



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May, 2017 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 Vernal

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Burtnik noted that Chair MacNeil was excused, Trustee Nieuwesteeg will be late and Trustee Charbonneau was present electronically.

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 Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2017, 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 April 4, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 4, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 25, 2017**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 25, 2017, as presented.

**6.2 Monthly Financial Reports Policy (600.3)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Monthly Financial Reports Policy (600.3), as presented.

**6.3 Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7), as presented.

**6.4 Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11), as presented.

**6.5 Occupational Health & Safety Policy (201.6)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Occupational Health & Safety Policy (201.6), as presented.

**6.6 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.7 Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

**6.8 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Director Crocco along with Senior Administrative Council presented the monthly System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 Update.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

Trustee Nieuwesteeg entered the meeting at this time.

**2. Executive Summary of the Grants for Student Needs 2017-2018**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Grants for Student Needs 2017-2018 report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2017-2018**

Director Crocco along with Senior Administrative Council presented the System Priorities 2017-2018 report.

Director Crocco, Senior Administrative Council and Trustees engaged in dialogue throughout the presentation.

Suggestions and recommendations by Trustees were incorporated into the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2017-2018.

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2017-2018, as discussed.

**CARRIED**

4. **Interim Final Staff Report for the Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Modified Pupil Accommodation Review**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education along with Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services presented the Interim Final Staff Report for the Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Modified Pupil Accommodation Review for information.

Superintendent Farrell answered questions of Trustees.

5. **Monthly Updates**

5.1 **Student Trustees' Update**

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

5.2 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Farrell**

- St. Alfred Eagles and St. Ann Stallions competed in the VEX Robotics event and won gold medals in their respective categories. The Eagles topped the category for students in Grades 4-6, while the Stallions won gold for Grade 7 and 8 competitors.
- St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School "Nurdles" came first at the Regional Lego Robotics Competition in St. Catharines and received the Champion's Award at the Ontario Innovation competition in Toronto. They are nominated to present at the Global Innovation Award in Washington DC. Their Bee Hydration Station invention is currently being pursued for a patent by a local company.

**Superintendent Lefebvre**

- On May 1 & 2, 2017, students who placed gold at the Niagara Catholic District School Board's Technological Skills Competition competed at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition at the Toronto Congress Centre. Our students did exceptionally well. Congratulations to Hunter Spicer from Saint Paul Catholic High School and Nicholas Ierfino from Saint Michael Catholic High School, who will compete at the Skills Canada National Competition which will take place at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, from May 31 to June 3, 2017.

**Superintendent Baldasaro**

- Malcolm VanDenHurk and Noah Ferguson, two Grade 10 students from Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, scored in the top 15% Canada wide in this year's Michael Smith Science Challenge, a contest sponsored by the University of British Columbia as part of the university's Physics and Astronomy Outreach. This national competition is named after Nobel Prize Canadian scientist Michael Smith, emphasizes logical and creative thinking, and covers material in the science curriculum common to all Canadian provinces.
- Chris Zhao, another Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School student, scored 45th out of 1957 participants who wrote world-wide the University of Waterloo Sir Isaac Newton Grade 12 Physics contest, scoring in the 97.7<sup>th</sup> percentile.

**Director Crocco**

- Five Niagara Catholic District School Board Alumni were recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award on May 5, 2017. This year's five award recipients were athlete Bruno Agostinelli, which was presented posthumously, author Christine Dernerlanden, scientist Philip Eles, author and filmmaker Laura Rietveld, and military commander John Zorz. The luncheon was presented by Chef Begin and the culinary students of Notre Dame College School. The Notre Dame College Jazz Band performed during the annual event.

**D. INFORMATION**

**1. Trustee Information**

**1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 25, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 25, 2017 issue for Trustees information.

**1.2 Calendar of Events – May 2017**

Director Crocco presented the May 2017 Calendar of Events for Trustees information and noted the following events;

May 18, 2017 – Annual Graduation Celebration at the Gale Centre, Niagara Falls at 10:00 a.m.

May 18, 2017 – Partners in Catholic Education at the Americana Conference Resort, Niagara Falls at 5:30 p.m.

May 25, 2017 – Catholic Education Congress – Festival of Faith at Saint Michael Catholic High School at 4:00 p.m. and if any Trustees are interested in playing soccer to let Anna Pisano know.

May 29, 2017 – Special Board Meeting at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

**1.3 OCSTA Information – April 21 & 28, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the April 21 & 28, 2017 information provided by OCSTA from Enterprise Canada.

**1.4 Renewing the Promise Symposium**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the memo sent to all Trustees, all staff and all partners inviting participation, consultation and engagement in the Renewing the Promise Symposium. Director Crocco noted the May 19, 2017 deadline to provide comments.

Director Crocco provided an update on the media coverage of Carousel Players and the decision to cancel the four remaining performances as the content of the play was not age appropriate for a predominantly primary student audience and went beyond the description of the play.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board extend the meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 Director Crocco announced that with the Special Board meeting on May 29, 2017 for the consolidation of Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School a final decision will be brought forward at the June Board meeting for the consideration of the Board.
- 1.2 Director Crocco informed the Board of the continued design of the Balanced Budget for 2017-2018 for presentation at the May Board meeting.
- 1.3 Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the 3:30 p.m. start time for the May 23, 2017 Policy meeting, the Design of Budget 2017-2018 at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 and Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**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 9:42 p.m. and reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2017.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**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 April 4, 2017, 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 April 4, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

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

**CARRIED (Item F6)**

## H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the May 9, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 9, 2017.**

Approved on **June 13, 2017.**

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Kathy Burtnik  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer