



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, JUNE 23, 2020
6:30 P.M.**



SEEDS OF FAITH
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2018-2021

*Electronic Meeting in Compliance with Education Act Section 207 and Ontario Regulation 463/97 Section 5.1 (2)
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A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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| 1. | Opening Prayers – Trustee Prince | - |
| 2. | Roll Call | - |
| 3. | Approval of the Agenda | - |
| 4. | Declaration of Conflict of Interest | - |
| 5. | Minutes of the Board Meeting | |
| | 5.1 May 5, 2020 | A5.1 |
| | 5.2 May 26, 2020 | A5.2 |
| | 5.3 June 9, 2020 | A5.3 |
| | 5.4 June 15, 2020 | A5.4 |
| | 5.5 June 16, 2020 | A5.5 |
| 6. | Consent Agenda Items | |
| | 6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations | A6.1 |
| | 6.1.1 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2020-2021 | A6.1.1 |
| | 6.1.2 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan | A6.1.2 |
| | 6.1.3 Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021 | A6.1.3 |
| | 6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of May 6, 2020 | A6.2 |
| | 6.3 In-Camera Agenda Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F4.1, F4.2, F4.3, F4.4, F4.5, F5, F6, F7 and F8 | - |

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. | Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2019-2020 Appreciation | - |
| 2. | Secondary Education Alternate Rural Delivery – Lord Mayor Betty Disero and Caroline Polgrabia | B2 |

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

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| 1. | Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning From Home and September 2020 Re-opening Plan | - |
| 2. | Ministry of Education GSN Funding for Original Estimates Budget 2020-2021 | - |

3. Financial Reports as at May 31, 2020 C3

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. Correspondence | - |
| 2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended | - |
| 3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action | - |
| 4. Trustee Information | |
| 4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 9, 2020 | D4.1 |
| 4.2 Calendar of Events – September 2020 | D4.2 |
| 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
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
MAY 5, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 5, 2020, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

Minutes of the Special Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Once all Trustees were confirmed to be connected electronically, the meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Prince.

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees were in attendance electronically.

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | | ✓ | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | | ✓ | | |
| Frank Fera | | ✓ | | |
| Larry Huibers | | ✓ | | |
| Daniel Moody | | ✓ | | |
| Leanne Prince | | ✓ | | |
| Dino Sicoli | | ✓ | | |
| Paul Turner | | ✓ | | |

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Electronic Board Meeting of May 5, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

CARRIED

Director Crocco and Anna Pisano disconnected from the meeting at this time.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Electronic Board Meeting of May 5, 2020.

CARRIED

D. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the May 5, 2020 Special Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 5, 2020**.

Approved on the **May 26, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
MAY 26, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2020, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Huibers

2. Roll Call

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

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | | ✓ | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | | ✓ | | |
| Frank Fera | | ✓ | | |
| Larry Huibers | | ✓ | | |
| Daniel Moody | | ✓ | | |
| Leanne Prince | | ✓ | | |
| Dino Sicoli | | ✓ | | |
| Paul Turner | | ✓ | | |
| Student Trustees | | | | |
| Jade Bilodeau | | ✓ | | |
| Luca DiPietro | | ✓ | | |

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Pat Rocca**, 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 Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Fera, Huibers and Moody with Item F8.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Trustee Moody informed the Board that he had a conflict of interest with Item F4.3 of the May 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole and he had excused himself in this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting

5.1 April 28, 2020

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 May 5, 2020

Deferred to June Board Meeting

5.3 May 6, 2020

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 6, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Item F4.2 of the In-Camera Agenda be held.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 12, 2020, as presented.

6.1.1 Advocacy Expenditures Policy (100.9)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Advocacy Expenditures Policy (100.9), as presented.

6.1.2 Attendance Area Policy (301.3)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Attendance Area Policy (301.3), as presented

6.1.3 St Charles Catholic/Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools Renaming Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the consolidated schools of St. Charles Catholic and Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools be named Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School, as recommended by the Committee at its May 7, 2020 meeting.

6.1.4 Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2020-2021, as amended.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of March 4, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2020, as presented.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of March 5, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 5, 2020, as presented for information

6.4 National and Provincial Medalists 2020

Presented for information.

6.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6 and F7

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning From Home

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home update.

Director Crocco confirmed with the Board that the following question will be sent to all students, staff and parents through Thoughtexchange for feedback on how we have progressed during the COVID-19 school closure. A summary of the feedback will be shared with the Board which will assist in informing future planning for the continuity in learning and the reopening of schools. “During the current school closures, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has implemented a continuity of learning plan through remote access by students and staff. What are your thoughts on what has worked well and what do we need to improve on as we plan together for the future?”

Director Crocco and members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

2. Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021 Update

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided an update on the Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021.

Members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

3. Financial Report as at April 30, 2020

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1. Continued delivery of the Board’s Continuity In Distance Education Plan and the expectation for staff to be in contact with students in a synchronous manner.
2. Enrolment and Staffing being done virtually.
3. Reopening Task Force, will share the report with the Board when completed.
4. Working on the Budget for 2020-2021.
5. Invitation to participate in the Thoughtexchange by students, parents and staff.

Director Crocco indicated we will continue to keep the Board updated with information and facts which as we know, provide clarity in all decision making.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.3 for the information or questions of Trustees.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 12, 2020

4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2020

4.3 OCSTA Memorandum – Toonies for Tuition 2020 Fundraising Results

Director Crocco highlighted the Memorandum from OCSTA and acknowledged the leadership of Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro on their leadership in spearheading the Toonies for Tuition 2020 fundraising campaign and to all students and staff that contributed to the campaign.

Director Crocco noted that as winners of this year's campaign with a total of \$13,923 raised for Toonies for Tuition Niagara Catholic will be presented with the Ontario Campaign trophy.

Chair Fera echoed Director Crocco's sentiments.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 28 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Chair Fera having left the meeting, vice chair Sicoli chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F8.3.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the May 26, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 26, 2020**.

Approved on **June 16, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 9, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 9, 2020, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

Minutes of the Special Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Once all Trustees were confirmed to be connected electronically, the meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Bishop Bergie

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees were in attendance electronically.

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | | ✓ | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | | ✓ | | |
| Frank Fera | | ✓ | | |
| Larry Huibers | | ✓ | | |
| Daniel Moody | | ✓ | | |
| Leanne Prince | | ✓ | | |
| Dino Sicoli | | ✓ | | |
| Paul Turner | | ✓ | | |

Special Guest:

Honorary Chair: (Most Rev.) **Gerard P. Bergie**, D.D., Bishop of St. Catharines

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Electronic Board Meeting of June 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

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

B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

CARRIED

Director Crocco and Anna Pisano disconnected from the meeting at this time.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5:49 p.m.

C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Electronic Board Meeting of June 9, 2020.

CARRIED

D. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the June 9, 2020 Special Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 9, 2020**.

Approved on the **June 23, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 15, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 15, 2020, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. 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 8:00 a.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Prince

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees were in attendance.

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓ | | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | ✓ | | | |
| Frank Fera | ✓ | | | |
| Larry Huibers | ✓ | | | |
| Daniel Moody | ✓ | | | |
| Leanne Prince | ✓ | | | |
| Dino Sicoli | ✓ | | | |
| Paul Turner | ✓ | | | |

Special Guest:

Honorary Chair: (Most Rev.) **Gerard P. Bergie**, D.D., Bishop of St. Catharines

The following staff were electronically in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of June 15, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

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

B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

CARRIED

Director Crocco disconnected from the meeting at this time.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting at 8:02 a.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m.

C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting of June 15, 2020.

CARRIED

D. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the June 15, 2020 Special Board Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 15, 2020**.

Approved on the **June 23, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 16, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 16, 2020, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. 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 8:40 a.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Sicoli.

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees were in attendance.

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓ | | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | ✓ | | | |
| Frank Fera | ✓ | | | |
| Larry Huibers | ✓ | | | |
| Daniel Moody | ✓ | | | |
| Leanne Prince | ✓ | | | |
| Dino Sicoli | ✓ | | | |
| Paul Turner | ✓ | | | |

Special Guest:

Honorary Chair: (Most Rev.) **Gerard P. Bergie**, D.D., Bishop of St. Catharines

The following staff were electronically in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

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

B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

CARRIED

Director Crocco disconnected from the meeting at this time.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting at 8:43 a.m. and reconvened at 1:57 p.m.

C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2020.

CARRIED

D. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the June 16, 2020 Special Board Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 16, 2020.**

Approved on the **June 23, 2020.**

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020, as presented.

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020:

6.1.1 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,725.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

6.1.2 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2020 and Beyond*, as presented.

6.1.3 Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Electronic Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Moody.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were electronically in attendance.

| Trustee | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | | ✓ | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | | ✓ | | |
| Frank Fera | | ✓ | | |
| Larry Huibers | | ✓ | | |
| Daniel Moody | | ✓ | | |
| Leanne Prince | | ✓ | | |
| Dino Sicoli | | ✓ | | |
| Paul Turner | | ✓ | | |
| Student Trustees | | | | |
| Jade Bilodeau | | ✓ | | |
| Luca DiPietro | | ✓ | | |

Vice-Chair Sicoli welcomed Sydney Yott, incoming Student Trustee 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The following staff were electronically in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Pat Rocca**, 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 Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Huibers, Moody and Fera with Item F4.3 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 this item.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Burkholder requested Item 6.7 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C7 of the agenda.

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 26, 2020**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 26, 2020, as presented.

6.2 **Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School Board 2019-2020**

Presented for information.

6.3 **Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2020-2021**

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,725.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

6.4 **The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions**

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2020 and Beyond*, as presented

6.5 Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.

6.6 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.7 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to section C7

6.8 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. New Student Trustee and Co-Chair – Student Senate 2020-2021/2021-2022 Introduction

Director Crocco welcomed back Luca DePietro of Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School and introduced Sydney Yott of Saint Paul Catholic High School as the Student Trustees for the 2020-2021/2021-2022 school years. Director Crocco provided background on and welcomed Sydney as Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2020-2021/2021-2022 Student Trustee.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Update

Director Crocco noted there are no updates from Senior Staff at this time and that the board has continued to implement the System Priorities for the remainder of the school year with modifications required given the implementation of the Board's Distance Learning Plan. An annual report on the 2019-2020 System Priorities and Budget will be presented at the September 2020 Board meeting.

2. Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home

Director Crocco and Chair Fera provided an update on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home and information from weekly calls with Directors of Education and Chairs of Boards with the Ministry of Education.

Chair Fera and Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

3. Live Streaming and Modernization Project – Father Burns csc Board Room and Holy Cross Community Room

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Live Streaming and Modernization Project – Father Burns csc Board Room and Holy Cross Community Room report for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

4. **Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021 Update**

Superintendent Vetrone provided an update on the Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021.

5. **Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020 as of May 31, 2020**

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020 as of May 31, 2020.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

6. **Monthly Updates**

6.1 **Student Trustees' Update**

Jade Bilodeau and Luca DiPietro, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal and visual update on the activities throughout the year of the Student Senate.

Trustees Burkholder, Burtnik, Fera and Turner acknowledged the commitment and passion of Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro.

Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro answered questions of Trustees.

6.2 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Nil

7. **Consent Agenda Item A6.7 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services answered questions of Trustees.

D. INFORMATION

1. **Trustee Information**

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D1.1 to D1.3 for the information or questions of Trustees and highlighted for discussion items D1.3.

1.1 **Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 26, 2020**

1.2 **Calendar of Events – June 2020**

1.3 **The Terry Fox Foundation**

Director Crocco highlighted the recognition received by The Terry Fox Foundation and expressed appreciation to students, staff and members of the Niagara Catholic community for their generosity.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1** Chair Fera proposed the June 16, 2020 Board meeting be deferred to June 23, 2020. Trustees were in agreement and moved the Board meeting to June 23, 2020. Director Crocco noted that this decision will be communicated to all members and posted on the Board website.
- 1.2** Director Crocco noted the administrators continue to work on enrolment and staffing for 2020-2021 virtually.
- 1.3** Depending on the timing of GSN funding announcements for 2020-2021, Senior Staff will continue to provide information as it becomes available. Director Crocco informed the Board that the rescheduling of the June Board Meeting from June 16th, where it was approved to take place to accommodate attendance at graduations, to June 23rd may assist in presenting a draft Original Estimates Budget for 2020-2021 for the consideration of the Board.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the June 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 9, 2020.**

Approved on **September 15, 2020.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE: LARKIN ESTATE ADMISSION AWARDS 2020-2021

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,725.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Recommended by: Committee of the Whole

Date: June 23, 2020



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 9, 2020

LARKIN ESTATE ADMISSION AWARDS 2020-2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Larkin Estate Admission Awards are administered by the Board of Trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Funding for the awards comes from a bequest from the estate of Maria Eveleen Larkin and Aimee Theresa Larkin. These awards have been administered annually since 1969 by the Board of Trustees of the former Lincoln County R.C.S.S. Board.

As of March 31, 2020 the undistributed earnings and the balance of the scholarship fund amounted to \$24,780.86 with projected interest in the amount of \$5,000 to the end of 2020. According to the terms of the bequest, the undistributed earnings may be paid to eligible students who are approved by the Board.

The Larkin Estate Admission Award is available to graduates of a Catholic high school situated in the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Candidates must be enrolled in St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, or a school of nursing, social service work or a college or university offering such course. Applications have been reviewed and a list of qualifying candidates has been prepared, as noted on Appendix A (New Applicants).

The applicants have been made aware that they must provide proof that they have registered in the eligible courses and/or school in order to receive the award. This proof is in the form of an official letter from the registrar of either St. Michael's College or a school of nursing, social service work or a college or university offering such course. Candidates are also obliged to submit evidence of successful completion of their year's study in order to qualify for a renewal of the award. (Appendix B - Renewal Applicants)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,725.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

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

Date: June 9, 2020

LARKIN ESTATE AWARDS 2020-2021
New Applicants

| Name | Amount to be Paid | Degree/ Diploma | Graduate of: |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1. Brown, Jordanne | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | Notre Dame College |
| 2. Hamid, Ola | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | Denis Morris Catholic High School |
| 3. Khutornaya, Anna | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | St. Michael Catholic High School |
| 4. Mirabella, Cayla | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | Denis Morris Catholic High School |
| 5. Opalka, Stephanie | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School |
| 6. Paul, Melanie | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School |
| 7. Vallente, Karylle | \$225.00 | BScN, Nursing | Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School |
| TOTAL | \$1,575.00 | | |

**LARKIN ESTATE AWARDS 2020-2021
Renewal Applicants**

| Applicant Name | Year of Award | Amount to be paid | Degree/ Diploma | Graduate of: |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Ciancio, Logan | 2 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Denis Morris Catholic High School |
| 2. Kish, Kennedy | 2 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Notre Dame College School |
| 3. Miele, Kassandra | 2 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School |
| 4. Sawchyn, Hannah | 2 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School |
| 5. Schipper, Hannah | 2 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School |
| 6. Zuniga, Stefanie | 2 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School |
| 7. Caparello-Wanless, Bianca | 3 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School |
| 8. Erzar, Adriana | 3 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School |
| 9. Jarrett, Jane Mary | 3 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Notre Dame College School |
| 10. Raso, Kate | 3 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Notre Dame College School |
| 11. Rea, Melisa | 3 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School |
| 12. Antonides, Marisa | 4 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School |
| 13. Oreskovich, Lauren | 4 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Saint Paul Catholic High School |
| 14. Zamora, Therese | 4 | \$225.00 | Nursing | Denis Morris Catholic High School |
| | | \$3,150.00 | | |

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES – SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN REVISIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2020 and Beyond*, as presented.

Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Recommended by: Committee of the Whole

Date: June 23, 2020



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 9, 2020

THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN REVISIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education requires district school boards to publicly make available a comprehensive report regarding the current special education programs and services of the Board. *Building Bridges to Services 2020 and Beyond* is our Board's current version of the Ministry of Education mandated Special Education Plan that includes the components that are defined in *Special Education in Ontario Kindergarten to Grade 12 Policy and Resource Guide 2017* as well as the protocols established in Policy and Program Memorandum 149.

In compliance with *Regulation 464/97*, Student Support staff consults with the Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) in the preparation and update of the Special Education Plan. Appendix A lists the revisions, as approved by the Special Education Advisory Committee at the SEAC meeting of June 3, 2020, that will be incorporated into the current Special Education Plan.

A checklist that notes the plan's component parts, updated sections and the URL leading to the Special Education Plan on our Board's website is annually completed and submitted to the London Regional Education Office by July 31st each year. Once all revisions are finalized, the 2020 Plan will be available to access through Niagara Catholic's website.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board recognizes that the updated Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges to Services 2020 and Beyond* is a valuable resource to students, parents, school and Board staff. In the fall of each year, the revised Special Education Plan is accessible via our Niagara Catholic District School Board website.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2020 and Beyond*, as presented

Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

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

Date: June 9, 2020

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN 2019-2020: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of REVISIONS

Across Special Education Plan:

- Date changes from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020; 2019-2020
- Reference to Special Education Department changed to Student Support Services Department

Part 2: Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Process

- Update of IPRC/IEP Data with 2019-2020 data (p. 14)

Part 5: Special Education Staff

- Addition of number of staff in each position to be added, in order for the chart to be compliant with Appendix B2 of the Standards document; update staffing positions (p. 46-47)
- Review and revision of staff to be added and removed

Part 12: The Board's Consultation Process

- Inclusion of section Summary of Feedback Received as a Result of Consultations (p. 69)

Part 14: Early Identification Procedures and Intervention Strategies

- Inclusion of Statement from PPM 11 (in order to be compliant with Standard): (p. 78)
 - *“these procedures are a part of a continuous assessment and program planning process which should be initiated when a child is first enrolled in school or no later than the beginning of a program of studies immediately following Kindergarten and should continue throughout a child's school life” (Policy/Program Memorandum No. 11).*

Part 17: Specialized Health Support Services in School Settings

- Specialized Health Support Services in Schools will be sent to our local Children's Treatment Centre for their review of terminology and services related to School Based Rehabilitation Services for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech & Language Pathology (p. 92-96)
- Specialized Health Support Services in Schools will be sent to our local Localized Health Integration Network (LHIN) for services related to nursing (p. 92)

Part 18: Staff Development

- Revise frequency of Student Support Services Discipline Meetings from Monthly to Bi-Monthly (p. 102)
- Update of professional development activities provided to staff (p.103)

Part 19: Accessibility (AODA)

- Accessibility Projects Completed Chart for 2018-2019 and Completed Chart for 2019-2020 to be inserted (p.106)
- Update list of Future Accessibility Projects for Consideration (p.107)

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: DRAFT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES
CALENDAR 2020-2021**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.

Prepared by: Corporate Services and Communications
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer
Recommended by: Committee of the Whole
Date: June 23, 2020



REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 9, 2020

DRAFT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES CALENDAR 2020-2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the February 25, 2020 Board Meeting, the Board approved the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Annually, staff utilizes the approved Board and Ministry of Education school year calendar to design the Board School Year Calendar and Meeting Dates along with a calendar of dates for school and system activities, celebrations, events, faith formation, meetings and professional development.

In compliance with the Niagara Catholic District School Board By-Laws on Annual Organizational Meeting (Section 7), Regular Meetings of the Board (Section 8) and Committee Meetings (Section 19), meeting date recommendations from the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC), the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the Audit Committee along with historical annual meeting date adjustments for the Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings in December and June, a draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021 is presented for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole (Appendix B).

When the Board approves the Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, and upon approval by the Ministry of Education that the 2020-2021 “school year calendar submission for your elementary and secondary schools meets the requirements of Sections 2, 3 and 4 of *Regulation 304 – School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*”, staff will place a copy on Board websites, notify Board Committees and staff, produce a Board Meeting Dates Calendar for each school and a Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021 for distribution to all families.

Appendix A – Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.

Prepared By: Corporate Services and Communications
Presented By: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer
Recommended By: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer
Date: June 9, 2020



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Draft 2020-2021 School Year Calendar & Meeting Dates

| SEPTEMBER 2020 | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | 1 | 2 TBC | 3 TBC | 4 TBC | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 SEAC | 10 NCPIC | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 SAL CW | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 AC | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 PC BD | 30 | | | |

| OCTOBER 2020 | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----|----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 SEAC | 8 | 9 TBC | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 SAL CW | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 PC BD | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| NOVEMBER 2020 | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 SEAC | 5 NCPIC | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 SAL CW | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 TBC | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 PC BD | 25 | 26 | 27 AC | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

| DECEMBER 2020 | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | 1 ORG BD MTG CW | 2 SEAC | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 SAL | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 BD | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 TBC | 22 TBC | 23 TBC | 24 TBC | 25 Christmas | 26 |
| 27 | 28 TBC | 29 TBC | 30 TBC | 31 TBC | | |

| JANUARY 2021 | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 SEAC | 7 NCPIC | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 SAL CW | 13 | 14 | 15 TBC | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 PC BD | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

| FEBRUARY 2021 | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|----------|----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | 1 TBC | 2 TBC | 3 TBC SEAC | 4 TBC | 5 TBC | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 SAL CW | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Ash Wednesday | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 PC BD | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | | | | | | |

| MARCH 2021 | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 SEAC | 4 NCPIC | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 SAL CW | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 TBC | 16 TBC | 17 TBC | 18 TBC | 19 TBC | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 PC BD | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| HOLY WEEK | | | | | | |

| APRIL 2021 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | | | 1 Holy Thursday | 2 Good Friday | 3 Holy Saturday |
| 4 Easter | 5 Easter Monday | 6 | 7 SEAC | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 SAL CW | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 PC BD | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

| MAY 2021 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 SEAC | 6 NCPIC | 7 | 8 |
| CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 2-7 | | | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 SAL CW | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 PC BD | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

| JUNE 2021 | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | 1 | 2 SEAC | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 SAL CW | 9 | 10 | 11 TBC | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 BD | 16 | 17 | 18 AC | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 TBC | 23 TBC | 24 TBC | 25 TBC | 26 |
| 27 | 28 TBC | 29 TBC | 30 TBC | | | |

| JULY 2021 | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| AUGUST 2021 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting 2:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board 6:00 p.m.
- Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Policy Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Audit Committee Meetings 10:00 a.m.

- 2nd Tuesday of each month
- 2nd Tuesday of each month
- 4th Tuesday of each month
- 1st Tuesday of December
- 1st Wednesday of each month
- 4th Tuesday of each month
- 1st Thursday bi-monthly
- As noted

- CW
- SAL
- BD
- ORG
- SEAC
- PC
- NCPIC
- AC

- Elementary P.A. Day
- Secondary P.A. Day
- Elementary & Secondary P.A. Day
- Board Office Shutdown
- Statutory/Other
- School Holidays
- Secondary Exams

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2020 as presented for information.

Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

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

Date: June 23, 2020



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee held on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**, at 6:30 pm Electronic Meeting in Compliance with Education Act Section 207 and Ontario Regulation 463/97 Section 5.1 (2) Public Access 1-866-862-7608, Access Code 2139996#

Vice-Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening prayers were led by Vice-Chair Murphy.

2. Roll Call

| Members | Affiliations | Yes | Excused |
|------------------|--|-----|---------|
| Dick Kelsey | Indigenous Community Member | ✓ | |
| Harvey, Dorothy | Niagara Children's Centre | | ✓ |
| Helmeczi, Bill | Pathstone Mental Health | ✓ | |
| Howcroft, Andrew | Community Living Welland Pelham | ✓ | |
| Murphy, Karen | Autism Ontario Niagara Region Chapter | ✓ | |
| Nangle, Ted | Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region | | ✓ |
| Palombo, Pina | Down Syndrome Niagara | ✓ | |
| Racine, Anna | Community Member | | ✓ |
| Smith, Lorraine | Mainstream | | ✓ |
| Smith, Rita | Community Living Port Colborne/Wainfleet | ✓ | |
| | | | |
| Burtnik, Kathy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Trustee of St. Catharines | ✓ | |
| Fera, Frank | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Board | | ✓ |
| Filice, Adele | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Principal, Secondary | ✓ | |
| Kerho, Chris | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal, Elementary | ✓ | |
| Willett, Adeline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Senate Representative | ✓ | |

The following staff members were in attendance:

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education, **David O'Rourke**, Coordinator – Special Education, **Vincent Mancuso** – Behaviour Resource Teacher and **Jennifer Lanese**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Pat Rocca.

3. Approval of the Agenda – May 6, 2020

- Moved by Bill Helmeczi
- Seconded by Andrew Howcroft

THAT THE Special Education Advisory Committee approves the Agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of **May 6, 2020**.

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 of March 4, 2020

- Moved by Andrew Howcroft
- Seconded by Karen Murphy

THAT THE Special Education Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of **March 4, 2020**, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

- There were no presentations that evening.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Parent Outreach

- Superintendent Rocca reminded the group that due to the COVID pandemic, the meeting with Keynote Speakers Dr. Sheila Bennett and Terri Pauco would not be taking place this School Year.
- He re-assured the Committee Members that the meeting would be re-scheduled during School Year 2020-2021.
- He emphasized that both Dr. Sheila Bennett and Terri Pauco were still eager to participate in the Parent Outreach presentation.
- Superintendent Rocca told the group that more information will follow once all the details have been confirmed.

2. Other Related Items

2.1 Design of System Priorities 2020-20210

- The deadline for feedback submission was **Friday, April 24, 2020**. Since there was only one submission brought forth from the SEAC Committee Members, the Director's office has extended the deadline until **Friday, May 8, 2020**. Superintendent Rocca has asked all SEAC

Committee Members to email their feedback directly to him and he will submit it to Senior Administrative Council on their behalf.

- This was the feedback submitted by Kelsey Dick, Indigenous Community Member:

| Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) |
|---|
| <p>Specific references made to Indigenous Education:</p> <p>“develop staff capacity to implement practices that honour and engage indigenous perspectives”</p> <p>“provide Indigenous learners with culturally responsive supports”</p> <p>Our Indigenous community would be happy to provide specific feedback around priorities regarding Indigenous student success within NCDSB and best practices. These priorities could be informed by the Ministry of Education’s First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework as well as the Calls to Action for Education within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Report (links attached)</p> <p>http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/policy.html</p> <p>http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf</p> |

2.2 Annual Review of the Special Education Plan

- David O’Rourke, Coordinator of Special Education reminded the Committee Members of the annual review of the Special Education Plan that is taking place.
- He explained to the Committee Members how to access the current Special Education Plan from the Board’s website.
- The direct link to the Special Education Plan can be accessed by clicking: [Special Education Plan](#) or by entering in your browser: (<https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Spec-Ed-Plan-Binder-2019.pdf>).
- All sections of the Special Education Plan will be updated to reflect this School Year.
- The Committee Members were asked to ensure that their personal information (found on Page 72, Part 3 of the Special Education Plan) was correct and up to date.
- Jennifer Lanese will be emailing the group an updated contact information list for their review.
- SEAC Committee Members were encouraged to review the Special Education Plan and forward any feedback to Jennifer Lanese.
- Jennifer Lanese will then forward any feedback to the Special Education Coordinators to submit to the Ministry on SEAC’s behalf.
- SEAC Committee Members will be putting forth a motion at the next SEAC Meeting:

*THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the revisions to the Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services to be included in the Special Education Plan, **Building Bridges to Services 2020 and Beyond**.*

- All SEAC Committee Members were strongly encouraged to attend June's meeting.
- The approved plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Education no later than **Friday, July 31, 2020.**

2.3 Ministry Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) Community Collaboration Form

- All Committee SEAC Members were emailed a MACSE Community Collaboration form and they were encouraged to complete the form based on their experience and affiliations.
- Superintendent Rocca will collect the data and share the results with the group at a later meeting.
- The due date for the submission of the MACSE Community Collaboration forms was **Friday, May 22, 2020.**

3. Policy Review

- The following Policies and Administrative Guidelines are currently being reviewed as part of the cyclical Policy and Administrative Guidelines Review process.
- To be considered, all submissions must identify the specific policy and include your name, phone number, address, and affiliation with Niagara Catholic.

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will not be considered

- [Equity and Inclusive Education Policy \(100.10\)](#)
- [Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration Policy \(201.2\)302.67\)](#)
- [Leadership Pathways Policy \(203.4\)](#)
- [Volunteer Recognition Policy \(800.4\)](#)

- Please submit your feedback to jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com by 4:00 pm on **September 11, 2020.**

4. SEAC Sub Committees

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SEAC Sub Committees would not be conveying after the electronic meeting.

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region – Ted Nangle

- NIL Report

2. Niagara Children's Centre – Dorothy Harvey

- NIL Report

3. Autism Ontario Niagara Region Chapter – Karen Murphy

- Autism Niagara is continuing to offer support by phone or through email. Autism Ontario has

been able to provide 355 activity kits across Niagara in April and hope to be able to offer more in May and June. Families are encouraged to check Autism Ontario's Facebook page for upcoming available kits.

- Ontario Autism Program Information sessions are being offered through Zoom meetings. The Zoom meetings also help families learn about the different ways during COVID-19 that they can spend their passport dollars. A final decision on what the summer camp 2020 will look like will be discussed on **Friday, May 15, 2020.**

4. Down Syndrome Niagara – Pina Palombo

- NIL Report

5. Community Living Welland Pelham – Andrew Howcroft

- NIL Report

6. Mainstream – Lorraine Smith

- NIL Report

7. Community Living Port Colborne / Wainfleet – Rita Smith

- NIL Report

8. Pathstone Mental Health – Bill Helmeczi

- Since **March 16**, Pathstone Mental Health has been providing support by phone. As of the week of **May 11**, in-person on-site appointments have begun. On **May 18**, the Lived in Service (Residential) program reopened. Since Pathstone did not have Personal Protective Equipment at that time, services had to be suspended. As of the week of **May 25**, all services will be offered at one of their two main sites. If needed, telephone support will still be provided. Beginning the week of **May 5**, they will be offering digital psychotherapy and digital counselling.
- In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Pathstone Mental Health clinicians continue to use methods other than face-to-face sessions to meet with clients.
- Their Crisis and Support Line remains open **24/7** at **1-800-263-4944** where individuals can speak with a counsellor about any problem, big or small.
- Children, youth, and families can receive mental health counselling and support, through their Crisis Line **24/7** at **1-800-263-4944**.

9. Indigenous Community Member – Kelsey Dick

- Kelsey wanted to share three Programs that are available for the Indigenous Community:

i) **Online Programming**

The Niagara Regional Native Centre as well as the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre are providing free online cultural programming for students. Online tutoring support is also available for students who self-identify as Indigenous (i.e., First Nation, Metis or Inuit).

ii) **Child Care Subsidy Program**

The Metis Nation of Ontario offers a province-wide childcare subsidy program to support Metis families to access safe and quality childcare that fosters a child's lifelong learning. Please email elccsupport@metisnation.org for additional information.

iii) **Disabilities Support Program**

This program provides Metis people with disabilities to secure employment and entry to the workforce by assisting with skills development. Expenses that may be eligible for coverage include training, special equipment, tutoring, transportation, and assessment fees. For additional information, please contact **1-888-546-3847**.

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. **Secondary Principals – Adele Filice**

- Adele shared with the group that distance learning has been very successful in the Secondary Schools. She emphasized that all students are being supported during these unique and uncertain times.
- Educational Assistants (EAs) have been engaged with supporting students through these difficult times. Consequently, EAs have also been assigned to the students' google classrooms to offer additional support for students.

2. **Elementary Principals – Chris Kerho**

- The last day of Catholic Education Week was themed, "**A Future Full of Hope.**"
- Today, we are highlighting one of our Grade 8 students, Jessica Gaunt. Jessica has been diagnosed with autism and suffers from anxiety.
- She will be going to Notre Dame College in September for Grade 9.
- The school put a plan in place to help Jessica with this transition.
- Jessica's transition to Notre Dame College was progressing well and then the pandemic hit.
- Jessica and her mom have been keeping very busy while dealing with the school's closure due to COVID-19.
- Jessica embodies our spirit as a Catholic community with "**A Future Full of Hope.**" She has been making care packages for nurses and health care workers to show support and appreciation for their efforts. Packages include hand-sewn masks, homemade soap, and bath bombs.
- In addition to all of this, Jessica has also decided to cut her hair to donate to **Angel Hair** for kids. This is the third time Jessica has donated her hair. The entire St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School community thanks Jessica and her mom for all their efforts. With the caring attitude and concern for others, Jessica is truly an example of "**A Future Full of Hope**"!

3. **Special Education – David O'Rourke**

- The Student Support Department has been having virtual meetings to provide support for staff during distance learning.
- Niagara Catholic continues to provide support to all students throughout distance learning.
- Our Student Support Department has had on-going contact with principals, teachers, and families to provide support for students with special needs to help them adapt as best as possible during distance learning.
- The Special Education Coordinators have been reviewing the Needs Assessment for all schools to ensure that schools have their support in place for School Year 2020-2021.

4. Pat Rocca – Superintendent of Education

- As we do each year, during the first week of May, Catholic schools across Ontario celebrate the gift of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week.
- Although we celebrate Catholic education in many different ways every day, Catholic Education Week truly allows us to highlight what makes Catholic education different, and how it makes a difference in the lives of the students who receive a Catholic education.
- The theme for this year is *Igniting Hope*. Here are the lyrics to the song, *Hope* by Christopher Rait:

In the dark - When all seems lost - Find a way - With just a spark. Be the hope - It's there inside - Find some kindness - And shine the light. There is hope in our world. A hope within us God's story told. Ignites the hope among us. Share a future with young and old. Clear as day - With no disguise - Had to look with different eyes - Call off the search - It's here inside - Share some kindness - And shine the light. There is hope in our world. A hope within us God's story told. Ignites the hope among us. Share a future with young and old. Be the joy - Be the peace - Be the hope - It's in your reach - Over the land - Over the sea - The love that grows - When you set it free. There is hope in our world. A hope within us God's story told. Ignites the hope among us. Share a future with young and old.

- Niagara Catholic students were actively engaged during Catholic Education Week. Mr. Kerho, Principal of St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School shared a story about one of his students to the Committee Members.
- Superintendent Rocca encouraged all the Committee Members to access the many wonderful resources that are available for all families on the Board's website. He touched upon the many wonderful videos, and pictures of our students, who are the very best advocates of Catholic Education, as they ignite hope in all of us each day.
- Superintendent Rocca spoke of the three phases Niagara Catholic has launched during distance learning.

Phase 1 – The Liaison Phase

- Niagara Catholic immediately began corresponding with families on social media following the March 12 announcement, that schools would be closed for two weeks following March Break. Since that time, we have created two dedicated COVID-19 pages on our Board's website.
- One web page for general pandemic information and another web page for learning at home. We upload daily posts on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), and sent letters and calls to our families through School Messenger.
- You will find it on the Main Web page: **COVID-19 Learn at Home**, where families can access any of the four tabs, (i.e., Elementary, Secondary Special Education or Continuing Education) from the **Learning from Home Resource Page**: [COVID-19 Learn at Home](https://niagaracatholic.ca/covid-19-learn-at-home-resources/) or by entering in your browser: (<https://niagaracatholic.ca/covid-19-learn-at-home-resources/>).
- We worked very diligently in creating resources to post on the Board's website to support our families. You will also notice that on the Board's website, we have resources for families that our very valued community partners have shared with our Board.
- This website is updated weekly and Superintendent Rocca thanked all of the Committee Members

and their agencies for sharing their information and so many wonderful community-based resources with our Niagara Catholic families.

- Providing access to these resources has also enabled many of our families to become familiar with the excellent support that these agencies provide.
- Superintendent Rocca also thanked Jennifer Lanese for coordinating the transfer of this information to our Communications Officer, Jennifer Pellegrini.
- Jennifer Pellegrini has been doing a fantastic job informing our entire Niagara Catholic Community! We thank her for all her efforts. Through our Communications Officer, Niagara Catholic has continued to stay connected with the community. We have a robust social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We work diligently to keep our followers, which includes our students, staff, families, and the broader community stay engaged. We also keep in contact with our local media outlets to share our good news.

Phase 2 - The Collaboration Phase

- Niagara Catholic has taken extraordinary steps to continue to provide excellence in Catholic education since Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announced the first school closure and student-supported learning. Throughout each extension, Niagara Catholic has continued to add to the Ministry of Education resources for teacher-led distance learning with supplementary activities families can continue to use to keep students engaged when not participating in the formal learning part of their days. These resources are listed on the Learning Resources section of our special Learn at Home section found on our Board's website, as well as community resources intended to keep minds active while students are away from school.
- We worked with the schools through the support of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).
- Our entire Student Support department gathered the resources necessary to support learning at home for all staff and students.
- These resources are reviewed and selected by school staff in order to support families on a case-by-case basis. As the need for intervention arises, all staff collaborate to provide that support and locate the most appropriate resources to do so.

Phase 3 – The Create and Enhance Program Phase

- We are currently in Phase 3, where we are creating and enhancing programs for staff and students through program support and Professional Development opportunities.
- Niagara Catholic provides ongoing professional development for all staff throughout the school year. How staff development is taking place this spring may be different, but we are ensuring that all staff continue on their professional development journey and reach goals and objectives to continue to provide excellent service to our students and our schools.
- Professional Development opportunities have been provided for all staff by the Student Support and Staff Development departments respectively.
- We have approximately 40 Educational Resource Teachers that have completed additional qualifications in Applied Behavioural Analysis training.
- Educational Assistants have also partaken in a variety of Professional Development opportunities chosen by each individual based on their learning goals.

- We have a Special Education System Learning Group, comprised of school and system-level staff that continue to engage in dialogue creating resources and artifacts to support all school staff.
- In closing, I pray for the best of health and safety for all of you and your families during this most challenging time. I am hopeful, that amidst all of this, you are able to find moments of peace and serenity, and take the opportunity to truly experience the joy and comfort that our family and friends provide us each day. I often find that celebrating the many little things around us make the big things in life that much more manageable. God bless you and your families, and please take good care.

F. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- John Crocco, Director of Education has provided regular updates to all staff through an ongoing series of Director's memorandums since distance learning began in March. These Director's memos have been shared with trustees and Bishop Gerard Bergie, head of the Diocese of St. Catharines. These memos provide action and information for all staff from the Director, Senior Administrative Council, Human Resources, Health and Safety, Facilities Services, Information Technology Services, and Communications.
- In addition to the many letters, Director's memos, and department memos, social media posts and other correspondence with students, staff, and families, Niagara Catholic also provided many pieces of supporting documentation to help everyone transition from the traditional classroom setting to student-directed learning teacher-led learning.
- The Board of Trustees has been meeting regularly during this pandemic and they are keeping Niagara Catholic families in their prayers.
- Trustee Burtnik asked the group to keep in their thoughts and prayers, Patricia (Pat) Vernal, who has taken ill.
- Pat was a former Board Trustee and a retired Niagara Catholic Special Education Teacher. Sadly, Pat recently passed away. We continue to keep Pat and her family in our prayers.
- In closing, Trustee Burtnik gave a big shout-out to all Niagara Catholic staff for keeping the students safe while keeping them engaged and learning. On behalf of the Chair of the Board and all the Board Trustees, she expressed her gratitude for all the hard work, dedication, and commitment Niagara Catholic staff have undertaken during these challenging times.

G. STUDENT REPORT

- Student Senate has had Zoom meetings since the school closures. They recently made a video thanking all of the Front-line workers. They also made a video to promote Catholic Education.

H. NCPIC REPORT

- Vincent Mancuso will be attending NCPIC Meeting on **Thursday, May 7, 2020**. He will be presenting a summary of the current projects that the SEAC Committee Members are perusing.

I. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there is nothing to report at this time.

J. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

- Vice-Chair Murphy asked all attendees to observe a moment of silence during these uncertain times.

K. NEXT MEETING

- **Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm** – format to be determined based on current COVID-19 restrictions.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Moved by Bill Helmeczi
- Seconded by Kelsey Dick

THAT the May 6, 2020 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

- This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: SECONDARY EDUCATION ALTERNATE RURAL
DELIVERY – LORD MAYOR BETTY DISERO AND
CAROLINE POLGRABIA**

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

Date: June 23, 2020



SERDA Model

Secondary Education **Rural Delivery Alternative**



NCDSB – Board of Trustees

TUESDAY June 23, 2020

6:30 pm

CONCEPT Overview

- ✓ Adaptable campus model / OPTIONS
- ✓ Maintains 'catchment / home school'
- ✓ HUB and Spoke / Labs
- ✓ Evolves curriculum delivery options / 21stC
- ✓ Supports Board goals / Communities
- ✓ All of Government Approach
- ✓ Leverages and aligns resources
- ✓ Immediate health and safety needs



BACKGROUND:



- 2013 – Discussions begin to return Secondary Education to NOTL
- 2014 – Aerospace SHSM discussions progress
- 2016 /17 – SHSM approved
- 2018 / 19 – NOTL Economic Development Task Force discussions
- 2019 – NOTL Economic Development Strategy adopted
- 2020 – COVID-19 creates need for new education delivery model

S.E.R.D.A. - Builds on EXISTING / PROVEN Models



- ALPHA / Institutes / Academy
- SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major - referrals & waitlists
- Dual Credits / Accreditation
- COOP / Synchronous Learning



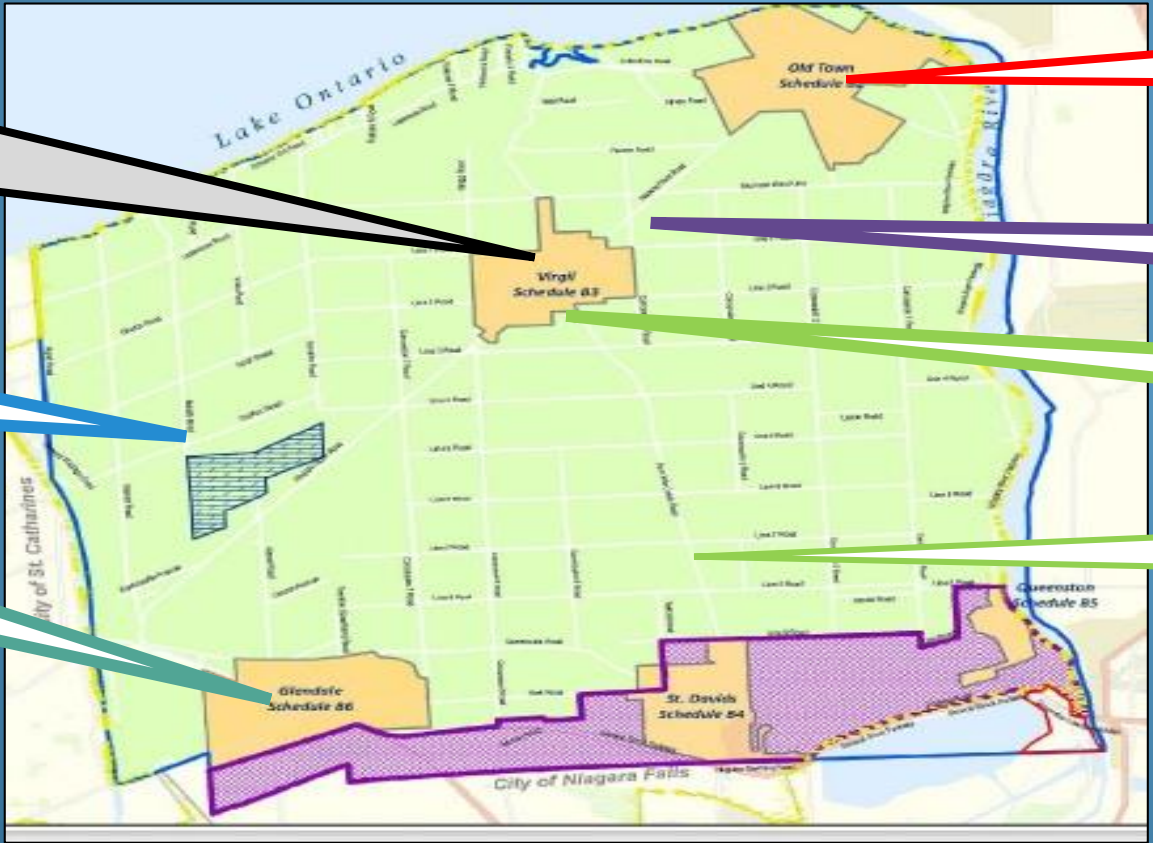
- Spark & Innovation HUBS
- Community Futures CFDCs / Small Business Enterprise SBEC
- MAS – Management Advisory Service / Volunteerism

Holy Cross Secondary School

N.O.T.L. Campus - HUB & Labs



N.O.T.L. Campus
Virgil HUB



Cultural & Liberal Arts LAB
Wellington / Picton Corridor

Tourism / Culinary Arts LAB
Hwy 55 Corridor

Health & Wellness / Medical LAB
Hwy 55 Corridor

Earth (Agri) Sciences LAB
Ravine / York Road Corridor

Engineering LAB
Airport

Technology LAB
York Rd / N College

BENEFITS – Win / Win

Students — Options / Risk / Path / Mentors

Board - Risk / Enrollment / Cost / Advancement

Teachers - Risk / Advancement / Mentor

Province - Risk / Efficiencies / Rural Jobs

Communities — Youth / Engage / Jobs

Seniors — Engage / Contribute / Wellness

All of Government Approach
Efficient Program Alignment





SUPPORT Board Vision & Goals

- Vision 2020 – Technology / Success / Community / Leadership
- Beliefs – Interactive / enriching / global vision / transformational
- Distinctiveness / Student Achievement / Schools as Hubs
- Builds on our success - Coops / SHSM
- New Strategic Planning exercise / Community as classroom



Community Readiness

- Town Economic Development Strategy
- Business Community Need / Interest
- Sectoral / Cluster Champions Identified
- Engaged Retired Senior / Mentor Network
- Willing parent / family support
- Opportune timing / crisis management





TIMELINE

COVID -19 Solutions → Fall 2020

Synchronous Learning Options

Community Readiness



3–5 Years



NEXT STEPS / Asks Today:

- Motion to direct staff to continue to explore opps.
 - Work with Town / Province
 - Continue Community Partnership discussions
 - Refine Business Case / Delivery Options
- Consider within Accommodation Review discussions
- Upcoming Strategic Vision / Gr. 7-12 option

Thank you

QUESTIONS?



**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE: FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT MAY 31, 2020

The Financial Report as at May 31, 2020 is presented for information.

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

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

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

Date: June 23, 2020



REPORT TO THE BOARD JUNE 23, 2020

FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT MAY 31, 2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Niagara Catholic District School Board 2019-2020 revised estimates and the financial results continue to project a balanced portfolio for August 2020.

Financial Statement – notes

Expenses

1. The portion of the favourable variance in this account is attributed to the savings from the OECTA provincial full withdrawal of services and closure period. This amount was adjusted, reconciled and returned to the Ministry of Education.
2. The projected year-end costs associated with replacement costs has been drastically reduced. This trend has reversed with the advent of our pandemic closure period.
3. The unfavourable variance attributed to the computer account is reflective of the initiatives launched to replace and refresh all iMac labs in Secondary schools and upgrade wireless access points in the elementary schools. These projected were initially scheduled to be multi-year projects, but were completed all in fiscal 2019-2020.
4. Any savings in snow plowing for this winter has been absorbed by the additional salting services and rising costs associated with salting products. Facilities Services is expected to mitigate the additional costs with offset savings in utilities. The account is expected to balance at year-end.

The projected financial results for 2019-2020 include the following changes:

- i) Adjusted for the withdrawal of services by OECTA in the month of February and March
- ii) Adjusted for pandemic closure period until June 30, 2020
- iii) Adjustment to rental income and international student revenue because of the pandemic.

EXPENDITURES

In thousands of ('000)

| | Revised Estimates | Forecast Actuals | YTD Variance |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| TOTAL INSTRUCTION | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 Classroom Teachers | 133,211 | 129,879 | 3,332 |
| 2 Supply Staff | 6,637 | 5,513 | 924 |
| Education Assistants & ECE | 21,523 | 20,903 | 593 |
| Textbooks and Supplies | 5,382 | 5,182 | 200 |
| 3 Computers | 636 | 1,176 | (540) |
| Professionals, Para and Technicians | 8,073 | 7,734 | 339 |
| Library & Guidance | 3,995 | 4,324 | (324) |
| Staff Development | 486 | 203 | 283 |
| Department Heads | 315 | 315 | 0 |
| Principals & VPs | 10,390 | 10,371 | 19 |
| School Office | 5,370 | 5,149 | 221 |
| Coordinators and Consultants | 2,440 | 2,413 | 27 |
| Continuing Education | 4,895 | 4,240 | 655 |
| Total Instruction Expenses | 203,354 | 197,336 | 5,728 |
| TOTAL ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| Administration | | | |
| Trustees | 264 | 262 | 3 |
| Director and Supervisory Officers | 1,204 | 1,252 | (48) |
| Board Administration | 5,963 | 5,992 | (28) |
| Total Administrations | 7,431 | 7,488 | (73) |
| TOTAL TRANSPORTATION | | | |
| Transportation | | | |
| Pupil Transportation | 10,811 | 10,756 | 55 |
| Total Transportation | 10,811 | 10,756 | 55 |
| PUPIL ACCOMMODATION | | | |
| 4 School Operations and Maintenance | 22,797 | 22,749 | 48 |
| School Renewal | 396 | 396 | 0 |
| Other Pupil Accommodation | 2,705 | 2,05 | 0 |
| Amortization | 16,104 | 16,104 | 0 |
| Interest Charges | 117 | 117 | 0 |
| Total Pupil Accommodation | 42,119 | 42,070 | 48 |
| School Generated Funds Expenses | 7,410 | 7,410 | 0 |

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 271,300 | 265,541 | 5,759 |
| REVENUE | 271,300 | 268,089 | (3,211) |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 0 | 2,548 | 2,548 |

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC – JUNE 9, 2020**



June 9, 2020

The June 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting was held electronically, due to the COVID-19 school closures. All Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings will take place electronically until further notice. As they are public meetings, the public is invited to listen to meetings by teleconference by calling the number posted on the front of the agenda.

2019-2020 Research Collaborations

Each year, Niagara Catholic participates in a number of research projects. This participation supports our strategic directions, and supports professional learning and research-based practices that can improve equity, inclusion, health, well-being, learning and achievement for all students.

In 2019-2020, Niagara Catholic participated in 12 collaborations, ranging from staff development issues to anti-bullying, faith and mental health initiatives. However, many of these collaborations were halted due to distance learning. To review the complete list, please visit section A6.2 in the [June 9 Committee of the Whole Agenda](#).

Larkin Estate Awards

Each year, students from Niagara Catholic who are entering a nursing or social science program at college or university are eligible to receive Larkin Estate Award, from the estate of Maria and Aimee Larkin. The awards have been presented annually since 1969. This year, \$4,725 was presented to 21 students – seven students in the Class of 2020, and 14 renewals, who will each receive \$225. The full list of recipients is available in section A6.3 of the [June 9 Committee of the Whole agenda](#).

Special Education Plan Revisions

Every year, the Ministry of Education requires school boards to provide a comprehensive overview of its current special education programs and services. Building Bridges to Services: 2020 and Beyond, is Niagara Catholic's current Special Education Plan. A summary of this document is included in section A6.4 in the [June 6 Committee of the Whole Agenda](#).

Live Streaming Board Meetings in 2020-2021

During the June 6 Committee of the Whole Meeting, trustees received a report outlining the anticipated cost to outfit the Father Burns csc Board Room, and the Holy Cross Community Room with a modern audio-visual system, capable of supporting live streams of Committee of the Whole and Board meetings, as well as other celebrations.

After a comprehensive review of Niagara Catholic's existing technology, a recommendation was made that the current equipment is entirely antiquated, and is no longer useful. The cost to upgrade the equipment is between \$80,000 and \$100,000, with an additional \$5,000 required to facilitate live-streaming, so people stakeholders can attend virtually.

Stay Up-to-Date with Niagara Catholic

We are living in extraordinary times due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Stay up-to-date with important messages by checking this the [Learn at Home](#) section of this website, and following Niagara Catholic on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2020**



SEPTEMBER 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Labour Day | 8 First Day of School | 9 SEAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 10 NCPIC Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Policy Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 30 | | 29 | 30 |