



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, December 7, 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 6:46 p.m. by Vice-Chair Moody.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Turner

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Moody noted that Student Trustee Yott joined electronically.

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 December 7, 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 November 9, 2021

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Item 6.2 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to Section C4

6.3 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee

Presented for information.

6.4 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Christmas Cards 2021

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education, present the report on Christmas Cards 2021. She noted that all schools throughout Niagara Catholic were invited to submit artwork designed by their students in order to create the 2021 Niagara Catholic Christmas Cards.

The students whose artwork was selected for the Board's Christmas cards were sent an Excellence in the Arts pin as well as a plaqued picture of their artwork.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic District School Board Graduation Rates as of August 31, 2020

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Graduation Rates as of August 31, 2020 and introduced Christine Battagli, Consultant for Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Ms. Battagli presented the Graduation Rates as of Augusts 31, 2020 report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

2. Revised Estimates 2021-2022

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented to Revised Estimates 2021-2022.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Revised Estimates for the year 2021-2022, as presented.

CARRIED

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 has had a long standing relationship with the Knights of Columbus and have partnered on a number of very success initiatives over the years. One of these is the Coats for Kids initiative. The program has generously provided approximately 1,048 coats to families and students in need since 2017, including 108 this year alone. Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, hundreds of students and families throughout Niagara Catholic have been able to enjoy outdoor

activities each winter, both at home and at school. On behalf of Niagara Catholic and the many families and students who have received coats through the Coats for Kids Program, we sincerely thank the Knights of Columbus for their ongoing support, kindness and generosity throughout the years. We look forward to continuing this important and much needed initiative.

4. **Consent Agenda Item A6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services highlighted the new format for the Capital Projects Progress Report.

D. INFORMATION

1. **Trustee Information**

Nil

E. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Nil

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Nil

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Nil

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the December 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 7, 2021.**

Approved on **January 11, 2022.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer