



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 25, 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 Chair Huibers.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Land Recognition**

Land Recognition statement was delivered by Student Trustee Zylstra

2. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Fera

3. **Roll Call**

Chair Huibers 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

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of January 25, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 21, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 21, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Burtnik requested Item F3 of the In-Camera session be held.

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 11, 2022**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of January 11, 2022, as presented.

7.2 **Board Committee Membership 2022**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the 2022 Board Committee Membership, as presented.

7.3 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of January 11, 2022 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of January 11, 2022, as presented.

7.3.1 **Naming/Renaming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel Policy (100.15)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming/Renaming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel Policy (100.15), as presented.

7.3.2 Trustee Honorarium Policy (100.11)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Honorarium Policy (100.11), as presented.

7.3.3 Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions Policy (302.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions Policy (302.1), as presented.

7.3.4 Naming/Renaming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel Policy (100.15)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming/Renaming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel Policy (100.15), as presented.

7.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of December 1, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 1, 2021, as presented.

7.5 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of November 4, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 4, 2021, as presented for information

7.6 In-Camera Items F1 & F2

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Playspace and the Recess Project Collaboration

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services provided background information on the Playspace and Recess Project Collaboration at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls and introduced Christine Battagli, Consultant of Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting and Dr. Lauren McNamara, Founder and Director of The Recess Project.

Ms. Battagli and Dr. McNamara presented the St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Playspace and the Recess Project Collaboration report.

Dr. McNamara answered questions of Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. eLearning

Joseph Zaroda, Associate Superintendent of Education provided background information on eLearning and introduced John Belcastro, Principal of Alternative Education and Jeff Maxwell, TELT Consultant.

Mr. Belcastro and Mr. Maxwell presented the eLearning report for Trustee information.

Mr. Belcastro and Mr. Maxwell answered questions of Trustees.

2. Financial Report as at December 31, 2021

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustees Burkholder, Prince, Burtnik and Chair Huibers provided highlights of the OCSTA 2022 Catholic Trustees Seminar noting the wonderful work of Bishop Bergie for catholic education and remarked that the presentations provided were very knowledgeable and moving. Trustee Burtnik encouraged Trustees to visit the OCSTA website to view the recorded presentations as they provide a wealth of information.

Student Trustee Yott highlighted the informative student trustee workshop “Equity and Inclusion”.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- The COVID team will be reaching out to our public health partners to establish the format of the February Policy and Committee of the Whole meetings.
- A letter by Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Niagara Region, has been sent out to all Niagara Catholic families and Niagara Catholic continues to work closely with Public Health.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – February 2022

Director Cipriano highlighted the February 2022 Calendar of Events.

4.2 Draft School Year Calendar 2022-2023

Director Cipriano and Domenic Massi, Associate Superintendent of Education highlighted the Draft School Year Calendar for 2022-2023.

Associate Superintendent Massi answered questions of Trustees.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

None Submitted

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of January 25, 2022.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of December 21, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Committee of the Whole meeting – February 8, 2022

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the January 25, 2022 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 25, 2022.**

Approved on **February 22, 2022.**

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer