



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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 Burtnik.

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, Pat Rocca**, 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 January 11, 2022, 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 December 7, 2021

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 7, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Holy Childhood Association Fundraiser

Presented for information.

6.2 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.3 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Presented for information.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Board Improvement Plan Process Update

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education presented the Board Improvement Plan Process Update.

Superintendent Kinney answered questions of Trustees.

2. Back to School Update

Director Cipriano provided a Back to School reentry plan.

Director Cipriano 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:

Superintendent Zaroda

- In collaboration with our community partners, business and local government agencies, Niagara Catholic was able to distribute approximately 500 food bags to our students and families in need throughout the Niagara Region. Each Secondary school was provided with 25 bags, 50 bags went to Continuing Education and the remaining distributed to our students within alternative education. We were fortunate to have a group of retired Niagara Catholic "Elves" delivering this year. Thanks to Dan Di Lorenzo, Frank Iannantuono, Ralph DeFazio, Mark Lefebvre, and Dean Stunt for distributing food bags as well as gifts to various families sponsored and supported through various donations received including financial support from our Niagara Catholic Senior Admin Team. A Special Thank You goes to Principal John Belcastro, Marco Magazzeni and the entire Pope Francis team for their help, support, and organization!
- Chris Rudd from Wise Guys Charity Fund stopped by the Catholic Education Centre on December 23 2021, to present a \$20,000.00 grant to be utilized for healthy cooking initiatives, food and nutrition for students and families in need. Staff applied for funding to Wise Guys Charity Fund and were successful in being a recipient for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you to Wise Guys for all your support not only to Niagara Catholic but throughout the Region of Niagara!
- On December 14, 2021 Niagara Catholic received \$2,250.00 from Welland Economic Development Commission's annual Captains of Industry Golf Tournament along with \$1,000.00 from Kim Robinson of REMAX Welland and \$2,000.00 from John Howard Society of Niagara. These funds were used to support our annual food bag distribution through Niagara.
- Niagara Nutrition Partners graciously provided Niagara Catholic with an additional \$1,900.00 in grocery gift cards to provide to six families in need at St. Andrew's school. These generous gift cards will be delivered to the St. Andrew's school and their families the week of January 10, 2022

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Draft 2022 Board Committee Membership

Director Cipriano highlighted the Draft 2022 Board Committee Membership.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1.1 Director Cipriano noted the January Board meeting will continue to be virtual.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Nil

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Nil

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the January 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 11, 2022.**

Approved on **February 8, 2022.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer