



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 13, 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-Chairperson Burtnik.

#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Sicoli

2. Roll Call

Trustee Charbonneau was excused from the 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	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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 Vernal

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

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Fera with Item F9 of the In Camera Agenda. Trustee Fera has family members who are employees of the Board. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 14, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 14, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan**

**6.2 Renaming of Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School**

**6.3 Naming Request – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Centre – Located in the Former Village of St. John, Thorold**

**6.4 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2016-2017 for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

**6.5 Capital Projects Update**

Trustee Sicoli requested Item 6.2 and 6.4 be held. These items were moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C of the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items 6.1, 6.2 and 6.5.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2016-2017 School Year**

John Crocco, Director of Education Secretary/Treasurer and Senior Administrative Council welcomed the Board to the new school year and presented a visual report which provided information and update on the beginning of the new school year, summer activities, System Priorities, enrolment, staffing and budget updates.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

On behalf of the Trustees, Vice-Chair Burtnik expressed appreciation to Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council for the thoroughness of the report and all of the work of staff over the summer months in preparation for a new year.

### **2. Monthly Updates**

#### **2.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Kira Petriello and Nico Tripodi Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

### **3. Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

#### **Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

Each year approximately 140 students in Grades 7 and 8 across Ontario are selected to participate in the Legislative Page Program at Queen's Park. Jackson Louws, a Grade 8 student and Student Senator from St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Snyder, has been selected for this program and will serve his term of duties from November 14, 2016 to December 9, 2016.

### **4. Consent Agenda Item 6.2 Renaming of Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees

### **5. Consent Agenda Item 6.4 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2016-2017 for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 21, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 21, 2016 issue for Trustees information.

**1.2 Calendar of Events – September 2016**

Director Crocco presented the September 2016 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

**1.3 28.8: The Power of Teamwork**

Director Crocco highlighted the St. Catharines Standard and The New York Times articles dated August 26, 2016 and September 4, 2016 on the Board's Power of Teamwork partnership.

**1.4 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 14, 2016**

Director Crocco Director presented the Agenda for the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 14, 2016.

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

**1.5 OCSTA – 2016 Fall Regional Meeting – September 20, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA 2016 fall regional meeting dates for Trustee information and registration.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**1.6 Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade – September 24, 2016**

Director Crocco informed the Board that Niagara Catholic will once again participate in the Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade on September 24, 2016.

All Trustees were invited to walk in the annual parade with the Board and asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**1.7 OCSTA 2016 Annual Adult Faith Formation Conference – September 29-30, 2016**

Director Crocco presented the Agenda and Registration form for the OCSTA 2016 Annual Adult Faith Formation Conference – September 29-30, 2016

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

**1.1** Director Crocco informed the Board that the annual System Priorities Final Achievement Report for the 2015-2016 school year will be presented at the September Board Meeting.

**1.2** Director Crocco announced that with the Board approved timelines for the implementation of the Board's Long Term Accommodations Plan; in the near future Superintendent Farrell and Controller Whitwell will be in contact with the Ad Hoc Committee members regarding a first meeting date.

## **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 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 10:24 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 13, 2016.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on June 14, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on June 14, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F6.1)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.1)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.2)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F6.1)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F9 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F9)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

**THAT** the September 13, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 13, 2016.**

Approved on **October 11, 2016.**

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Kathy Burtnik  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer