



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 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 Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder.

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera 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				
Jade Bilodeau	✓			
Madison McKinney	✓			

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 Kathy Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Rhianon Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of December 18, 2018, as presented.

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

5.1 November 27, 2018

Moved by Trustee Daniel Moody
Seconded by Trustee Dino Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 27, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 December 4, 2018

Moved by Trustee Daniel Moody
Seconded by Trustee Dino Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 4, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 4, 2018 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of December 4, 2018, as presented.

6.1.1 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 November 7, 2018

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 7, 2018, as presented.

6.3 Appointment of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee Members

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2018-2022:

Anna Racine – Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario (Niagara Chapter)
Pina Palombo – Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Primary
Rob Lavorato – Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Alternate
Bill Helmeczi – Pathstone Mental Health
Andrew Howcroft – Community Living Welland/Pelham – Primary
Michael Jacques – Community Living Welland/Pelham – Alternate
Dorothy Harvey – Niagara Children’s Centre
Rita Smith – Community Living Port Colborne/Wainfleet
Ted Nangle – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region
Lorraine Smith – Mainstream
Karen Murphy – Autism Ontario Niagara Region

6.4 Director of Education’s Annual Report 2018

Presented for information.

6.5 Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Presented for information.

6.6 In-Camera Items F1, F3, F4 & F5

Moved by Trustee Leanne Prince
Seconded by Trustee Kathy Burtnik

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Christmas Cards 2018

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, present the report on Christmas Cards 2018. She noted that all schools throughout Niagara Catholic were invited to submit artwork designed by their students in order to create the 2018 Niagara Catholic Christmas Cards.

The students whose artwork was selected for the Board’s Christmas cards were introduced by Superintendent Baldasaro. Chair Fera, Trustees Prince, Burtnik, Huibers & Moody, and Director Crocco presented the students with Excellence in the Arts pins as well as a plaqued picture of their artwork.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Rosetta Araujo, Principal of St. Mary Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Araujo, with the assistance of students and staff showcased St. Mary Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair Fera thanked Principal Araujo, the staff and students for their presentation and performance and noted this was the last of the School Excellence Programs.

Following a discussion, the following motion was put forth;

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the School Excellence Program be added to the January 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for further discussion.

CARRIED

2. Catholic Education in Niagara

Director Crocco presented the deferred report on Catholic Education in Niagara. He stated that the video presentation captures and highlights a sample of the many exceptional faith based programs and services provided to Niagara Catholic's students.

Director Crocco acknowledged Chris Beattie, Teacher at Saint Michael Catholic Secondary School and Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer for the production of the video.

3. Trustee Honorarium for the Year December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019

Director Crocco presented the Trustee Honorarium report for the year December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

Moved by Trustee Kathy Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Leanne Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Honorarium for the year period from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019, as noted in Appendix A, as follows:

\$16,673 for the Chairperson of the Board

\$13,636 for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board

\$10,599 for the Other Trustees

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Revised Estimates for the Year 2018-2019

Director Crocco introduced the Revised Estimates 2018-2019 report.

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the report on the Revised Estimates for the Year 2018-2019.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees agreed that a letter of dismay to the Premier of Ontario on the proposed reduction and elimination of EPO funding be send by the Chair of the Board with a copy to all Trustees, OCSTA and local MPP's.

Moved by Trustee Leanne Prince
Seconded by Trustee Daniel Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Revised Estimates for the Year 2018-2019, as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Financial Report as at November 30, 2018

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report as at November 30, 2018 for information.

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 staff is preparing reports for upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings on the Annual Mid Year System Priority Achievement Report, the impact of the in year reduction in EPO's, the Joint Use School Proposal in Wainfleet and the consultation process for the design of the System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 4, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the December 4, 2018 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – January 2019

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – January 2019 for Trustees information.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Catholic Education Centre will be closed December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019 inclusive.

4.3 Ontario Legislative Highlights – December 7 & 14, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the Ontario Legislative Highlights from December 7 & 14, 2018.

4.4 OCSTA 2019 Catholic Trustees Seminar – January 17-19, 2019

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA 2019 Catholic Trustees Seminar on January 17-19, 2019. and noted presentations by Trustee Burtnik and Director Crocco to Trustees.

4.5 OCSTA 2018 Annual Finance Brief: “Partners in Excellence: Balancing Equity & Efficiency”

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA 2018 Annual Finance Brief: “Partners in Excellence: Balancing Equity & Efficiency”.

4.6 OCSTA Memorandum – Bill 66: Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding Bill 66: Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act, 2018.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Moody noted that he will notify the Board of Trustees that at the January 2019 Board meeting he will be submitting a notice of motion to terminate the current survey. For reasons that he will state in the notice of motion, his request at this time is to place the survey on hold until such time that the motion is presented, discussed and voted upon by the new Board of Trustees.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 9:04 p.m. and reconvened at 10:14 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of December 18, 2018.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Leanne Prince
Seconded by Trustee Kathy Burtnik

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 November 27, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Leanne Prince

Seconded by Trustee Kathy Burtnik

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 November 27, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Daniel Moody

Seconded by Trustee Leanne Prince

THAT the December 18, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 18, 2018**.

Approved on **January 29, 2019**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer