



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 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 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Moody.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Student Trustee Sydney Yott

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Moody 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				
Sydney Yott	✓			
Steffen Zylstra	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Kimberly Kinney, Gino Pizzoferrato**, Superintendents of Education; **Domenic Massi, Joseph Zaroda**, Associate Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

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 September 14, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 8, 2021

Moved by Trustee

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 8, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 15, 2021

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 15, 2021, as presented.

6.2 2021-2022 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Presented for information.

6.3 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Presented for information.

6.4 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by TrusteeFera

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2021-2022 School Year

Director Cipriano and Senior Staff presented the Introduction to the 2021-2022 School Year report for Trustee information.

Director Cipriano and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic Mental Health & Well-Being Strategy 2021-2024

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education provided highlights of the Niagara Catholic Mental Health & Well-Being Strategy and introduced Andrea Bozza, Mental Health Lead.

Ms. Bozza presented the 2021-2024 Niagara Catholic Mental Health & Well-Being Strategy.

Ms. Bozza answered questions of Trustees.

3. Monthly Updates

3.1 Student Trustees' Update

Sydney Yott and Steffen Zylstra, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

3.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Controller Euale

- Niagara Catholic, through the Community Outreach Coordinator, received 950 pencil cases that included many supplies such as pens, pencils, rulers, a \$25.00 Walmart Gift Card and a \$25.00 Grocery Card for a total of \$47,500.00. This initiative was provided through our partnership with United Way Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. Principals at 20 of our schools, that were identified using the Niagara Region neighbourhood data, received these pencil cases and were asked to distribute them to students and families in need..
- This year Niagara Nutrition Partner Programs will be delivered in a way that any student who wishes to participate can do so in a Grab and Go format. Our in-school programming plan will include a snack bin delivered to each classroom containing pre-packaged snacks and whole fruits. Principals have been informed they can start offering the program as of September 13th. We are hopeful to return to full programming if/when regulations allow.
- Community Crew provides nutritious lunches at no cost to students throughout the school year and serve up to 80 percent of the student population at schools. Principals send the forms home to families, once returned Lunch Angels provide lunch to the student. Lunches are offered 2 times per week and currently they are in 10 of our schools and will be expanding into October.

Associate Superintendent Massi

- Over 200 interviews were conducted successfully over the past two weeks involving Human Resources staff and elementary school principals.

Associate Superintendent Zaroda

- Over the summer, through retired Superintendent Farrell's initiative and the leadership of Director Cipriano, two positions have been filled to expand our Indigenous Education team, an Indigenous Consultant and an Indigenous Graduation Coach.
- Orange shirt day will be held on September 30, 2021, and the Niagara Parks commission will be lighting the Falls at 10:00 p.m. for 15 minutes to recognize the 10,000 students affected by the residential schools.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Calendar of Events – September 2021

Director Cipriano highlighted the calendar of events for September 2021.

1.2 OCSTA 2021 Fall Regional Virtual Meeting – September 21, 2021

Director Cipriano highlighted the requirements for registration to the OCSTA 2021 Fall Regional Virtual Meeting.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1.1 Review of Board Meeting Efficiencies

Discussion took place regarding effectiveness of Committee of the Whole meetings. A report will be brought to the Board at a future date regarding meeting structures and timelines.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Turner

THAT the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:41 p.m. and reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Turner

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Fera

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 June 8, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Fera

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 June 8, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the September 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 14, 2021.**

Approved on **October 12, 2021.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer