



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 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 February Committee of the Whole meeting for Vice-Chair Burtnik.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Vice-Chair Burtnik was present electronically, Trustee Fera, Trustee O'Leary and Student Trustee Nico Tripodi were excused.

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>				
Kira Petriello	✓			
Nico Tripodi				✓

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 Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared with any items on the Agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 17, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 17, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of January 31, 2017**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of January 31, 2017, as presented.

**6.2 Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting and Homework Policy (301.10)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting and Homework Policy (301.10), as presented.

**6.3 Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4), as presented.

**6.4 Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5), as presented.

**6.5 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.6 Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

**6.7 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. The Renewed Math Strategy: Transforming Practice**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the Renewed Math Strategy: Transforming Practice. Superintendent Lefebvre introduced Laura Cronshaw, Co-K-12 Numeracy Coach, John Charette, Co-K-12 Numeracy Coach, Jeffery Martin, Secondary Numeracy Coach and Susan Ume, Renewed Mathematics Strategy Coach.

Ms. Cronshaw and Mr. Charette presented the Renewed Math Strategy: Transforming Practice report detailing the Program Departments strategy for supporting the system.

Superintendent Lefebvre, Ms. Cronshaw and Mr. Charette answered questions of Trustees.

**2. Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2017-2018**

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources presented the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2017-2018.

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Initial Staff Report: Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary Schools' Modified Accommodation Review**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education along with Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services, Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services and Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Initial Staff Report: Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary Schools' Modified Accommodation Review.

Superintendent Farrell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Initial Staff Report – Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary Schools' Modified Pupil Accommodation Review, as presented; and

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board initiate a Modified Pupil Accommodation Review for Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary and St. Charles Catholic Elementary Schools in accordance with the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy 701.2.

**CARRIED**

**4. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 Update**

Director Crocco along with Senior Administrative Council provided an update on the implementation of the System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017.

Director Crocco confirmed the Design of the System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018 information meeting for Trustees on March 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the March Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

**5. Monthly Updates**

**5.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Kira Petriello, Student Trustee presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate and their participation with recommendations for the design of the System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018.

**5.2 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**

- Students at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School, Welland that were involved in the #WeAre Rafikis club initiated a global social justice program by selling bracelets made by women in Kenya. The students raised \$3,020.00. Half of the funds raised were sent to the women to support their families, and the remaining funds were designated for water, education, health and food projects in their local communities.

**Superintendent Baldasaro**

- February 10-16, 2017 is designated as Kids Helping Kids week across Niagara Catholic. Activities that support fundraising in support of the Niagara Children's Centre will be occurring within our elementary and secondary Catholic schools.
- Senate Co-Chair and St. John Catholic Elementary School Grade 8 student, Luca DiPietro, has been accepted as a Page at Queen's Park for the February 10 - March 20, 2017 session.

**D. INFORMATION**

**1. Trustee Information**

**1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 31, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 31, 2017 issue for Trustees information.

**1.2 Calendar of Events – February 2017**

Director Crocco presented the February 2017 Calendar of Events for Trustees information and reminded Trustees that Niagara Catholic will be closed Monday February 20, 2017 for Family Day.

**1.3 OCSTA Information – January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2017**

Director Crocco presented highlighted the January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2017 OCSTA Information.

**1.4 Bishops Gala – April 1, 2017**

Director Crocco Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Bishops Gala that will be held on April 1, 2017 at Club Roma and requested Trustees contact Sherry Morena to reserve their ticket.

**1.5 OCSTA Annual General Meeting & Conference – April 27-29, 2017**

Director Crocco asked those Trustees who are interested in attending the OCSTA Annual General Meeting & Conference being held on April 27-29, 2017 to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications prior to the March 17, 2017 OCSTA deadline.

**1.6 Board Committee Membership 2017**

Director Crocco presented the Board Committee Membership 2017 as requested at the January Board meeting.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 Director Crocco noted the continued implementation of this years System Priorities, the designing of the System Priorities and Budget for 2017-2018 and if the Board approves the modified Pupil Accommodations Review for Thorold as significant plans for future action.

**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 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 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 February 14, 2017.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**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 January 17, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**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 January 17, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the February 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 14, 2017.**

Approved on **March 7, 2017.**

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer