



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