



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 8, 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 Huibers.

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	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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 February 8, 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 January 11, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 11, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2022-2023**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

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. *The Empower™ Reading Program*

Gino Pizzoferrato, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Empower Reading Program in Niagara Catholic, and introduced Danny Giancola, Student Success Coordinator.

Mr. Giancola presented the Empower™ Reading Program report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Pizzoferrato and Mr. Giancola answered questions of Trustees.

### 2. *Niagara Student Transportation Services 2021-2022 Annual Plan*

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Niagara Student Transportation Services 2021-2022 Annual Plan.

### 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 Kinney**

- Superintendent Kinney presented news from the program department regarding;
  - Introduction of Indigenous culture and teachings to Kindergarten classrooms across the system;
  - *Coding With Christ* for Kindergarten and Grade 3 classrooms;
  - *I Am a Child of God* social-emotional learning visits K-8;
  - Kindergarten Open House and Registration;
  - DELF (Diplome d'Etudes en Langue Francaise);
  - Launching of the new Tutors in the Classroom – Secondary School Mathematics program.

##### **Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

- Superintendent Forsyth-Sells provided news on Black History month.

#### 3.3 *Trustee Good News Update*

##### **Trustee Moody**

- Sending out acknowledgement to Father Gerard for his outstanding work for Catholic Education and the Saint Paul Catholic High School community.

## D. INFORMATION

### 1. Trustee Information

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano to the April 2022 OCSTA AGM.

## E. OTHER BUSINESS

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

## F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

## G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

## H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the February 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 8, 2022.**

Approved on **March 8, 2022.**

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Daniel Moody  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer