



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 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 Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Burkholder

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Luca DiPietro	✓			
Sydney Yott	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

Vice-Chair Sicoli took this opportunity to welcome Director Cipriano, Superintendents Kinney, Pizzoferrato and Controller Euale.

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 September 15, 2020, 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 June 9, 2020

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of DATE, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burkholder requested Item A6.2 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to section C4.

6.3 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2020-2021 School Year and Niagara Catholic Reopening Plan Updates

Director Cipriano and members of Senior Administrative Council presented the Introduction to the 2020-2021 School year and Niagara Catholic Reopening Plan Updates report.

Director Cipriano and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

2. Accountability Financial Report as of August 31, 2020

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Accountability Financial Report as of August 31, 2020.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

3. Monthly Updates

3.1 Student Trustees' Update

Sydney Yott and Luca DiPietro, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

3.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Controller Clark Euale

- The following funds have been distributed through the good work of facilities staff to families in need; Niagara Nutritions Partners - \$99,635, Pro Grant Funds - \$13,050, Supporting Students and Families Fund - \$13,000, Niagara Community Foundation Grant - \$10,000, Helping Hands - \$6,800, Foundation for Catholic Education - \$2,000, United Way and the Niagara Nutrition Partner's Pencil Case Initiative supplied 20 Niagara Catholic schools with 40 pencil cases filled with supplies and a \$25.00 gift card. The Food for Kids provided prepacked food bags since March to Niagara Catholic families in need. The community garden tended by facilities services staff donated the seasonal harvest to the Mission in Welland, the Hope Centre Food Bank in Welland and Project Share in Niagara Falls.

Superintendent Kimberly Kinney

- Last week St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School welcomed Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, Chair Fera, Vice-Chair Sicoli, Director Cipriano and a representative from our coterminous board to celebrate plans for a joint new school in Wainfleet.

Superintendent Gino Pizzoferrato

- Superintendent Pizzoferrato wished to acknowledge the positive experiences when visiting Niagara Catholic schools this past week. During these very stressful and uncertain times he was met with optimism and a genuine willingness by staff to do what is right at all costs for the success of their students.

4. **Consent Agenda Item A6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

D. INFORMATION

1. **Trustee Information**

Director Cipriano confirmed presentation of items D1.1 to D1.3 for the information or questions of Trustees.

1.1 **Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 23, 2020**

1.2 **Calendar of Events – September 2020**

1.3 **OCSTA 2020 Fall Regional Virtual Meeting – September 22, 2020**

E. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Nil

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Moody

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 9:13 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Moody

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers

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 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers

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 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the September 15, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 15, 2020.**

Approved on **October 13, 2020.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer