



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 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 Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee O'Leary.

2. Roll Call

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

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	T		
Kathy Burtnik	T		
Maurice Charbonneau	T		
Frank Fera	T		
Fr. Paul MacNeil	T		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	T		
Ted O'Leary	T		
Dino Sicoli	T		
Student Trustees			
Ryan Creelman	T		
Patrick Morris	T		

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 22, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item C5.1 of the Public Agenda. This item may show cheques issued to this trustee's family business. She refrained from voting on this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2012

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Ann Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education introduced Victoria Wegelin, Principal of St. Ann Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Wegelin, with the assistance of students and staff showcased St. Ann Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Wegelin, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2012 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2012:

5.1 Playground Equipment Policy (702.1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Playground Equipment Policy (702.1), as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Capital Priorities Submission

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Capital Priorities submission to the Ministry of Education as presented in this report.

CARRIED

5.3 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2012-2013

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of scholarships for the Larkin Estate Admission Awards for 2012-2013, as noted in the report.

CARRIED

5.4 Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions System Priorities 2012-2013

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Strategic Directions System Priorities 2012-2013, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 11, 2012

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 11, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 11, 2012:

3.1 Letter to the Halton DSB

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the letter from the Special Education Advisory Committee to the Halton District School Board regarding Special Education.

CARRIED

3.2 Letter to the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB

Moved by Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the letter from the Special Education Advisory Committee to the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board regarding the Special Education survey.

CARRIED

4. Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee Approvals

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information.

5. Financial Reports

5.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

The Board Meeting was turned over to Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau to Chair this portion of the Meeting.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Chairperson Burtnik resumed the Chair of the May Board Meeting.

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Laurel Broten, Minister of Education – Letter to all Chairs of Boards – May 17, 2012

Chairperson Burtnik presented the letter from Laurel Broten, Minister of Education.

1.2 Letter from Gab Sekaly, Assistant Deputy Minister, Business and Finance Division

Director Crocco informed Trustees of a letter he received from Gab Sekaly, Assistant Deputy Minister, Business and Finance Division, regarding the Board's request for capital funding to support the replacement of child care spaces at the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School. He announced that based on the Board's submission, the Ministry of Education has approved \$ 479,925 to fund the replacement of 16 child care spaces.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

2.1 OCSTA AGM

Trustees shared their experiences and highlights from the 2012 OCSTA AGM.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Director Crocco updated Trustees on the posting for the position of Controller of Facilities Services, which closes on Friday, May 25, 2012, and will be followed by interviews. Trustees will be informed of the progress of the search or the name of the successful candidate at the June Board Meeting.
- Director Crocco presented updated information on the Community Use of Facilities Policy as it relates to the Fee Schedule. He then presented a plan of action which included a recommended addition to the Administrative Guidelines at the September Policy Committee Meeting.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 8, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 8, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2012

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – June 2012 for Trustees' information

4.3 St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School Blessing – May 28, 2012

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School Blessing, which will be officiated by Bishop Bergie, is scheduled for May 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications.

4.4 2nd Annual Niagara Catholic Staff & Family Mass and Picnic – Sunday, June 3, 2012

Trustees were invited to attend the 2nd Annual Niagara Catholic Staff & Family Mass and Picnic on June 3, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Queenston Heights. Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications.

4.5 Annual Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat – October 16, 2012

Director Crocco indicated that in consultation with the Bishop, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, and all Trustees, that the Annual Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat has been rescheduled for October 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:58 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 22, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 A: Student Trustees Present of April 24, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 A: Student Trustees Present of May 8, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

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 April 24, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 May 8, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6)

The following motion was reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of May 8, 2012:

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F7)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the May 22, 2012 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on May 22nd, 2012.

Approved on the 12th day of June 2012.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer