



# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 22, 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 Moody.

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	✓			
<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

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 22, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Fera and Moody with Item B1 of the In Camera Agenda of the Special Board meeting held on February 1, 2022. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board and did not attend the February 1, 2022 Special Board meeting.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting**

6.1 **January 25, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

**CARRIED**

6.2 **February 1, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 1, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Burtnik requested Item F2 be held.

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 8, 2022 and Consideration of Recommendations**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of February 8, 2022, as presented.

7.1.1 **Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2022-2023**

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

**7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of January 12, 2022**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 12, 2022, as presented.

**7.3 In-Camera Items F1 & F3**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. New Lincoln Elementary School**

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services presented the New Lincoln Elementary School report for Trustee information.

**2. Financial Report as at January 31, 2022**

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Superintendent Vetrone provided an update on the Grant for Student Needs (GSN) funding announced by the Ministry of Education on February 17, 2022.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Correspondence**

**1.1 OCSTA February 7, 2022 Letter**

Chair Huibers highlighted the February 7, 2022 letter from OCSTA announcing Kathy Burtnik as the 2022 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit recipient, and congratulated Trustee Burtnik on behalf of the Board.

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Student Trustee Yott highlighted the OSTA-EACO Board Council Conference held on February 18-19, 2022

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

**3.1 Pride Flag**

Discussion took place on future plans for flying the Pride Flag.

The Board established this item as an operational item.

The will of the Board, through consensus, was that language around the Pride Flag, or any other group flag brought to the attention of the Director, be embedded in Niagara Catholic's Flag Flying Protocol.

Director Cipriano will bring the updated Flag Flying Protocol to the Board as an informational item at a future Board meeting prior to June 2022.

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Calendar of Events – March 2022**

Director Cipriano highlighted the March 2022 Calendar of Events.

**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 Turner

Seconded by Trustee Prince

**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 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

**G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 22, 2022.

**CARRIED**

## **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Nil

## **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 January 25, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1.1)**

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 February 2, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1.2)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

### **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Approved on **March 22, 2022**.

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Larry Huibers  
Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer