



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 28, 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 Chair MacNeil.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

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 Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2017, amended:

DEFER TO APRIL 4, 2017 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

ITEM C2

ITEM C4

ITEM C6

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2017

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 7, 2017 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 7, 2017, as presented.

6.1.1 Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8), as presented.

6.1.2 Catholic School Councils Policy (800.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Catholic School Councils Policy (800.1), as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of February 1, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 1, 2017, as presented.

6.3 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6 and F7

Trustee Sicoli requested Item F7 of the In-Camera agenda be held.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Michael Catholic Elementary School

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Blaine MacDougall, Principal of St. Michael Catholic Elementary School.

Principal MacDougall, with the assistance of students showcased St. Michael Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil along with Trustee Fera thanked Principal MacDougall and the students for their presentation.

2. Niagara Catholic Alternative Learning Program

Deferred to April Committee of the Whole meeting.

3. Award of Construction Contract for Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby Catholic Elementary School Addition

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Award of Construction Contract for Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby Catholic Elementary School addition.

Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Award of Construction Contract for Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby Catholic Elementary School Addition to Brouwer Construction (1981) Ltd. With a total project cost of \$4,525,228.

CARRIED

4. System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Update

Deferred to April 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Financial Reports as at February 28, 2017

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Reports as at February 28, 2017 for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

6. Senior Staff Good News Update

Deferred to April 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco indicated that Senior Administrative Council continues building the System Priorities and Balanced Budget 2017-2018 and that Phase 2 Long Term Accommodation Plan continues to be developed.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 7, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the March 7, 2017 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2017

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – April, 2017 for Trustees information.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the System Priorities open discussion at 5:00 p.m. April 4, 2017 prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.3 OCSTA Information – March 3, 10 and 17, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Information of March 3, 10 and 17, 2017 for information.

4.4 OCSTA Resolutions

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Resolutions report.

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education announced the outcome of the Award of Distinction committee meeting. The Committee decided that nominations for 2017 will be deferred to the 2018 Award of Distinction presentation at the annual Bishop's Gala.

5. **Open Question Period**

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 7:34 p.m. and reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2017.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of February 28, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of March 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 February 28, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of March 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Following the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting Chair MacNeil announced that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the Collective Agreement between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Niagara Elementary Unit of OECTA Collective Bargaining Agreement, September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2017, as presented and that it was unanimously approved.

Student Trustees Nico Tripodi and Kira Petriello Petriello issued the following statement;

"On behalf of Kira, myself and all students of Niagara Catholic, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all Educational Assistants, Early Childhood Educators, LTO Teachers, Child and Youth Workers, Librarians, Custodians, Principals, Vice Principals, Chaplains, Administrative Assistants and every other individual who put in extra hours of work to maintain the distinctly wonderful culture of our Catholic elementary schools throughout the duration of last week's lockout. This evident dedication to your school communities is a testament to the professionalism, passion and faith that governs the entirety of Niagara Catholic. We the students thank you."

Trustee Charbonneau asked Trustees to keep the Dumas family in their prayers and Vice-Chair Burtnik asked to keep the Harris family in their prayers as well.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the March 28, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 28, 2017**.

Approved on **April 25, 2017**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer