



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, December 5, 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 7:15 p.m. by Vice-Chair Vernal.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Vernal noted that Trustees Charbonneau and Fera asked to be excused.

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				
Nico Tripodi	✓			
Hannah Tummillo	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Coordinator of Information Management/Privacy and Freedom of Information

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 5, 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 November 7, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of November 21, 2017**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of November 21, 2017, as presented.

6.2 **Trustee Expenses & Reimbursement Policy (100.13)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Trustee Expenses & Reimbursement Policy (100.13), as presented.

6.3 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.4 **Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

6.5 **In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Culture of Life and Lead Out Loud Conferences

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader, and Teri Cristelli, Arts and Student Leadership Consultant, who highlighted the Culture of Life Conference 2017 report.

Student Trustees Nico Tripodi and Hannah Tumnillo spoke to the Annual Lead Out Loud Conference 2017, and provided a visual presentation. The Student Trustees thanked the Board for their continued support of student leadership.

Vice-Chair Vernal thanked the Student Trustees for all that they do for the students of Niagara Catholic.

2. Niagara Catholic French Immersion Program Update 2017-2020

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Mary Vetere, French as a Second Language Consultant, who presented an update on the continued growth of the Niagara Catholic French Immersion Program.

Trustees were provided with a summary of the 2017-2018 French Immersion sites, grades taught and the enrolment in each class.

Trustees asked questions of Superintendent Baldasaro and Ms. Vetere.

3. Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodations Review Guidelines Submission

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services, who presented the report on the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodations Review Guidelines Submission.

The report outlined the Ministry of Education's request for school boards to provide input into potential changes to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines, March 2015, and how to support improved co-ordination of community infrastructure planning, which includes revising the Community Planning and Partnerships Guidelines.

Following the presentation of Senior Staff's draft responses to the Ministry's questions, Trustees suggested amendments to the recommendation(s).

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole endorse the report to the Ministry of Education's proposed revisions to the Pupil Accommodations Review Guidelines and Community Planning and Partnership Guidelines as amended.

CARRIED

4. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018 Update

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented the December Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018 Update for the information.

Director Crocco and members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

5. Monthly Updates

5.1 Student Trustees' Update

Nico Tripodi and Hannah Tumnillo, 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

- To spread some holiday cheer and promote wellness, 50 students from 4 secondary schools (2 schools from Niagara Catholic) painted seasonal pictures in 10 different units of the St. Catharines General Hospital,
- Congratulations were extended to 2 students at Blessed Trinity Catholic who recently signed rowing scholarships with Jacksonville University and Notre Dame University.
- Students from the Niagara Catholic Launch Centre made and installed benches at the Welland Bus Terminal, as well as bicycle racks throughout the City of Welland.

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- Congratulations were extended to Maria Brgan, a Grade 6 teacher at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School, for being the recipient of the First Book Canada Reading Celebration in St. Catharines. A special event will be held at the school in the new year featuring a local Niagara author reading to the students and talking about writing. Photos from the celebration will be shared with First Book Canada with the consent of the children, their parents, and staff. First Book Canada will also buy a copy of the author's book for each student for their home libraries. In addition to this event, a \$2,000 First Book Canada Marketplace gift code will be presented to the school for the purchase of books and educational resources.

6. Consent Agenda Item A6.1

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 21, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 21, 2017 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – December 2017

Director Crocco presented the December 2017 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

1.3 OCSTA Information – November 24, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Information from November 24, 2017

1.4 OCSTA Memorandum – Progressive Conservative Election Platform 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding Progressive Conservative Election Platform 2018.

1.5 Community Planning and Partnerships Annual Meeting – December 13, 2017

Director Crocco presented information on the Community Planning and Partnerships Annual Meeting taking place on December 13, 2017.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1.1 Director Crocco provided the Board with plans for future action.

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 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 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 December 5, 2017.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

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 November 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

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 November 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the December 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 5, 2017.**

Approved on **January 16, 2017.**

Pat Vernal
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer