



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 12, 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 Trustee Fera

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 Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 12, 2021, as amended.

Strike Items F & G

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 September 14, 2021

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Presented for information.

6.3 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Multi Year Strategic Planning Process Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the Multi Year Strategic Planning Process.

2. Staff Vaccination Attestation Rates Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the Staff Vaccination Attestation Rates

3. Grade 9 Math De-Streaming

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Grade 9 Math De-Streaming and introduced Laura Cronshaw, K-12 Numeracy Consultant and Jeffery Martin, K-12 Numeracy Coach.

Ms. Cronshaw and Mr. Martin presented the Grade 9 Math De-Streaming report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Kinney, Ms. Cronshaw and Mr. Martin answered questions of Trustees.

4. Monthly Updates

4.1 Student Trustees' Update

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

4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Zaroda

- Niagara Catholic District School Board participated in many ways in recognition of Orange Shirt Day. Among the activities at the Board level included purchasing orange shirts that were sold within the schools. The design of the shirt was created by Blessed Trinity grade 12 student Madison Cabral. Shirts were sold for \$15 each, with \$5 from every sale going to "Save the Evidence", a fundraising campaign through the Woodland Cultural Centre working to restore Mohawk Institute into a museum as Canada's oldest Indian Residential School. In total approximately 680 shirts were sold for a total anticipated donation of \$3,400.00.
- In addition to the shirts, \$610 was raised at St Alfred's Catholic Elementary School through the sale of orange and black masks with the logo "every child matters". Proceeds from the sales of the masks will be shared between Niagara Regional Native Centre and the Woodland Cultural Centre. Notre Dame College School raised \$700 and will donate the money to the Woodland Cultural Centre. Saint Michael Catholic High School collected three car-loads of food, clothing and toys that were donated to the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.
- Grade five student, Addison at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Snyder has her own business called Smileyheart where she creates custom clothing and accessories for a variety of charities in her community. Addison decided to do a campaign for Orange Shirt Day to raise money for the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre and donated \$500 from the proceeds of her Orange Shirt Day project.
- Niagara Catholic was responsible once again for turning Niagara Falls orange in recognition of Orange Shirt Day as a tribute to the children and their families affected by the Indian Residential Schools. This is the third year the Falls turned orange to recognize the children and as of this year, we no longer have to request the date for future years as the result of our efforts it is officially recognized moving forward by Niagara Parks and the binational Illumination Committee. Our efforts has also had an impact on the USA, who, on the night of September 30th had a large gathering of

people beside the US Falls wearing orange shirts. As well, Seneca Casino displayed “every child matters” on its large outdoor screen facing Canada.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- St. Ann Catholic Elementary students have submitted artwork to support the “Citizen Soldier Banner Project”. This project is to recognize and honour 20 men from Port Dalhousie who died in the two Great World Wars. A cenotaph at the corner of Main and Ann streets lists the names of the men who died, and work is underway to create banners for each of the men, along with artwork from students that will be displayed throughout the community. This project received recognition in an iheart radio article and the Standard.
- A Thanksgiving Food Drive occurred at Denis Morris Catholic High School with students and staff fully supporting this community initiative, and a Thanksgiving Mass with Father Greg at St. Julia Church was streamed into classrooms for students and staff on October 6th.
- Fall sports are in full swing with cross-country, football, girls’ basketball, boys’ volleyball, and tennis.
- The Student Academic Assistance Program, formerly known as P3, is running after school for student support, tutoring, and homework help.
- On Friday, October 8th at 7 p.m. the Class of 2021 Dennis Morris Graduation went live on the school website. Students and staff pulled together to celebrate this important milestone.
- In honour of the Feast of Saint Francis, a virtual “Liturgy of the Word” was experienced by all staff and students at Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School. As well, Saint Francis is streaming co-curricular games and activities on their Saint Francis Instagram page and recording games for others to watch at a later date.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

- 1.1 Director Cipriano reminded Trustees of the 2022 Catholic Trustees Seminar and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Director Cipriano noted that an update will be provided at a future Board meeting with respect to efficiencies of meetings as requested at the September Committee of the Whole meeting.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Addressed in Consent Agenda.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Addressed in Consent Agenda.

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 September 14, 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 September 14, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the October 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 12, 2021.**

Approved on **November 9, 2021.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer