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AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
6:30 P.M.**



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FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM, CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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| 1. | Land Acknowledgement | - |
| 2. | Opening Prayer – Trustee Marino | - |
| 3. | Roll Call | - |
| 4. | Approval of the Agenda | - |
| 5. | Declaration of Conflict of Interest | - |
| 6. | Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2023 | A6 |
| 7. | <u>Consent Agenda Items</u> | |
| 7.1 | Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2023
and Consideration of Recommendations | A7.1 |
| | 7.1.1 Employee Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy (201.17) | A7.1.1 |
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| | 7.1.3 School Year Calendar & Meeting Dates 2023-2024 | A7.1.3 |
| 7.2 | Board Improvement and Equity Plan (BIEP) 2023 | A7.2 |
| 7.3 | Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC)
Meeting of March 2, 2023 | A7.3 |
| 7.4 | Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Meeting of April 12, 2023 | A7.4 |
| 7.5 | In-Camera Agenda Items F1, F2 & F3 | - |

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. | FACS Niagara 2 nd Annual Mountainview LemonAID Day | B1 |
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C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

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| 1. | Niagara Catholic & OECTA Elementary Balanced Day Pilot Update – Domenic | C1 |
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D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. | Correspondence | - |
| 1.1 | Responses to Minister Lecce Letter | D1.1 |
| 1.2 | Letter from Niagara Children’s Centre | D1.2 |

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| 2. | Report on Trustee Conferences Attended | - |
| 3. | General Discussion to Plan for Future Action | - |
| 4. | Trustee Information | |
| | 4.1 Calendar of Events – June | D4.1 |
| | 4.2 Elementary & Secondary Graduation Dates 2023 | D4.2 |
| 5. | Open Question Period | |
| | <i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i> | |

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

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| 1. | Notice of Motion Submission | - |
| | 1.1 Niagara Catholic District School Board Co-Hosting 2024 OCSTA Business & AGM | E1.1 |
| | 1.2 On Line Betting | E1.2 |
| | 1.3 Policy Request | E1.3 |
| 2. | Notice of Motion Presentation | - |

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON IN CAMERA SESSION

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
APRIL 25, 2023**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2023, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 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 Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement statement was delivered by Superintendent Rocca

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Huibers

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Student Trustee Zylstra asked to be excused and Trustee Benoit and Student Trustee Charlotte Johnstone joined electronically.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit		✓		
Joseph Bruzzese	✓			
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Danny Di Lorenzo	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Doug Joyner	✓			
Jim Marino	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Charlotte Johnstone		✓		
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; **Julia Tiessen**, Executive Officer of Human Resources; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2023**

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 11, 2023 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of April 11, 2023, as presented.

7.1.1 **Electronic Communications Systems (Employees) Policy (201.12)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Electronic Communications Systems (Employees) Policy (201.12), as presented.

7.1.2 **Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12), as presented.

7.2 **Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of March 1, 2023**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 1, 2023, as presented.

7.3 In-Camera Items F1, F2 & F3

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Advancing Student Achievement for Students Who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Blind/Low Vision

Gino Pizzoferrato, Superintendent of Education provided background information and introduced Babette Bailey, Tara Formisano, and Carole Vanderlee, Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Blind/Low Vision.

Ms. Baily, Ms. Fromisano and Ms. Vanderlee presented the Advancing Student Achievement for Students Who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Blind/Low Vision report for Trustee information.

Ms. Baily, Ms. Fromisano and Ms. Vanderlee answered questions of Trustees.

2. Building the Foundation; Communication for Learning

Superintendent Pizzoferrato provided background information and introduced Lori DiMatteo Marcella, Katherine Grzybala, Kavitha Harrington, Kelly Keighan, and Brittany Wiken, Speech-Language Pathologists.

Ms. DiMatteo and Ms. Harrington presented Building the Foundation; Communication for Learning report for Trustee information.

Ms. DiMatteo and Ms. Harrington answered questions of Trustees.

3. Elementary Virtual School Plan for 2023-2024

Director Cipriano presented the Elementary Virtual School Plan for 2023-2024 report on behalf of Domenic Massi, Associate Superintendent of Education.

Director Cipriano and Associate Superintendent Massi answered questions of Trustees.

4. Grants for Student Needs Funding

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Grants for Student Needs Funding report.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

5. Financial Report as at March 31, 2023

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Numerous activities and events are being planned for Catholic Education Week next week. All Trustees are invited to attend the following events: Celebrating Excellence at Brock University on Tuesday, May 2nd, NCPIC Parent Night at Denis Morris Catholic High School on May 3rd, and the Official Blessing of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Thorold on May 4th.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – May 2023

Director Cipriano highlighted the calendar of events for May 2023.

4.2 CCSTA AGM – June 1-3, 2023

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

4.3 Draft Letter to Minister Lecce

Director Cipriano presented the draft letter to Minister Lecce.

Upon further discussion, it was decided that a copy of the letter addressed to Minister Lecce would be sent to OCSTA to share with all Ontario Catholic School Boards, Premier Doug Ford, local MPP'S, and all partnerships involved with the Niagara Catholic Launch Centre.

Additionally, the letter is to be circulated as a press release and posted on all social media platforms and the board's website.

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the raft Letter to Minister Lecce, as amended.

CARRIED

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 Marino
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 9:41 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2023.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 28, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Di Lorenzo
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F8.2)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the April 25, 2023 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 25, 2023**.

Approved on **May 23, 2023**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES NIAGARA
PROCLAMATION**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board support the Family and Children's Services Niagara Proclamation, as presented.

Recommended by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 23, 2023



Mountainview
LemonAID Day
for FACS Niagara

Hello!

I'm Caroline Polgrabia

I serve on the Board of the Foundation and I'm excited to share some information about our LemonAID initiative to support young people in Niagara Falls and across Niagara.



Kids **Helping** Kids

- Mountainview LemonAID Day is a community driven event, encouraging kids to help kids by raising funds to send children to summer camp.
- On Saturday, June 10, teams of kids will set up lemonade stands across Niagara to ask for donations.





There are so many children in our community who deserve an opportunity to be with friends, connect with nature, and make lasting childhood memories.

Anna Bozza
FACS Niagara CEO

More than

\$85,000

Raised in 2022 to send local children to summer camp



In 2022



In 2021-22

FACS Niagara served:

- An average of 398 children in care each month
- More than 700 families that receive ongoing services to help them be at their best.



FACS' goal is to give children we serve a summer camp experience!

One Hundred Stands **Across** Niagara

Each team will receive everything needed to run a LemonAID stand!

- LemonAID Stand & Banner
- 4 T-shirts & hats
- Lemonade Concentrate
- Pitchers
- 100 cups and stickers
- & more!



100%



of proceeds go towards sending local children and youth to summer camp.

More Info

facsniagarafoundation.org

905.937.7731



**Help Make
Summer a Little
Sweeter for
Everyone!**



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NIAGARA

Family and Children's Services
Les Services à la famille
et à l'enfance de Niagara

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MOUNTAINVIEW
BUILDING GROUP

Thank You!

questions?



PROCLAMATION

Niagara Catholic District School Board

proclaims **SATURDAY June 10, 2023**

“MOUNTAINVIEW LEMONAID DAY, 2023”

- WHEREAS** *Family and Children’s Services (FACS) Niagara* has been dedicated to protecting and supporting children and improving the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and families across the Niagara Peninsula since 1898; AND
- WHEREAS** *Mountainview Building Group* and other generous sponsors are supporting *FACS Niagara Foundation* in these efforts by encouraging children and families to give back to their community by registering online and setting up a lemonade stands across the Niagara Peninsula on Saturday, June 10th; AND
- WHEREAS** *Mountainview Building Group* and other great community sponsors have generously provided 100 LemonAID Day Kits, so every family and child have the resources needed to successfully participate, and so that ALL the funds raised by children go directly to sending vulnerable children supported by FACS Niagara to summer camps; AND
- WHEREAS** by instilling the values of community, generosity and goodwill in the next generation, *Mountainview Building Group* and other generous sponsors are helping build a brighter future for Niagara; AND
- WHEREAS** **The Niagara Catholic District School Board Trustees** commends the hundreds of young children for their philanthropy and hard work, generosity, goodwill, and for making our community a much better place to live.
- THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Trustees of the **Niagara Catholic District School Board** hereby encourages children of Niagara to participate in the annual *Mountainview LemonAID Day*; AND Encourages all Niagara citizens to support these children in their efforts by generously donating in person or online to the *Mountainview LemonAID Day* stands, AND help send 450 children from Niagara Peninsula to experience summer camp in 2023; and

THAT the Board of Niagara Catholic District School Board hereby proclaims Saturday, June 10, 2022 as *Mountainview LemonAID Day* in our schools.

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023

Chair

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: NIAGARA CATHOLIC AND OECTA ELEMENTARY
BALANCED DAY PILOT UPDATE**

The Niagara Catholic & OECTA Elementary Balanced Day Pilot Update report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Domenic Massi

Presented by: Domenic Massi

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 23, 2023



REPORT TO THE BOARD MAY 23, 2023

NIAGARA CATHOLIC & OECTA ELEMENTARY BALANCED DAY PILOT UPDATE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of the ratified collective agreement between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and OECTA's Niagara Elementary Unit, a letter of understanding was signed in which both parties agreed to work collaboratively to explore a "Balanced/Alternative Day" schedule.

The letter of understanding lays out specific parameters for the implementation of a balanced/alternative day at Niagara Catholic sites. If teachers or principal express interest in a balanced/alternate day schedule, an information meeting will be held at the potential school hosted by the school principal collaboratively with the site OECTA representative. This meeting will demonstrate the benefits and challenges that may be realized in bringing the balanced/alternative day schedule to the school as evidenced in a sample timetable reflective of existing staff. Following this information meeting, a secret ballot vote will be conducted by all permanent teachers who work at the school, which will determine if an invite is to be extended to the Board Balanced/Alternative Day team who will bring a jointly prepared presentation to the school teaching staff. This information meeting will contain additional information for the staff to consider prior to committing to enter a pilot of the Balanced/Alternative Day schedule for the upcoming school year. Following this information meeting, a second secret ballot vote will be conducted to determine next steps at that school site.

If seventy-five (75) percent of teachers vote in favor of the balanced/alternative day schedule following the second information meeting, the Balanced/Alternative Day will be implemented for the following school year. Near the conclusion of the pilot year, all permanent teachers on staff at that site will again vote to either extend the pilot for the second year or to end the balanced/alternative day schedule. If the schedule is affirmed after the second pilot year, the vote shall be held biannually after that.

REPORT

The following schools are currently practicing a Balanced/Alternative Day Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School
2. Our Lady of Fatima (SC) Catholic Elementary School
3. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School
4. Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School
5. St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School
6. St. Edward Catholic Elementary School
7. St. Joseph (FE) Catholic Elementary School
8. St. Martin Catholic Elementary School.

The following new schools displayed interest in the Balanced Day Schedule for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. Our Lady of Fatima (G) Catholic Elementary School
2. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School
3. St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School
4. St. John (B) Catholic Elementary School
5. St. John Henry Newman Catholic Elementary School
6. St. Joseph (G) Catholic Elementary School
7. St. Mark Catholic Elementary School
8. St. Michael (NOTL) Catholic Elementary School
9. St. Patrick (PC) Catholic Elementary School
10. St. Therese (PC) Catholic Elementary School
11. St. George Catholic Elementary School
12. St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School

During the month of April, the above-mentioned schools as well as the original eight participated in the Balanced/Alternative Day process outlined in the letter of understanding which included staff meetings, presentations and votes to determine whether the Balanced/Alternative Day schedule would be applied for the next school year (2023-2024).

The following schools have voted in favor of the Balanced/Alternative Day schedule for the school year 2023-2024, bringing our total to twelve schools.

1. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School
2. St. Joseph (G) Catholic Elementary School
3. St. Michael (NOTL) Catholic Elementary School
4. St. George Catholic Elementary School
5. Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School
6. Our Lady of Fatima (SC) Catholic Elementary School
7. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School
8. Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School
9. St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School
10. St. Edward Catholic Elementary School
11. St. Joseph (FE) Catholic Elementary School
12. St. Martin Catholic Elementary School.

The Niagara Catholic & OECTA Elementary Balanced Day Pilot Update report is presented for information.

Prepared by: Domenic Massi

Presented by: Domenic Massi

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: May 23, 2023

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
RESPONSES TO MINISTER LECCE LETTER**

Pisano, Anna

From: Aaron Tisdelle
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:33 PM
To: Pisano, Anna
Subject: RE: Trades and Technology Education

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Hi Anna,

Thank you so much for sending this over for me to see the great work your team is doing to bring new tech to our young people. So exciting to see the NCDSB taking this initiative to further our students skills and understanding of a career path in the trades. I know your team has been working hard these last years to bring this opportunity to the students and their parents and I for one am extremely thankful for the support the NCDSB has given to our local industry and manufacturers. In my roll as a board member of the Niagara industrial Association and Vice Chair of the Education and Training committee I have worked closely with your Board leaders to raise awareness of the trades and this current endeavor you are taking to bring the technology of industry to your schools shop floor will only enhance your students understanding and interest in pursuing a rewarding career in the trades. I look forward to having your students become my future work force. I know they will be well prepared.

Thank you for all you and your team is doing and please extend my thanks to all that are making this vision a reality.

Aaron Tisdelle
President
Girotti Machine
905-684-6584 office

www.girottimachine.com

From: Anna Paulo
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:33 AM
To: Aaron Tisdelle
Subject: FW: Trades and Technology Education

Anna Paulo



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From: Pisano, Anna <anna.pisano@ncdsb.com> **On Behalf Of** Cipriano, Camillo
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:07 PM
To: Anna Paulo
Subject: Trades and Technology Education

Good afternoon,

I am pleased to attach a copy of a letter addressed to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, on behalf of the Niagara Catholic District School Board of Trustees. The letter is enclosed with this message for your review since you are a critical partner with the Niagara Catholic Launch Centre.

Thank you.

Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant
on behalf of Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education
427 Rice Rd, Welland, ON L3C 7C1 (905) 735-0240, ext. 220



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Pisano, Anna

From: Cipriano, Camillo
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:17 PM
To: Pisano, Anna
Subject: FW: Trades and Technology Education
Attachments: image001.png; 2023-05 Letter to Minister Lecce.pdf

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road Welland ON L3C 7C1
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From: OCSTA - Patrick Daly <PDaly@ocsta.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Cipriano, Camillo <Camillo.Cipriano@ncdsb.com>
Subject: Re: Trades and Technology Education

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Hello Camillo:

I hope you are doing well. Thank you for sending the letter to me.

Take care

Pat

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2023, at 3:01 PM, Cipriano, Camillo <Camillo.Cipriano@ncdsb.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Pat,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am delighted to attach a copy of a letter addressed to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, on behalf of the Niagara Catholic District School Board of Trustees. The letter is enclosed with this message for your review. Kindly share this letter with all Catholic District School Boards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant
on behalf of Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education
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Pisano, Anna

From: Cipriano, Camillo
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:18 PM
To: Pisano, Anna
Subject: FW: Thank you for your email

Camillo Cipriano
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Niagara Catholic District School Board
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From: Oosterhoffco, Sam <sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:09 PM
To: Cipriano, Camillo <Camillo.Cipriano@ncdsb.com>
Subject: Thank you for your email

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Hello!

Thank you for writing to the Office of Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West. Please note that due to high volumes of incoming email, this is an automatic reply while we take the time to individually review and respond to incoming emails.

A reply to your email will be reviewed and provided as soon as possible. Due to the high volume of emails, your patience is appreciated. (Please note that priority response will be given to residents of Niagara West, and to emails of a non-form letter).

If your inquiry is urgent, please do not hesitate to call our office directly at [905-563-1755](tel:905-563-1755) or toll-free at 1-800-665-3697.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Niagara West



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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: CORRESPONDENCE
LETTER FROM NIAGARA CHILDREN'S CENTRE**



May 3, 2023

Niagara Catholic District School Board
c/o Mr. Gino Pizzoferrato & Ms. Elizabeth Davies
427 Rice Rd
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Dear Mr. Pizzoferrato & Ms. Davies,

Thank you for coordinating the donation of \$20,917.54 to Niagara Children's Centre from your Kids Helping Kids initiative. What a wonderful contribution you have made! Your kind donation will go straight to work towards the over 5,800 children and their families that the Centre serves. Last year alone there were over 36,000 individual visits.

Your donation enables the Centre to deliver therapy supports and services to children and youth with physical, developmental and communicative delays and disabilities, right here in Niagara Region. Below is a story from a Centre mother, so you can see first-hand how much your donation helps.

The Centre has been home to us for almost five years now and I can't imagine what I would have done without the support of the amazing people I have had the good fortune to be helped by. It is in large part because of all of the support Lilah has received from her therapists that she has come as far as she has. I can't imagine what we would have done or where Lilah would be today without the amazing therapists and programs offered by the Centre.

-Proud mother of Lilah

You can learn more about the Centre by visiting www.niagarachildrenscentre.com. If you would like to discuss our services more or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 905-688-1890 x106 or marla.smith@niagarachildrenscentre.com. Again, we cannot thank you enough!

Sincerely,

Marla Smith, CFRE
Director of Development

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE 2023**

JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Budget Workshop CW Meeting	7 SEAC Meeting	8	9 Elementary PA Day	10
11	12	13 SAL Meeting	14	15 Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration	16 Audit Committee Meeting	17
18	19	20 BD Meeting	21	22 Secondary Exams To June 28	23	24
25	26	27 Graduations Denis Morris Catholic HS Holy Cross Catholic SS Saint Paul HS Lakeshore Catholic HS Saint Francis SS	28 Graduations Saint Michael HS Blessed Trinity SS Notre Dame College	29 Secondary PA Day	30 Elementary & Secondary PA Day	

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**TITLE: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY GRADUATION DATES 2023**



2023 Elementary and Secondary Graduation Dates

NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Date	School	Location	Time	Attending
June 20	Holy Name	Club Roma	6:00 p.m.	
	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Thomas More Church/Americana Conference Resort	6:00 p.m.	
June 21	St. Nicholas	Parkway Social	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Christopher	St. Christopher	5:30 p.m.	
June 22	Assumption	Assumption/Club Roma	5:00 p.m.	
	Loretto Catholic	Club Italia	5:30 p.m.	
	Mary Ward	Double Tree Resort	5:30 p.m.	
	Notre Dame Elementary	Saint Paul HS Theatre	5:00 p.m.	
	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary/John Michael	5:30 p.m.	
	Sacred Heart	Saint Michael HS	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Ann (SC)	Club Roma	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Denis	St. Denis Church/Coppola's	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Edward	Coppola's Ristorante and Banquet Facility	6:00 p.m.	
	St. James	Club Roma	5:30 p.m.	
	St. John	St. Joseph Parish/Galileo Gardens	5:00 p.m.	
	St. John Bosco	St. John Bosco	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Mark	Club Roma	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Martin	St. Martin School/West Lincoln Community Ctr	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Mary (NF)	St. Patrick Church/Embassy Suites	5:00 p.m.	
	St. Mary (W)	St. Mary School Welland	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Michael (NOLT)	St. Vincent de Paul Church	5:30 p.m.	
St. Patrick (PC)	St. Patrick Church	6:00 p.m.		
St. Peter	St. Julia Church	5:30 p.m.		
St. Philomena	St. Michael's Hall/Clifton Hill	5:00 p.m.		
St. Therese	Lakeshore Catholic SS	6:00 p.m.		
June 23	Father Hennepin	Saint Michael HS	5:00 p.m.	
	St. Alexander	St. Alexander Church/Amici's	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Augustine	St. Augustine School	5:00 p.m.	
	St. Elizabeth	St. Elizabeth Church/School	5:00 p.m.	
	St. John Henry Newman	Saint Paul HS	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Kevin	Notre Dame College School	6:00 p.m.	
June 26	Alexander Kuska	Notre Dame College School	5:30 p.m.	
	Canadian Martyrs	St. Alfred Church	6:00 p.m.	
	Our Lady of Fatima (GR)	St. Joseph Parish/Galileo Gardens	5:00 p.m.	
	Our Lady of Fatima (SC)	Club Roma	5:00 p.m.	
	Our Lady of Victory	St. Michael Church Hall	5:30 p.m.	
	St. Anthony	Denis Morris/Club Roma	5:00 p.m.	
	St. Gabriel Lalemant	Delphi Banquet Hall	6:00 p.m.	
	St. George	St. George Catholic Church	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Joseph (FE)	St. Joseph school	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Patrick (NF)	St. Patrick Church	6:00 p.m.	
	St. Teresa of Calcutta	Club Roma/school	5:00 p.m.	
	St. Theresa	St. Patrick Church/Johnny Rocco's	5:30 p.m.	
St. Vincent de Paul	Parkway Social	6:00 p.m.		
June 27	St. Andrew	Notre Dame College School	6:30 p.m.	
	St. Ann (F)	St. Ann Fenwick School	6:30 p.m.	
	St. Joseph (GR)	St. Joseph Church	5:00 p.m.	
	Denis Morris Catholic HS	Central Community Centre, NOTL	7:00 p.m.	LFS
	Holy Cross Catholic SS	Performing Arts Centre	6:30 p.m.	CC
	Lakeshore Catholic HS	Lakeshore Catholic	7:00 p.m.	JZ
	Saint Francis SS	St. Alfred Church	6:00 p.m.	PR
	Saint Paul HS	Niagara Falls Convention Centre	6:00 p.m.	DM
June 28	Pope Francis	Balls Falls	1:00 p.m.	PR
	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Centre	Balls Falls	1:00 p.m.	
	St. Alfred	St. Alfred Church	5:30 p.m.	
	Blessed Trinity SS	Blessed Trinity	7:00 p.m.	GP
	Notre Dame College	Meridian Centre Pelham	7:00 p.m.	KK
	Saint Michael HS	Central Community Centre, NOTL	6:30 p.m.	CC

Adult & Continuing Education

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2023**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: NOTICE OF MOTION
NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CO-HOSTING 2024 OCSTA BUSINESS & AGM**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chair be directed to notify OCSTA and the Chairs of the BHNCDSD, HWCDSB, & NCDSB of their intent to co-host the OCSTA 2024 AGM in Niagara Falls Ontario and;

THAT all three boards will participate equally in planning, executing, and financial responsibilities of this event and;

THAT all three boards agree that the location will be in Niagara Falls for this event and;

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THAT upon approval by the respective boards, staff will be directed to begin to work collaboratively on the planning and execution of this event in conjunction with OCSTA and;

THAT a steering committee be created between the three boards consisting of the Chair of the Board, and the Director of Education or designate from each board and OCSTA.

Presented by: Chair Di Lorenzo

Date Submitted: May 3, 2023

Date to be Presented: June 20, 2023

Date: May 23, 2023



REPORT TO THE BOARD MAY 23, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CO-HOSTING 2024 OCSTA BUSINESS & AGM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chair Di Lorenzo submitted the following Notice of Motion on May 3, 2023

WHEREAS The Ontario Catholic Trustees Association (OCSTA) is requesting a host(s) board for the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

WHEREAS the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHCNDSB), the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB), and the Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) have expressed an interest in co-hosting the 2024 AGM.

WHEREAS The chairs of all three boards have had exploratory conversations with one another to garner interest in co-hosting the 2024 AGM in the Niagara Falls area and;

WHEREAS all three boards would share equally in the cost of co-hosting the event.

Now therefore be it resolved:

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
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PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: NOTICE OF MOTION
ON LINE BETTING**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board will communicate with appropriate levels of government to address the negative affects associated with gambling.

Additionally, where appropriate, schools will promote education and awareness for students and offer connections to supports for gambling addictions or issues when identified by staff or students.

Presented by: Trustee Huibers

Date Submitted: May 17, 2023

Date to be Presented: June 20, 2023

Date: May 23, 2023



**REPORT TO THE BOARD
MAY 23, 2023**

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ON LINE BETTING**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Trustee Huibers submitted the following Notice of Motion on May 17, 2023 (Appendix A)

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Presented by: Trustee Huibers

Date Submitted: May 17, 2023

Date to be Presented: June 20, 2023

Date: May 23, 2023

NCDSB

Notice of Motion May 17 2023

Moved by Larry Huibers

Seconded by

Preamble;

On Line Betting has taken a prominent role in the marketing of sports. These marketing activities may have a negative impact on our students as games of chance do not have a positive outcome statistically for the participant.

While public policy on gambling is outside the scope of governance for Trustees, it does impact on the overall health and well being of our students, as such, the Niagara Catholic District School Board should initiate actions that identify and educate our students of the risks of gambling.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Niagara Catholic District School Board will communicate with appropriate levels of government to address the negative affects associated with gambling.

Additionally, where appropriate, schools will promote education and awareness for students and offer connections to supports for gambling addictions or issues when identified by staff or students.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: NOTICE OF MOTION
POLICY REQUEST**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board develop a Partisan, Political or Social Advocacy Activities Policy

Presented by: Trustee Benoit

Date Submitted: May 17, 2023

Date to be Presented: June 20, 2023

Date: May 23, 2023



**REPORT TO THE BOARD
MAY 23, 2023**

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Partisan, Political, or Social Policy Advocacy Activities

All employees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board occupy positions of public trust and confidence and, as such, are expected to discharge their duties and responsibilities with integrity and professionalism in keeping with their mission of transmitting the morals and teachings of the Catholic Church.

Purpose

This policy is designed to promote education instead of indoctrination, defined as the endorsement of partisan, political or social policy matters.

Neutrality and balance in classroom instruction are desired to create an optimal learning environment and atmosphere of inclusiveness, where all students are welcome. Because views and beliefs about partisan, political, or social policy matters are often deeply personal, employees should not, during assigned work hours, advocate to students concerning their views or beliefs on these matters. Such advocacy does not contribute to a positive learning climate and may be disruptive, divisive, and distracting. Rather, classroom instruction should relate to approved curriculum. The district's role is to teach students how to think, not what to think, thereby keeping classrooms as places of education, not indoctrination.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, advocacy and advocate are defined as the use of speech, conduct, or symbols to support or oppose a particular point of view or belief about partisan, political, or social policy issues or matters.

Guidelines:

The Board adopts the following guidelines to clarify which activities are not appropriate during assigned work hours and on all district-owned or leased property, within all school buildings, and at all district-sponsored activities:

Employees shall not advocate to students concerning any partisan, political, or social policy issue nor engage in partisan, political or social policy electioneering or campaigning related to employee representative elections.

Employees shall not display any flag, banner, poster, sign, sticker, pin, button, insignia, paraphernalia, photograph, or other similar material that advocates concerning any partisan, political, or social policy issue.

Employees shall not distribute, circulate, or display circulars, leaflets, petitions, or similar material that advocates concerning any partisan, political, or social policy issue.

Employees shall not collect or solicit funds or volunteers for any partisan, political, or social policy campaign or activity.

Employees shall not direct or encourage students to write, address, or distribute advocacy materials

related to any partisan, political, or social policy issue.

Any district employee who holds elective, appointive, or partisan office is not entitled to time off from his district duties for reasons related to such office, except as such time may qualify under the leave policies of the Board or the pertinent collective bargaining agreement.

This policy specifically exempts the following from the above prohibitions:

- Instruction and study concerning partisan, political, or social policy issues when directly relevant to the curriculum and appropriate to classroom studies given the students' age and class year, ; provided, however, that such instruction or study is not for the purpose of advocating concerning a partisan, political, or social policy issue.

Instruction on the Catholic faith in our curriculum, as long as such teaching reinforces the teachings of the Catholic faith.

- The display of Canadian Flags, the Ontario Flag, any Catholic flag or Vatican Flag; and flags of foreign countries or other Canadian provinces or territories when directly relevant to a course of study in a social studies or foreign language class.

- Wearing small pieces of jewelry, consistent with the professional dress code, that symbolically represent an individual's Catholic faith.

Delegation of Responsibility

When implementing and enforcing this policy, district employees, the Superintendent and principals should keep all flags that have not been mentioned as permitted by the board off school property.

Whatever is done in the school or on the board must be consistent with the Catholic faith as expressed in the Catechism.