



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, December 5, 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.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Burkholder.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Burkholder noted that Trustee Benoit asked to be excused and Trustee Turner 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	✓			
Emilio Geremia	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Kimberly Kinney, Gino Pizzoferrato, Pat Rocca, Domenic Massi, Joseph Zaroda**, 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

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 5, 2023, 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 November 14, 2023**

Moved by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 14, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

Moved by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Pilgrimage**

Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Pilgrimage and introduced Amanda Wagg-Boyer, Religion and Family Life Consultant.

Ms. Boyer presented the Pilgrimage report.

C. GOVERNANCE POLICIES

1. **Governance Policies for Recommendation to the Board**

2. **Governance Policies Prior to Vetting**

3. Governance Policy Review Schedule

Director Cipriano presented the Governance Policy Review Schedule.

D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Monthly Updates

1.1 Student Trustees' Update

Charlotte Johnstone, and Emilio Geremia, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

1.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Kinney

- Last night's Advent Staff Faith Formation event at Denis Morris Catholic High School, open to all Niagara Catholic staff, was a sell-out success. The evening commenced with a liturgy focusing on Jesus' diverse manifestations through Mary's example. Participants journeyed along a candlelit path, encountering five scripture passages for reflection and group discussion on Mary's unwavering commitment. In the cafeteria, participants worked to create their own Nativity scene, with wood cut outs prepped by Lakeshore Catholic's construction program. Participants connected elements of the Nativity to their roles in schools and the community. The event also featured a shared meal, fostering conversations and reflections on the meaningful nativity scenes created.

E. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

Director Cipriano noted that the 94th OCSTA AGM, which we are co-hosting with Hamilton Catholic and Brant Haldimand Catholic, will take place at the Sheridan Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls from May 2nd to May 4th.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil

G. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

H. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Marino

THAT the December 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 5, 2023.**

Approved on **January 16, 2024.**

Rhianon Burkholder
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer