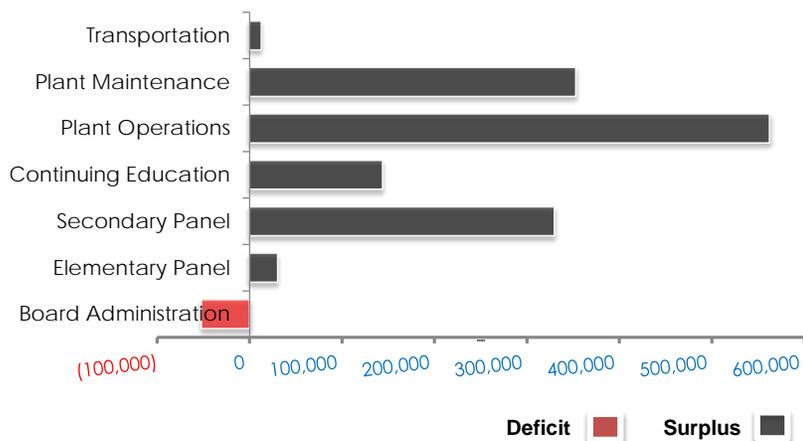


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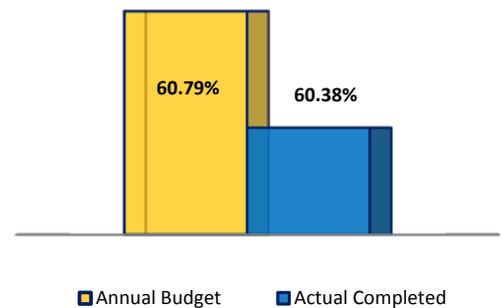
**FINANCIAL RESULTS:**

	2014-15	-----2015-16-----			2015-16 Forecast	Annual Budget	%
	YTD	Year-to-date					
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance			
<b>Revenues</b>	150,321,579	155,953,223	155,953,223	0	256,896,458	256,896,458	60.71%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	150,321,579	155,953,223	155,953,223	0	256,896,458	256,896,458	60.71%
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Board Administration	5,304,801	5,084,655	5,032,518	(52,137)	7,700,000	7,768,132	65.46%
Elementary Panel	75,368,333	79,376,391	79,406,915	30,524	129,200,000	129,268,997	61.40%
Secondary Panel	39,915,047	38,397,503	38,727,072	329,569	65,500,000	65,532,124	58.59%
Continuing Education	3,103,622	2,947,314	3,091,144	143,830	5,192,000	5,299,104	55.62%
Plant Operations	11,323,744	10,664,156	11,226,440	562,284	18,245,000	18,216,755	58.54%
Plant Maintenance	1,856,239	2,047,239	2,399,944	352,705	3,900,000	4,114,189	49.76%
Transportation	6,780,350	6,258,892	6,271,521	12,629	9,479,000	9,530,744	65.67%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	143,652,136	144,776,150	146,155,554	1,379,404	239,216,000	239,730,045	60.39%
Amortization	6,200,872	6,771,253	6,612,083	(159,170)	11,335,000	11,335,000	59.74%
Interest Expenses	2,774,936	2,619,592	2,405,127	(214,466)	4,387,000	4,123,074	63.53%
Other	0	0	48,953	48,953	117,487	117,487	0.00%
Adjustments for compliance	389,347	499,802	499,802	(0)	856,803	856,803	58.33%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	153,017,291	154,666,797	155,721,519	1,054,722	255,912,290	256,162,409	60.38%
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Compliance</b>	<b>(2,695,712)</b>	<b>1,286,426</b>	<b>231,704</b>		<b>984,168</b>	<b>734,049</b>	

**Chart: YTD Variance Per Operating Area**



**YTD Percentage of Annual Budget Completed**



**Cost Per Average Daily Enrolment:**

	Forecast	Budget	Variance	%
Elementary Panel	\$8,732	\$8,737	\$5	0.1%
Secondary Panel	\$9,143	\$9,147	\$4	0.0%
Facilities Services	\$1,008	\$1,017	\$8	0.8%
Board Administration	\$351	\$354	\$3	0.9%

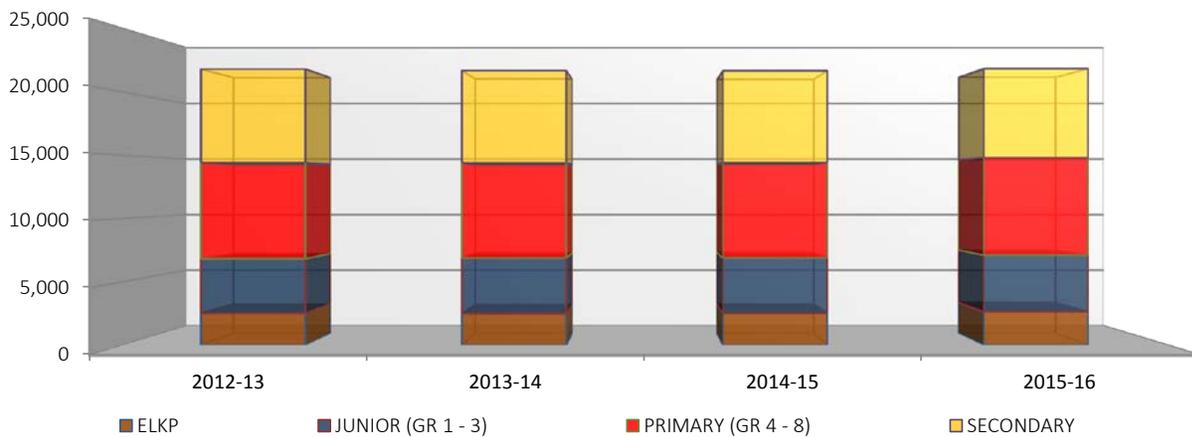
NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
 AVERAGE DAILY ENROLMENT REPORT  
 AS AT JANUARY 31, 2016



Appendix C

**AVERAGE DAILY ENROLMENT (A.D.E)**

	2015-16 ESTIMATES	2015-16 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	ACTUAL CLASS SIZE	ACTUAL RATIO
ELKP	2,642	2,663	21	102	25.9
JUNIOR (GR 1 - 3)	4,461	4,478	17	238	18.7
PRIMARY (GR 4 - 8)	7,693	7,710	17	314	24.5
ELEMENTARY	14,796	14,851	55	654	22.6
SECONDARY	7,164	7,141	(23)	-	22.0
<b>TOTAL A.D.E</b>	<b>21,960</b>	<b>21,992</b>	<b>32</b>	-	-



The Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to monitor our demographics in the Niagara Region to understand our potential enrolment figures for the coming years.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
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APRIL 26, 2016**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE  
MARCH 10, 2016 LETTER FROM HOLY CHILDHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

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# Holy Childhood Association



Niagara Catholic District School Board  
Attn: Mr. John Crocco  
Director of Education  
427 Rice Rd.  
WELLAND, ON  
L3C 7C1



10 Mar. 2016

Dear Friends of the Holy Childhood Association,

I continue to be impressed with the commitment and support your School Board shows towards the work of the Holy Childhood Association -HCA- through the Walk-a-thon. I know that such an event requires time and effort and I thank those who took the time to assist in its organization. Please know that your contributions are truly appreciated.

The Walk-a-thon is a great opportunity for children in Canada to dedicate time and effort to care for other children overseas who are in greater need. I pray that the values of compassion and solidarity instilled from a young age will be long lasting in their lives.

The Holy Childhood Association started in France with a group of children praying for and making small contributions towards children in need; today it is established in 110 countries. As part of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the HCA is Pope Francis's official charity to support the work of missionaries where the church is poor and new.

This year, 2016 the HCA provide assistance to 53 projects in GHANA, MADAGASCAR, NAMIBIA, JAMAICA, THAILAND, and MAURITIUS; where missionaries continue to work selflessly and guided by that same compassion, solidarity and the love of God.

Please continue to participate in the HCA through prayer, learning with our school materials and sharing with others who have less than you do.

With thanks and blessings,

Fr. Alex Osei CSSp.  
National Director

cc.

Mr Ted Farrell — Superintendent of Education  
Mr Mark Lefebvre — Superintendent of Education  
Mrs Yolanda Baldasaro — Superintendent of Education  
Mrs Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells — Superintendent of Education  
Mr Frank Iannantuono — Superintendent of Education  
Mrs. Carolyn Forster — Administrative Assistant

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN



THANK YOU!



Niagara Catholic District School Board

for

the remarkable success of the

2015 Walk-a-Thon

2015 - 2016

*Alex Osei*

Fr. Alex Osei CSSp

National Director

Holy Childhood Association



## Walk-a-thon donation report

For year: 2015

<u>Id</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1800003	St. Therese Elementary School	530 Killaly St. E. Port Colborne ON L3K 1P5	302.65
1800004	St. Patrick Elementary School	266 Rosemount Ave. Port Colborne ON L3K 5R4	25.00
1800005	St. John Bosco School	191 Highland Ave. Port Colborne ON L3K 3S7	61.25
1800009	St. Patrick Elementary School	4653 Victoria Ave. Niagara Falls ON L2E 4B8	175.00
1800011	St. Gabriel Lalement School	6121 Vine St. Niagara Falls ON L2J 1L4	143.00
1800012	St. Joseph Elementary School	3650 Netherby Rd. Stevensville ON L0S1S0	160.35
1800013	St. Mary Elementary School	120 Plymouth Rd. Welland ON L3B 3C7	44.65
1800016	St. Charles Elementary School	25 Whyte Ave. Thorold ON L2V 2T4	150.00
1800017	St. Elizabeth Elementary School	31950 Sugarloaf St. PO Box 178 Wainfleet ON L0S 1V0	100.00
1800018	Alexander Kuska KSG School	333 Rice Rd. Welland ON L3C 2V9	320.15
1800019	Holy Name Elementary School	290 Fitch St. Welland ON L3C 4W5	655.00
1800020	St. Andrew Elementary School	16 St. Andrew Ave. Welland ON L3B 1E1	439.50
1800021	St. Augustine Elementary School	300 Santone Ave. Welland ON L3C 2J8	60.40
1800025	St. Peter Elementary School	7 Aberdeen Circle St. Catharines ON L2T 2B7	323.40
1800026	Loretto Catholic School	6855 Kalar Rd. Niagara Falls ON L2H 2T3	360.75
1800027	Father Hennepin Elementary School	6032 Churchill St. Niagara Falls ON L2G 2X1	500.00
1800028	Sacred Heart Elementary School	8450 Oliver St. Niagara Falls ON L2G 6Z2	200.35
1800031	Notre Dame Elementary School	6559 Caswell St. Niagara Falls ON L2J 1C2	544.00
1800032	Our Lady of Fatima School	69 Olive St. Grimsby ON L3M 2C3	2,391.75
1800033	St. Edward Elementary School	2807-4th Ave., R. R. 1 Jordan ON L0R 1S0	104.00
1800036	Assumption Elementary School	225 Parnell Rd. St. Catharines ON L2M 1W3	130.30
1800038	St. Joseph School	5 Robinson St. N. Grimsby ON L3M 3C8	250.00
1800039	St. Alfred Elementary School	280 Vine St. St. Catharines ON L2M 4T3	279.25
1800040	St. Ann Elementary School	218 Main St. St. Catharines ON L2N 4W1	483.25
1800041	St. Anthony Elementary School	81 Rykert St. St. Catharines ON L2S 1Z2	378.15
1800042	St. Christopher Elementary School	33 Woodrow St. St. Catharines ON L2P 2A1	237.15
1800044	St. James Elementary School	615 Geneva St. St. Catharines ON L2N 2J3	328.61
1800045	St. Philomena School	1332 Phillips St. Fort Erie ON L2A3C2	230.00
1800046	Mary Ward Elementary School	2999 Dorchester Rd. Niagara Falls ON L2J 2Z9	424.11
1800049	St. John Elementary School	5684 Regional Rd. 81, R. R. 3 Beamsville ON L0R 1B0	100.00
1800050	Cardinal Newman Elementary School	8120 Beaverdams Rd. Niagara Falls ON L2H 1R8	500.00
1800053	St. Alexander Elementary School	26 Highway #20 E. Fonthill ON L0S 1E0	464.15
1800055	St. Martin Elementary School	P.O. Box 460, Margaret St. Smithville ON L0R 2A0	350.70
1800056	St. Theresa Elementary School	58 Seymour Ave. St. Catharines ON L2P 1A7	33.50

1800057	Monsignor Clancy Elementary Sc	41 Collier Rd. S. Thorold ON L2V 3S9	243.75
1800059	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Element	6525 Carlton Ave. Niagara Falls ON L2G 5K4	2,496.80
1800061	St. Vincent de Paul School	3900 Kalar Rd. Niagara Falls ON L2E 6S4	100.00
1800062	St. George Catholic School	3800 Wellington Rd. Crystal Beach ON L0S 1B0	224.20
1800063	Mother Teresa Catholic Elem.Sc	125 First Street Louth St. Catharines ON L2R 6P9	232.00

**Count: 39**

**Total: 14,547.12**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE  
MARCH 14, 2016 LETTER FROM ST. ALFRED ROMAN  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

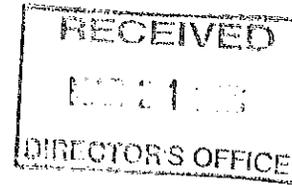
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# St. Alfred

## Roman Catholic Parish

March 14, 2016



Mr. John Crocco  
Director  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Rd.  
Welland, ON  
L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Crocco:

The Man of the Shroud Steering Committee of St. Alfred Church wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution of The Niagara Catholic District School Board to this informative exhibit, by your donation of a \$ 1000 Sponsorship.

Your support definitely helped us make this unique experience a great success.

The Shroud Committee wishes to extend to our deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Father Hugh Gibson, Pastor  
On behalf of the Man of the Shroud  
Steering Committee  
Encl.

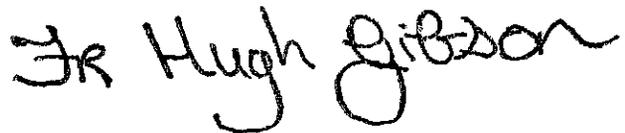
Donation Receipt from St. Alfred Church

Questions? Contact St. Alfred Church at 905-934-9703

Date	14-Mar-16
Donor name	Niagara Catholic District School Board
Address	427 Rice Rd.
City	Welland
State/Province	ON
Postal code	L3C 7C1
Phone	
Total pledge	\$1,000.00

Official Receipt for Income Tax Purposes -BN 11910 9791 RR0045  
Canada Revenue Agency <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities/>

**St. Alfred Church**  
272 Vine Street  
St. Catharines, ON L2M 4T3  
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Fr. Hugh Gibson

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE  
MARCH 22, 2016 LETTER FROM PROJECT SHARE**

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John Crocco, Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Rd  
Welland ON L3S 7C1

March 22, 2016



Dear Mr. Crocco,

Thank you for supporting Project SHARE. Without your generosity we could not provide emergency food and support services to the 100 families who come through our door every day.

We asked some of our clients what they would do if they couldn't come to Project SHARE for emergency food and the responses we received included:

*"I might end up behind bars."*

*"A week a month my family would have to starve. That's the bottom line."*

Thank you for helping to prevent these outcomes. Your donations:

- helped fill hungry tummies
- prevented utilities from being disconnected
- funded emergency prescriptions
- connected low income youth with recreation funding so they could participate in organized sport
- supported homelessness prevention
- made community connections through referrals to essential support services

I am excited to share with you our 2014-2015 Annual Report, which further illustrates the impact your donations have made on those less fortunate in our community.

With heartfelt thanks,



Diane Corkum, Executive Director



# Project **SHARE**

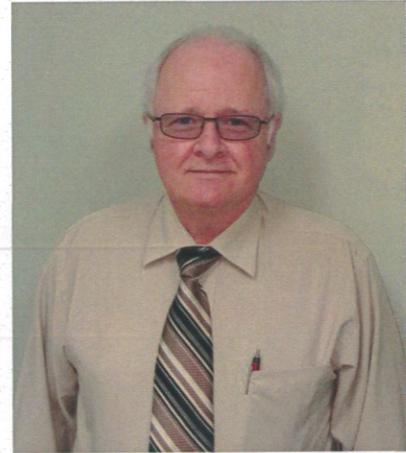
## Our Community At Work

### 2014-2015 Annual Report



# Message from the Chair

The past year was a challenging one as the economy continued to struggle and more people turned to Project SHARE for emergency assistance. In November 2014 we hit a new, all time high of helping 164 families in one day. Our community really needed to work this year to ensure none of our neighbours went hungry.



Through our advocacy, we were able to regain funding from Niagara Region which was cut a few years ago. This funding ensures we can continue to offer our Homelessness Prevention Program, which helps our clients secure affordable housing and reduces homelessness.

Our revised mission and new strategic plan, created in 2013 in partnership with Leadership Niagara, has driven us in our work to lead the fight against hunger and empower those in need. We are so much more than a food bank; our community gardens, educational workshops, funding for emergency utility, prescription and transportation assistance, recreation funding applications, homelessness prevention program and community referrals provide a holistic approach to helping those who are living in poverty. We strive towards a future where everyone in Niagara Falls is food secure.

We are so thankful for our community who is committed to eliminating hunger and reducing poverty. Without our generous donors, compassionate community partners, gracious volunteers, and dedicated staff we could not help the thousands of families who are living below the poverty line in Niagara Falls.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Pellow'.

Brian Pellow, Chairman

## 2014-2015 Board of Directors

Brian Pellow, Chairman  
Tom Snodgrass, Vice Chairman  
Jim Ferraro, Past Chairman  
Mick Wolfe, Treasurer  
Paisley Janvary-Pool, Secretary  
Bart Maves, City Council Representative  
Wayne Campbell, City Council Representative

Trent Dark, Director  
Denise Desjarlais, Director  
Lori Lococo, Director  
Anna Luciano, Director  
Irma Sebastiano, Director  
Ryan Serravalle, Director

# Message from the Executive Director

*Diane Corkum became Executive Director January 1, 2016 after Elaine Pihach's retirement*

Change is frightening but I often think of a quote by Dan Millman, (author of *The Way of the Peaceful Warrior*), "The secret to change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." With a staff and Board of Directors complement that I truly believe are the best people we could hope for, we are entering 2016 with a positive attitude and a focus on "building the new" by collaborating with community partners and developing the resources that are available to us. Although our tourism sector is improving there are still many residents of Niagara Falls who rely on Project SHARE for assistance. The fundamental definition of poverty used by members of the United Nations is the "inability of getting choices and opportunities, a violation of human dignity." I care deeply that our vision to "lead the fight against hunger and empower those in need" helps vulnerable members of our community regain and retain their dignity.



People who come to us for help generally do so because they just don't have enough income to last through the month. Social assistance rates in Ontario are surprisingly low. An individual receives a maximum of \$8,172 per year, with a shelter allowance of \$376 monthly. According to [www.rentboard.ca](http://www.rentboard.ca), the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Niagara Falls is \$970, a difference of \$594. Shocking, but even more so if you compare it to the amount an individual on social assistance received 22 years ago in 1994 – \$11,385 annually. At that time the minimum wage in Ontario was \$6.70/hour. A full-time employee working 35 hours per week at minimum wage earned an annual income of \$12,194, a difference of only \$809 annually or \$67 per month. Both are low, but the incomes probably covered the basics of food, clothing and shelter back then. Our programs and workshops help to empower people and teach them things like basic food preparation and canning, navigating local and regional transit, dental hygiene and healthy eating. Our staff members also work tirelessly on committees and boards to instill hope for a better future in the lives of the people we see each day.

I hope to apply the strong commitment I feel to achieving the goals set by our Board of Directors to help move the vulnerable members of our community from poverty to prosperity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Corkum". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Diane Corkum, Executive Director

## 2014-2015 Staff

Elaine Pihach, Executive Director  
Diane Corkum Operations Director  
Pam Sharp, Community Development Coordinator  
Katie CuvIELLO, Fundraising Events Coordinator  
Liz Dionne, Financial Administrator  
Pat Inneo, Client Support Worker  
Janet Morettie, Food Room Coordinator  
John Morse, Driver  
Rachel Muscat, Client Support Worker  
Cathy Robertson, Reception

Stephen Steers, Shipper Receiver  
Nancy Thiessen, Urban Homesteading  
Jeremy Thompson, Driver  
Joseph Veltri, Client Support Worker  
Carole Wallwork, Client Support Worker  
Adam Warriner, Warehouse Administrator  
Alicia Yap, Volunteer Coordinator



# Project SHARE

## Our Community At Work

### VISION:

To **lead** the fight against hunger  
and **empower** those in need.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Project SHARE  
serves those  
in need in the  
Niagara Falls  
community by:

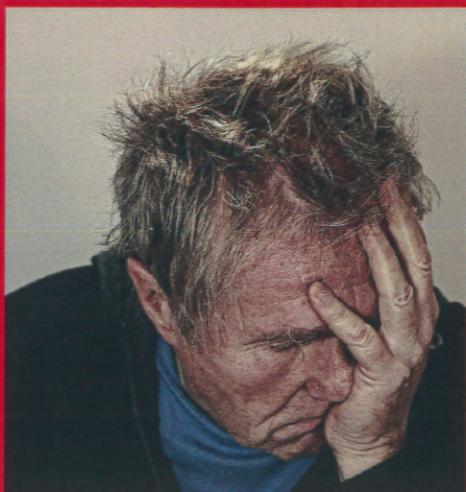
-  Addressing the short-term need for food and creating long-term solutions for food security
-  Mobilizing community resources for those in need
-  Adapting services to respond to changes around us
-  Advocating and providing a voice for those living in poverty

### OUR VALUES:

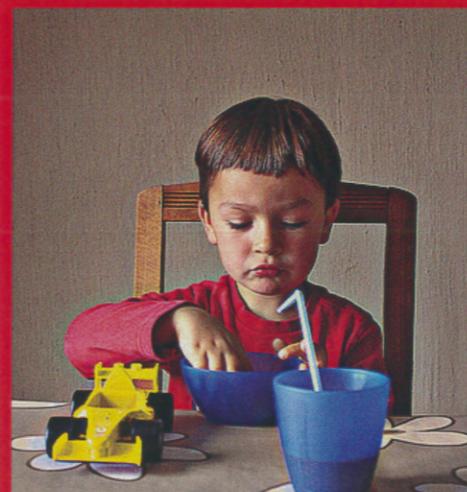
We believe in:

-  Interacting with all members of our community with dignity, respect, compassion and understanding.
-  Working as a team, within Project SHARE and with our community, to provide whatever help is needed.
-  Providing services based on inclusivity, equity, cooperation and collaboration.
-  Growing an effective organization through open communication and fiscal and social responsibility.
-  Investing in opportunities for our staff to develop in their roles.

# If Project SHARE did not exist...



**“A week a month my family would have to starve”**



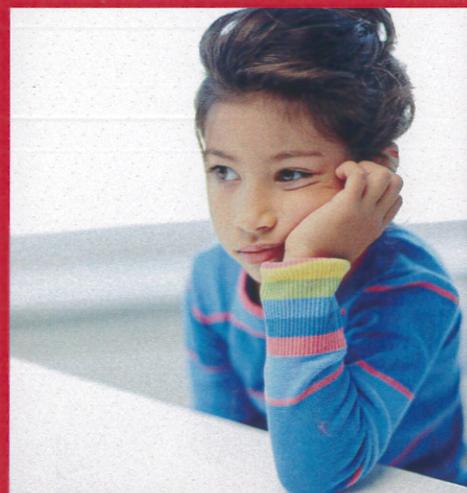
**“I might end up behind bars”**



**“I wouldn't eat period”**

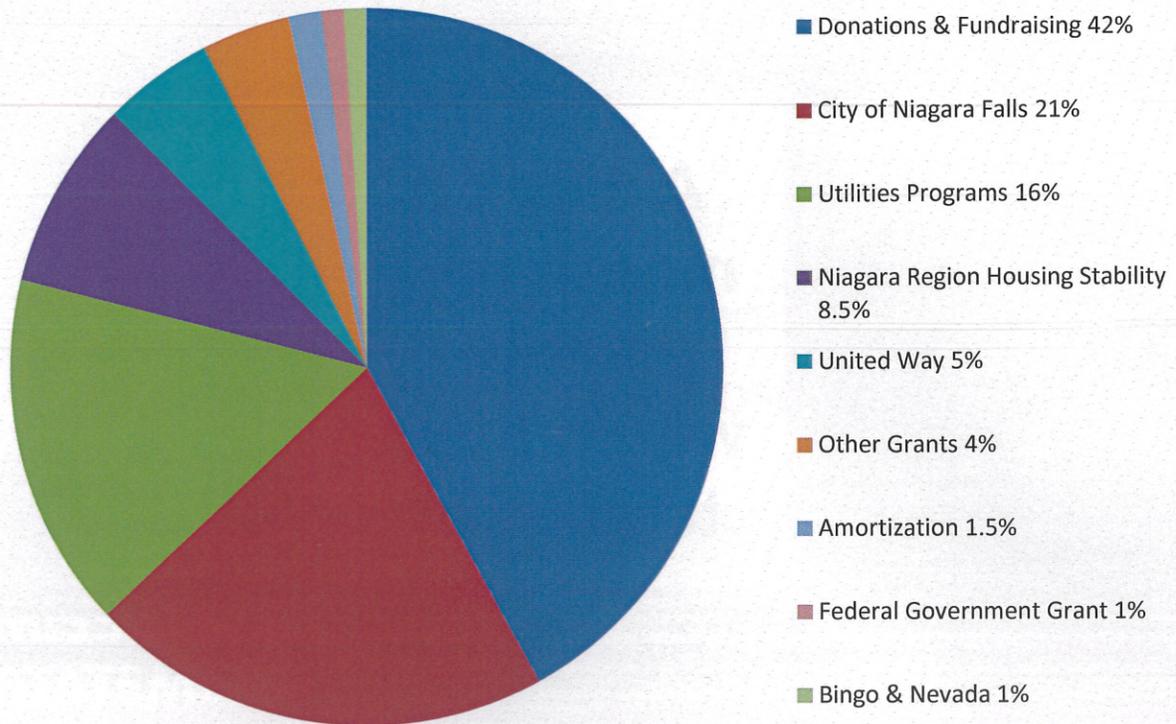


**“I would have to go without”**

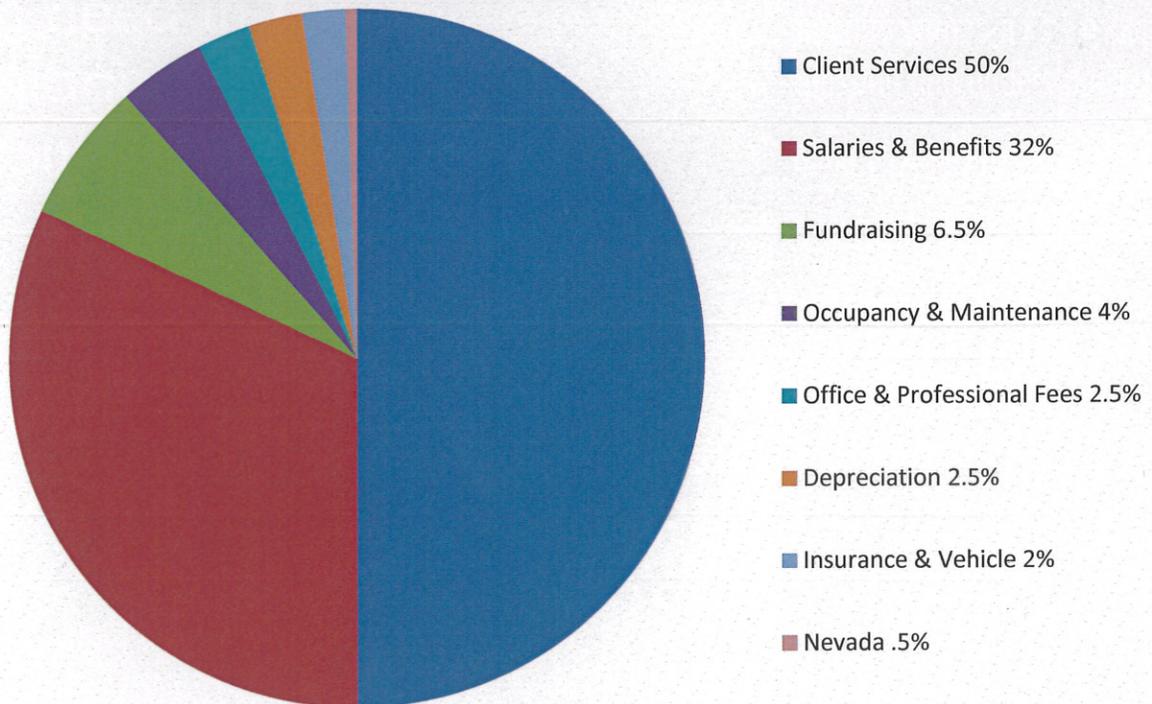


# Financial Overview

## 2014-2015 Revenue \$1,402,105



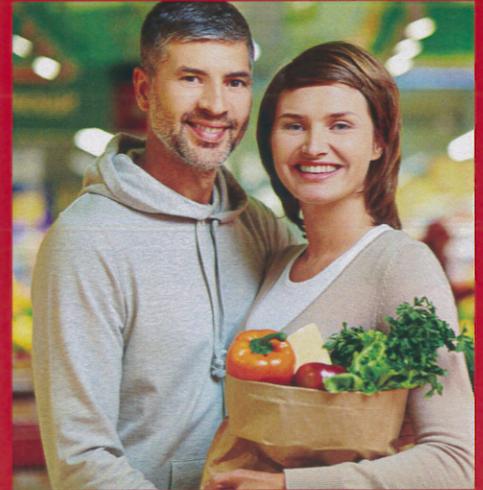
## 2014-2015 Expenses \$1,239,599



# With your donation...



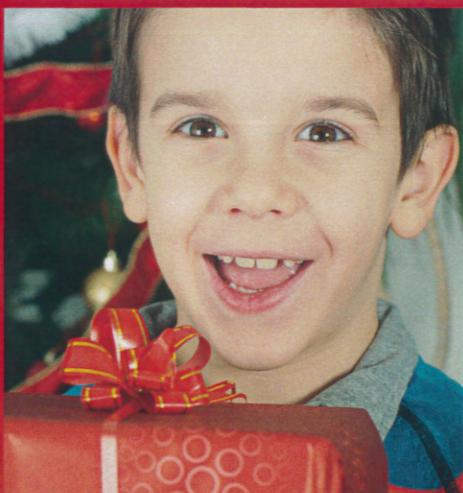
**More than  
800,000 lbs  
of emergency  
food was  
distributed to  
families in  
need**



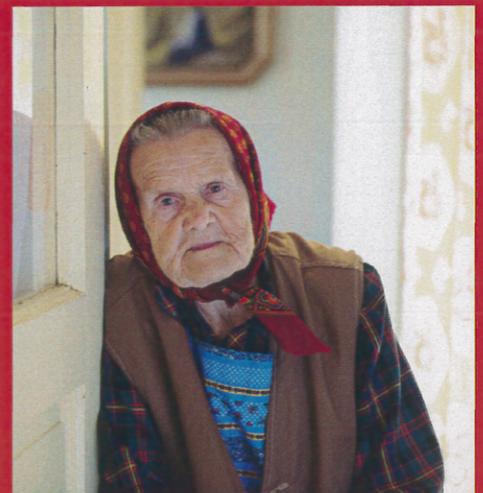
**4,415 people  
were helped  
with food &  
gifts at  
Christmas**



**Emergency  
food  
was provided  
to low income  
people  
39,681 times**



**\$205,321 in  
emergency  
utility assistance  
was given to  
keep the lights  
and heat on  
in family homes**





## None of our neighbours should go hungry

- Donate quickly & securely online at [projectshare.ca](http://projectshare.ca)
- Leave a gift in your will
- Sign up to become a monthly donor
- Grow a row for Project SHARE in your backyard garden
- Volunteer

For more information on ways you can help call 905-357-5121 ext 35 or [pam.s@projectshare.ca](mailto:pam.s@projectshare.ca)

## Connect with us on social media!



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Project SHARE of Niagara Falls



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Project SHARE of Niagara Falls



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[projectshare.ca](http://projectshare.ca)

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
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**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE  
APRIL 4, 2016 LETTER FROM NIAGARA CHILDREN'S  
CENTRE**

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therapy and support to help kids shine  
thérapie et soutien pour aider les enfants à briller

April 4, 2016

Mr. John Crocco, Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Rd  
Welland, ON L3C 7C1



Dear ~~Mr.~~ <sup>John</sup> Crocco,

Thank you to the Niagara Catholic District School board for your incredible support of 'Kids Helping Kids' once again this year. In total, during the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>, students and educators raised \$35,146 for Niagara Children's Centre. An astounding \$709,000 has been donated over the past 18 years!

Thanks to your efforts and support, we can expand our services, purchase equipment and improve our facility, to make sure that children in our community receive the excellent care that they deserve. Last year we served over 3,400 children, but there are many children still waiting for service. Please extend our sincere thanks to all who were involved in making *Kids Helping Kids* an amazing success again this year!

Niagara Catholic District School Board has a longstanding commitment to supporting children with special needs and through your generous support of our Centre, you are helping to improve the lives of children and youth with physical, developmental or communicative delays right here in our community. The *Kids Helping Kids Campaign* reinforces Niagara Catholic District School Board's message to students about the challenges some individuals face each day, the value of inclusiveness and the importance of supporting those in need.

Once again, thank you. Your efforts help build a compassionate community and future leaders. With your caring support we can continue to help kids reach their fullest potential!

Sincerely,

Oksana

A big thanks to  
everyone involved!

Oksana Fisher  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
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**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE  
APRIL 12, 2016 LETTER FROM ONTARIO COLLEGE OF  
TEACHERS**

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Ontario  
College of  
Teachers

Ordre des  
enseignantes et  
des enseignants  
de l'Ontario



April 12, 2016

John Crocco, OCT  
Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Road  
Welland ON L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Crocco,

**Re: Invitation to School Board Trustees to Attend the Ontario College of Teachers *Inspiring Public Confidence* Conference**

I am writing to you today ask for your assistance in distributing invitations to trustees at the Niagara Catholic District School Board to attend the 2016 Ontario College of Teachers Conference *Inspiring Public Confidence*, from May 26-27, 2016 at the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto. As leaders in Ontario's publicly-funded education system, we think that trustees will find the line-up of key note speakers and workshop presentations to be of great interest.

Enclosed in this package are individual envelopes addressed to the trustees at your board. Your assistance in distributing these packages would be greatly appreciated.

The trustees' packages contain our invitation to attend and a copy of the conference brochure. I've included a copy of the invitation for your information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [jjamieson@oct.ca](mailto:jjamieson@oct.ca).

Sincerely,

Joe Jamieson, OCT  
Deputy Registrar and Conference Chair

Encl.

JJ/KA/jb-pol

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE  
APRIL 14, 2016 LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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**Ministry  
of Education**

**Ministère  
de l'Éducation**

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(519) 667-1440  
1-800-265-4221  
FAX (519) 667-9769

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Télécopieur (519) 667-9769

April 14, 2016

John Crocco  
Director of Education  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Road  
Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1

Dear John:

On behalf of the Minister of Education, I am responding to your request for the approval of the modified school year calendars for your elementary and secondary schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

In accordance with subsection 5(1) of Regulation 304, your modified calendars have been approved. It is understood that consultation with stakeholder groups has taken place and that support for the modification has been obtained from your parent and community groups.

Sincerely,



Michael McDonald, Regional Manager (A)  
London Regional Office  
Field Services Branch  
Ministry of Education

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2016**

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**TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE  
APRIL 19, 2016 LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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April 19, 2016

Mr. John Crocco  
Director of Education and Secretary  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Road  
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Crocco,

Thank you for your letter and attachments regarding the proposed sale of four properties: Holy Rosary Campus in Thorold; St. Ann Catholic School (SFIS #9637); St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School (SFIS #4508) in Niagara Falls; and 4 Berkley Drive in St. Catharines. The sites are legally described as:

Holy Rosary - Vacant land located on Richmond Street; Part Twp. Lots 35 & 36; Plan No 59R-9582; City of Thorold, Ontario; PIN 64043-0062 (LT)

St. Ann CS (SFIS #9637) - LTS 907 to 914 PL 9 village of Niagara Falls; LT a PL 11 Village of Niagara Falls; LTS 37 & 38 PL 11 Village of Niagara Falls; PT Slater Av PL 9 village of Niagara falls (Fmly Fifth St. closed by BB94980) as in BB94998; PT Forsythe St PL 9 Village of Niagara Falls (Fmly Lincoln Av Fmly Lincoln St., as closed by BB94980 as in BB94998; PT McGrail Av PL 9 Village Of Niagara Falls (Fmly Ann St., as closed by AA61714 & AA98986) as in AA68745 & BB12744; PT LT 39 PL 11 Village of Niagara Falls as in BB91800; PT LTS 6, 7 & 8 S/S Anne St., N/S Ellen St PL 653 abstracted as Blk 7 Village of Niagara Falls as in AA57817, AA57818 & AA57819 except PT 1 on 59R5872; PT LT 4 S/S Anne St., N/S Ellen St PL 653 Abstracted as Blk 7 Village of Niagara Falls as in AA57816; PT LT 5 S/S Anne St., North W/S of Ellen St PL 653 Abstracted As Blk 7 Village of Niagara Falls as in AA59034; Niagara Falls; PIN 64347-0093 (LT)

St. Thomas More CES (SFIS #4508) - 6642 St. Thomas More Drive, Part Twp Lot 158 Stamford, as in BB23218 (Parcel 3); City of Niagara Falls, Ontario; PIN 64358-0009 (LT)

4 Berkley Drive - PT Blk D, Plan No 626; Grantham as in R0222555; City of St. Catharines, Ontario; PIN 46321-0025 (LT)

The information provided for the property listed above is satisfactory evidence that your board has met the requirements set out in Ontario Regulation 444/98, s.12 (3). This information will be kept on file at the Ministry.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Grant Osborn  
Director  
Capital Policy and Programs Branch

Cc: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services;  
Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC – APRIL 12, 2016**

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April 12, 2016

### Elementary Itinerant Arts Curriculum Delivery and Support Update



Beginning in September 2015, all elementary students began receiving Arts instruction in their classrooms, led by a team of Itinerant Arts teachers.

Students in ELKP through Grade 4 receive dance/drama and vocal music instruction, while students in Grades 5-8 will have instrumental music instruction.

The Itinerant Arts teachers travel in teams of two, with one Dance/Drama/Vocal Music teacher and one Instrumental Music teacher visiting a school on a given day.

To better assist these specialized teachers in delivering engaging and creative instrumental lessons, new instruments were purchased at the start of the school year for schools across the system. Soprano, alto and tenor recorders, ukuleles, bucket drums and guitars are now used by teachers to enable the students to achieve the more complex expectations in the provincial Arts curriculum.

Teachers can then share locally developed lesson plans through Google Apps for Education, and accessed through Smartboard technology. Lesson plans include faith-based music and drama.

Read the complete report in section C3 of the [April 12 Committee of the Whole Agenda](#).

## Niagara Catholic 2016-2017 System Priorities

Beginning at the Committee of the Whole Meeting each January, the Director of Education and Senior Administrative Council began providing monthly information reports to Trustees on the Design of the System Priorities and Annual Budget for the upcoming year.

Niagara Catholic continues to build the 2016-2017 Budget to achieve the System Priorities defined for 2016-2017 and meet the legislated requirements of the *Education Act*, and the Ministry of Education's Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding allocations.

At the April 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Trustees voted to recommend the 2016-2017 System Priorities. These priorities include to continue to provide Catholic programs, supports and services to build strong Catholic identity and community, improving student achievement, expanding social justice, global citizenship and international education experiences, implementing the next phase of the Technology Blueprint 2016-2020, enriching the engagement of student leadership, designing and delivering a comprehensive multi-year Professional Development Plan, maintaining fiscal stability and implementing the first phase of the Board's Long-Term Accommodation Plan.

Read the full report in Appendix B of Report C6 of the [April 12 Committee of the Whole Agenda](#).

Learn more about Niagara Catholic's Long-Term Accommodation Plan below.

## Phase 3 of Niagara Catholic's Long-Term Accommodation Plan

Beginning in February, Niagara Catholic Trustees began looking at the Board's Long-Term Accommodation Plan. Phase 1 was introduced at the February 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and approved at the Board Meeting on February 23.

Phase 2 was introduced at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 8, and the Board discussed the staffing and property implications associated with data in the report.

Updated information was provided to Trustees during the April 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, along with the recommendations for schools over the short term (2016-2018), medium term (2018-2020) and long term (beyond 2020).

The report is available in section C5 of the [April 12 Committee of the Whole Agenda](#).

## Catch Up With Our Good News!

If you haven't checked out our [Good News](#) section in a while, be sure to take a look at some of the great stories we've had to share, including photos from our Bishop's Gala and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

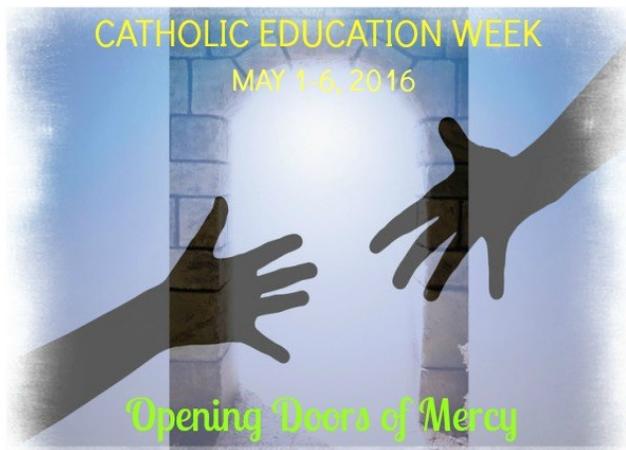


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2016**

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MAY  
2016

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
	Catch the Spirit Student Awards of Excellence Saint Michael Catholic High School, 7 p.m.	Catholic Education Congress 6:30 p.m. Denis Morris Catholic High School	Catholic Education Congress 6:30 p.m. Lakeshore Catholic High School SEAC Meeting	Catholic Education Congress 6:30 p.m. Saint Michael Catholic High School	Distinguished Alumni Award and Luncheon 12:00 Catholic Education Centre	
8	9	10 SAL Meeting CW Meeting	11 SEAC Meeting	12 Student Leadership Symposium Club Roma 9 a.m.—2 p.m. NCPIC Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Grad Celebration Partners in Catholic Education	20	21
22	23	24 Policy Committee Meeting Board Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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**TOPIC: CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2016**

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The Catholic Education Week Report 2016  
is presented for information.

*A copy of the Catholic Education Week 2016 will be distributed at the Board Meeting.*

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Prepared by: Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education  
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Date: April 26, 2016