



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 10, 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 Trustee Sicoli for Vice-Chair Moody.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Trustee Sicoli noted that Trustee Moody, Student Trustee Yott asked to be excused, and Trustee Huibers joined electronically.

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 May 10, 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 April 5, 2022**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 5, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Niagara Catholic Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Update 2022**

Superintendent Pizzoferrato provided background information on Niagara Catholic's Applied Behaviour Analysis, and introduced Julia Nemcko, BCBA.

Ms. Nemcko presented the ABA 2022 Update.

Ms. Nemcko answered questions of Trustees.

Discussion took place regarding ways to advocate through OCSTA for greater collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Community Services.

**2. Status of Portable Hepa Air Purification Units and Ongoing Maintenance**

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services provided the Status of Portable Hepa Air Purification Units and Ongoing Maintenance for Trustee information.

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2022-2023**

Director Cipriano highlighted the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2022-2023 and noted the two options. The finalization of the Board By-Laws Policy will determine which option will be implemented.

**4. Monthly Updates**

**4.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Student Trustee Steffen Zylstra presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

**4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

- The Ministry of Education provides Pro Grant funding to school boards to increase parental engagement. This school year, the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee has used Pro Grant funding to support a series of Math webinars for parents from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and to host a Virtual Family Games' Night. Over 400 families registered for the Family Games' Night and 200 families participated virtually with their children.
- St. Charles Catholic Elementary School held a Catholic Education Week Book Sale for the Ukraine Relief Fund. Books from classroom libraries and book rooms were sold for a quarter with an option to make a donation to the relief fund through School Cash Online. The school raised \$ 800.00 to donate to the Ukraine Relief Fund.

**Superintendent Pizzoferrato**

- Wesley Baker, a St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Grade 1 student diagnosed on the autism spectrum co-wrote a song with his father at the age of 4. The song entitled *Treasures That We Find* is being used as a promotional tool by Autism Ontario to support World Autism Awareness Month and is available on all major music streaming platforms.

**Camillo Cipriano**

- At the April OCSOA General meeting three former superintendents, Ted Ferrell, Frank Iannantuono, Yolanda Baldasaro and former Directors John Crocco and Angelo D'Ianni were honoured and recognized. Also, Niagara Catholic's four new superintendents, Kim Kinney, Domenic Massi, Gino Pizzoferrato and Joseph Zaroda were honoured at a mass performed by Bishop Bergie.

## D. INFORMATION

### 1. Trustee Information

#### 1.1 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Benefit Gala

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees of the Niagara Foundation Benefit Gala on Friday May 20, 2022.

#### 1.2 Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration

Director Cipriano noted that the Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration on June 16, 2022 will be celebrating 3 years of retirees and staff with 25 years of service.

## E. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Nil

## F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

**CARRIED**

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

## G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 10, 2022.

**CARRIED**

## H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the May 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 10, 2022.**

Approved on **June 14, 2022.**

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Daniel Moody  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer