



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 23, 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 Vice-Chair Burkholder for Chair Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

Land Acknowledgement statement was delivered by Student Trustee Johnstone.

2. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Marino.

3. **Roll Call**

Chair Burkholder noted that Trustee Di Lorenzo asked to be excused and Trustee Huibers acted as Vice-Chair.

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 Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 23, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item B1 of the Agenda. This trustee is a Trustee of Family and Children's Services and her spouse is employed with Mountainview Homes.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2023**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2023 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 29, 2023, as presented.

7.1.1 **Employee Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy (201.17)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy (201.17), as presented.

7.1.2 **Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy (100.7)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy (100.7), as presented.

7.1.3 **School Year Calendar & Meeting Dates 2023-2024**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2023-2024, as presented.

7.2 Board Improvement and Equity Plan (BIEP) 2023

Presented for information.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of March 2, 2023

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 2, 2023, as presented for information

7.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of April 12, 2023

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 12, 2023, as presented.

7.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2 & F3

Moved by Trustee Benoit

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. FACS Niagara 2nd Annual Mountainview LemonAID Day

Vice-Chair Burkholder provided background information on Family and Children's Services Niagara and introduced Caroline Polgrabia, President of FACS Niagara Foundation, Jayden Polgrabia, Youth Ambassador and Ellen Schonewille, Senior Manager Donor Relations.

Ms. Polgrabia and Jayden presented the *Mountainview LemonAid Day, 2023 2nd Annual* fundraising initiative and requested that Niagara Catholic proclaim and promote Saturday, June 10, 2023 as *Mountainview LemonAID Day*.

Jayden and Ms. Polgrabia answered questions of Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic & OECTA Elementary Balanced Day Pilot Update

Domenic Massi, Associate Superintendent of Education presented the Niagara Catholic & OECTA Elementary Balanced Day Pilot Update Report for information.

Associate Superintendent Massi answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Cipriano highlighted information contained in the following correspondence:

1.1 Responses to Minister Lecce Letter

1.2 Letter from Niagara Children's Centre

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustees Burkholder and Huibers provided highlights from the OCSTA AGM in Toronto. Trustee Huibers provided highlights from the ICE Conference, and Student Trustee Zylstra provided highlights from the Annual General meeting of OSTA-AECO.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano stated that as noted during the Leadership session held earlier around indigenous education we are planning several sessions focused on promoting equity and inclusion in indigenous education. We will provide further details as they become available.

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees of the Budget Workshop prior to the June 9th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Director Cipriano drew attention to the artwork created by our kindergarten classrooms displayed throughout the Board office, and invited Trustees to take a few moments to appreciate the artwork.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – June 2023

Director Cipriano highlighted the June 2023 calendar of events.

4.2 Elementary & Secondary Graduation Dates 2023

Director Cipriano presented the Elementary & Secondary Graduation Dates 2023.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Notice of Motion Submission

1.1 Niagara Catholic District School Board Co-Hosting 2024 OCSTA Business & AGM

1.2 On Line Betting

1.3 Policy Request

Vice-Chair Burkholder noted that the following notice of motions have been submitted and as per the Board By-Laws Section 21 (c) "A Notice of Motion shall not be discussed or seconded at the meeting at which it is initially presented."

Trustee Benoit requested the By-Laws be temporarily suspended for Item 1.3 for discussion.

Trustee Joyner requested a recorded vote to temporarily suspend the Board By-Laws for the duration of the Board meeting.

Moved by Trustee Benoit

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board temporarily suspend the Bi-Laws for discussion of Item 1.3.

DEFEATED

NAME	YEA	NEA
Natalia Benoit	✓	
Joseph Bruzzese	✓	
Larry Huibers		✓
Doug Joyner		✓
Jim Marino		✓
Paul Turner		✓
Rhianon Burkholder		✓

2. **Notice of Motion Presentation**

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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 7:17 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 23, 2023.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Benoit

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 April 25, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the May 23, 2023 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 23, 2023**.

Approved on **June 20, 2023**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer