



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 28, 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 Recognition

Land Recognition statement was delivered by Student Trustee Johnstone

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Huibers asked to be excused.

| 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 Turner

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 28, 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 February 28, 2023**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 7, 2023 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 7, 2023, as presented.

7.1.1 **Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Policy (NEW)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Policy (NEW), as presented.

7.1.2 **School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy (500.1)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy (500.1), as presented.

7.1.3 **Student Senate – Elementary Policy (100.6.2)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Senate – Elementary Policy (100.6.2), as presented.

7.1.4 Student Senate – Secondary Policy (100.6.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Senate – Secondary Policy (100.6.1), as presented.

7.2 Board Committee Membership

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the change of membership to the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee from all Trustees to 4 Trustees.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 12, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 12, 2019, as presented.

7.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of February 1, 2023

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

7.5 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of January 12, 2023

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 12, 2023, as presented.

7.6 In-Camera Items F1, F3 & F4

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. EQAO Presentation

Chair Di Lorenzo introduced EQAO Chair Dr. Cameron Montgomery and Julia Ball, Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Montgomery provided a presentation on EQAO.

Dr. Montgomery and Ms. Ball answered questions of Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic District School Board Enrolment Projections

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services provided background information on Enrolment Projections and introduced Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Mr. Ammendolia presented the Niagara Catholic District School Board Enrolment Projections.

Mr. Ammendolia answered questions of Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Communications Update – Advertising Campaign

Director Cipriano provided background information on Advertising Campaign and introduced Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer.

Ms. Pellegrini presented the Communications Update – Advertising Campaign report.

Ms. Pellegrini answered questions of Trustees.

2. French Immersion

Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided background information on French Immersion and introduced Mary Vetere, K-12 French as a Second Language Consultant/Numeracy Coach and Christopher Moscato, Principal, Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School.

Ms. Vetere and Mr. Moscato presented the French Immersion report for Trustee information.

Ms. Vetere and Mr. Moscato answered questions of Trustees.

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

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – April 2023

Director Cipriano highlighted the April 2023 calendar of events and reminded Trustees of the FACS Niagara Foundation Spring Gala on April 21, 2023.

Director Cipriano asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

4.2 OCSTA 2023 AGM Resolutions & 2022 Resolutions Final Status Chart

Provided for information.

4.3 OCSTA AGM – June 1-3, 2023

Provided for future planning.

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 Bruzzese

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 8:58 p.m. and reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2023.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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 28, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the March 28, 2023 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 28, 2023**.

Approved on **April 25, 2023**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer