



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 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 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Burtnik

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Burtnik noted that Trustee Charbonneau, Trustee Fera and Student Trustee Petriello were excused from the October 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau				✓
Frank Fera				✓
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Kira Petriello				✓
Nico Tripodi	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 11, 2016, 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 September 13, 2016

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 13, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 27, 2016

6.2 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee

6.3 Niagara Catholic District School Board Multi-Year Accessibility Plan December 2012 to December 2017 (Working Document) – Update

6.4 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being 2016-2017

6.5 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

6.6 Capital Projects Update

6.7 In Camera Items F.1 and F.3

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt the consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Google Apps for Education (GAPE)

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented an overview of the Google Apps for Education and introduced Mark Di Tomasso, Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching contact, Ryan Desson and Jeff Maxwell, K-12 Digital Learning Coaches.

Mr. Di Tomasso, along with Mr. Desson and Mr. Maxwell provided a visual presentation to highlight some of the advantages that GAFE is providing for students and staff across the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Superintendent Farrell, Mr. Di Tomasso, Mr. Desson and Mr. Maxwell answered questions of Trustees.

2. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 Update

John Crocco, Director of Education along with Senior Administrative Council provided a verbal and visual update on the implementation of the annual Board approved System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017, as of the October Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3. Monthly Updates

3.1 Student Trustees' Update

Nico Tripodi, Student Trustee, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

3.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Director Crocco

- Over 300 staff and students participated in the annual Grape and Wine parade along with elementary and secondary student senate and members of senior staff. Denis Morris Catholic High School and Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School both receiving awards providing a great opportunity to showcase the spirit and pride of Niagara Catholic in front of the over 70 thousand people in attendance.
- Twenty inspirational award recipients along with family and staff were in attendance at the annual Inspirational Award Ceremony held on October 6, 2016 at St. Thomas Aquinus Church with Mass being celebrated by Bishop Bergie and Fr. Mosier. Vice-Chair Burtnik brought greetings on behalf of Chair MacNeil and the Board. A reception was enjoyed by all following the Mass and Award Presentations.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 27, 2016

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 27, 2016 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2016

Director Crocco presented the October 2016 Calendar of Events for Trustees information. Director Crocco noted the Annual Pilgrimage being held on Sunday October 30, 2016 and asked Trustees interesting in joining the Annual Pilgrimage to please contact the school.

1.3 Knights of Columbus Bishop's Charities Dinner – October 22, 2016

Director Crocco announced the Knights of Columbus Bishop's Charities Dinner will be held on October 22, 2016 and a table of 12 has been reserved for Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Trustees were invited to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

1.4 2017 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit and Student Trustee Alumnus Award

Director Crocco informed Trustees that nominations for the 2017 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit must be received in the OCSTA office by 12:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2017.

1.5 2017 OCSTA Catholic Trustees' Seminar – January 12-14, 2017

Director Crocco presented the agenda and reminded Trustees of the 2017 OCSTA Catholic Trustees' Seminar being held January 13-14, 2017 at the Hilton Mississauga Meadowvale.

To ensure Trustees attending have a room at the hotel Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Under the coordinated leadership of Superintendent Farrell, the Board's Ad Hoc Committee for the Attendance Area Review in Niagara Falls will be meeting shortly to commence the process towards a recommendation to the January 2017 Committee of the Whole.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 10:07 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 11, 2016.

CARRIED

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the October 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 11, 2016.**

Approved on **November 8, 2016.**

Kathy Burtnik
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer