



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 26, 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 Burkholder.

3. **Roll Call**

Chair Huibers noted that Trustee Fera was asked to be excused.

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 Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 26, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item B1. This trustee noted that as the Director of the Family and Children's Services Foundation Board she will not participate during discussion of this item.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 22, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 22, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

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

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 5, 2022 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of April 5, 2022, as presented.

7.2 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 5, 2022 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 5, 2022, as presented.

7.3 **Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of March 9, 2022**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 9, 2022, as presented.

7.4 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. Family and Children's Services Niagara

Director Cipriano provided background information on Family and Children's Services Niagara and introduced Caroline Polgrabia, President of FACS Niagara Foundation.

Ms. Polgrabia presented the *Mountainview LemonAID Day, 2022* fund raising initiative and requested the Niagara Catholic proclaim and promote Sunday, June 12, 2022 as *Mountainview LemonAID Day*.

Ms. Polgrabia answered questions of Trustees.

As per Board By-Laws the request will be made by the Board at the May 24, 2022 Board meeting.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Privacy & Enterprise Risk

Director Cipriano provided a brief background and introduced John Forte, Privacy and Enterprise Risk Advisor.

Mr. Forte presented the Privacy & Enterprise Risk portfolio for Trustee information.

Mr. Forte answered questions of Trustees.

2. Focus on the Science of Reading: Niagara Catholic's Tiered Approach to Reading Assessment and Instruction

Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Niagara Catholic's Tiered Approach to Reading Assessment and Instruction and introduced Randy Pruyne, Literacy Consultant and Danny Giancola, Coordinator of Student Support.

Mr. Pruyne and Mr. Giancola presented the Focus on the Science of Reading: Niagara Catholic's Tiered Approach to Reading Assessment and Instruction report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Kinney, Mr. Pruyne and Mr. Giancola answered questions of Trustees.

3. Period Poverty Update

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Period Poverty Update for Trustee information.

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

4. **Financial Report as at March 31, 2022**

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence**

Director Cipriano highlighted information contained in the following letters:

1.1 Letter from the Terry fox Foundation

1.2 Letter from Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC

The following motion was put forth;

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC and;

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board support those with disabilities by asking the Ministry to conduct a full-scale review and revise the Education Act through an accessibility lens, and to specifically review the definition of and context in which the term disability is used.

CARRIED

The letter will be sent to OCSTA, Ministry of Education and the Minister of Education with a copy of the letter sent to all School Boards across the province.

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Trustees Prince acknowledged that during the OCSTA AGM, Trustee Burtnik was awarded a 25 + 2 year service pin as well as the OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit.

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

Nil Report

4. **Trustee Information**

4.1 Calendar of Events – May 2022

Director Cipriano highlighted the May 5, 2022 Celebrating Excellence Ceremony.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

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 Prince

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 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 26, 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 March 22, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 26, 2022**.

Approved on **May 24, 2022**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer