



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 24, 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 Fera.

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustee Charbonneau and Trustee Nieuwesteeg asked to be excused and Trustee Burtnik joined electronically.

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 Fera
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of October 24, 2017, 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 of September 26, 2017

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 26, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Sicoli requested Items F7 and F8 be held.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2017 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of October 10, 2017, as presented.

6.1.1 Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3), as presented.

6.1.2 Education Research Policy (800.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Education Research Policy (800.5), as presented.

6.1.3 Student Fees Policy (301.11)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Fees Policy (301.11), as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of June 7, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of June 7, 2017, as presented.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of September 6, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 6, 2017, as presented.

6.4 Appointment of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Member 2014-2018

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representative to serve as a Special Education Advisory Committee member for the term of 2014-2018:

Brittani Ali – Learning disabilities Association of Niagara Region

6.5 Unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee – Building on today Meeting of October 17, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee – Building on Today Meeting of October 17, 2017, as presented.

6.5.1 Ad Hoc Committee – Building on Today Terms of Reference

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Ad Hoc Committee – Building on Today Terms of Reference, as presented.

6.6 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee 2017-2018

Presented for information.

6.7 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6, F7 and F8

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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. Peter Catholic Elementary School

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Victoria Wegelin, Principal of St. Peter Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Wegelin, with the assistance of students, parents and staff showcased St. Peter Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil and Trustee Burtnik thanked Principal Wegelin, the staff, students and parents for their presentation.

2. Financial Report 2016-2017 as at August 31, 2017

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report 2016-2017 for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in;

1.1 October 3, 2017 Trillium Lakelands District School Board Letter to Ministry of Education

1.2 Vincent's Thrift Store E-Mail

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco noted progress on a number of System Priorities reports to inform the Board as required in this year's System Priorities and Ministry of Education meetings that members of Senior Staff will be attending in preparation to design next year's 2018-2019 System Priorities and Budget starting in the new year.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 10, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the October 10, 2017 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – November 2017

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

4.3 OCSTA Information – October 13 & 20, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Information from October 13 & 20, 2017.

4.4 OCSTA October 17, 2017 Memorandum – Revisions to the Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Partnership Guideline

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA October 17, 2017 Memorandum – Revisions to the Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Partnership Guideline and noted the deadline for feedback submission is due Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Provided with the memorandum was a copy of the questions downloaded from the Ministry of Education website. Superintendent of Business & Financial Services will present a draft submission report from Senior Administrative Council for the review and additional input from Trustees at the December Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.5 Pilgrimage Sunday – October 29, 2017

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the annual Pilgrimage is being held on Sunday, October 29, 2016 at each Niagara Catholic Secondary School.

Trustees who wish to attend Pilgrimage 2017 were asked to contact the secondary school for the schools itinerary.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of October 24, 2017.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 September 26, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 October 10, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 September 26, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 October 10, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Committee of the Whole meeting for November will be held on November 7, 2017.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the October 24, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 24, 2017**.

Approved on **November 21, 2017**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer