



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 7, 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 Fera

2. Roll Call

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; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 7, 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 October 10, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 24, 2017**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 24, 2017, as presented.

6.2 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.3 **Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

6.4 **In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Pilgrimage 2017

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education introduced Lidia Di Lorenzo, Religion & Family Life Consultant, who presented information on Pilgrimage Sunday, held on October 29, 2017.

Student testimonials from each Catholic secondary school and a visual presentation capturing all of the Pilgrimages 2017 were shared with the Committee of the Whole.

Vice-Chair Burtnik thanked the “pilgrims” and their organizational committees for their commitment to the annual pilgrimage.

Trustee O'Leary and Trustee Fera expressed their pride in the student's involvement and their expression of faith and love for one another as witnessed by their participation in Pilgrimage 2017.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Teacher of the Blind and Low Vision – Meeting the Unique Educational Needs of Students with Visual Impairments Through Instructional Strategies and Technology

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education introduced Carole Vanderlee, Teacher of the Blind and Low Vision.

Ms. Vanderlee showcased the role and support for students of the Teacher of the Blind and Low Vision by meeting the unique educational needs of students with visual impairments through instructional strategies and technology.

Ms. Vanderlee answered questions of Trustees.

Vice-Chair Burtnik thanked Ms. Vanderlee for the insight into the needs for students with visual impairments her role in meeting those needs.

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

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

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

3. Monthly Updates

3.1 Student Trustees' Update

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

Chair MacNeil thanked Student Trustees Nico Tripodi and Hannah Tummillo for their involvement with the Student Senate.

3.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- On Friday, October 27, 2017, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, in partnership with the Ontario government hosted the Jumpstart Games for 300 female students ages eight to fourteen, from five Niagara Catholic schools: Assumption Catholic, St. Michael Catholic, Canadian Martyrs Catholic, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic, and St. Alfred Catholic Elementary Schools at Ridley College. Students rotated through different stations to develop and demonstrate their skills in physical literacy. Jumpstart's Women and Girls in Sport Initiative encourages girls to be active, creating a new generation of female sport leaders promoting diversity, accessibility, and inclusion. Thirty female students from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School participated in a Youth Leadership workshop led by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport (CAAWS). The secondary students participated as student leaders at the Jumpstart Games, and were also given the opportunity to enrol in a local Jumpstart-funded Fundamental Movement Skills workshop on November 18, 2017. MPP Jim Bradley, Olympic Bronze medalist, Brittany MacLean, and Paralympic hopeful Claire Buchanan joined Niagara Catholic staff and students at the Games.

Superintendent Baldasaro

- On November 3, 2017 Superintendent Iannantuono and Superintendent Baldasaro joined Trustee Fera, Trustee Sicoli, Director Crocco along with Administrators and staff from St. Denis Catholic, St. Alexander Catholic, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary and other schools in support of Principal Kevin Lamb of St. Denis Catholic and Principal Crocco of St. Alexander Catholic at the Merrition Arena for the 3rd Annual Murphy's Kids Charity Boxing Event. Principal Crocco, Principal Lamb and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary student Dylan Maisonneuve boxed in three charity bouts against members of the St. Catharines and area boxing club as part of a 10 bout boxing card. The money raised through the Murphy's Kids Program provides for free boxing lessons for students from low income families. The club presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to Principal Lamb for the breakfast program at St. Denis Catholic.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 24, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 24, 2017 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – November 2017

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

1.3 OCSTA Memorandum – 2018 AGM & Conference Resolutions

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the final deadline date for receipt of resolutions into the OCSTA office is 12:00 p.m. January 31, 2018

1.4 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 5, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

1.5 December Committee of the Whole – December 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Committee of the Whole Meeting will follow the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

1.6 Annual Faith Formation for Priests, Trustees, Administrators & Chaplains – December 13, 2017

Director Crocco asked Trustees to confirm their attendance to the Annual Administrators, Trustees, Parish Priests, Faith Formation of December 13, 2017 beginning 11:00 a.m. with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

1.7 OCSTA 2018 Catholic Trustees Seminar – January 19 & 20, 2018

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the OCSTA 2018 Catholic Trustees Seminar taking place on January 19 & 20, 2018.

Director Crocco asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Director Crocco announced the continued implementation of the System Priorities.
- 1.2 Superintendent Vetrone continues to work with the auditors for a report to the November Board of the Financial Statements for 2016-2017
- 1.3 As part of our Open Houses, Niagara Catholic will continue to expand our French Immersion Program across the system by adding an additional grade. Superintendent Baldasaro and her team are monitoring the enrolment and will be presenting an information report to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting on the expansion of the program.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Vernal

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 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 7, 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 October 10, 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 October 10, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 7, 2017.**

Approved on **December 5, 2017.**

Kathy Burtnik
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer