



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 8, 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 MacNeil for Vice-Chair Vernal. Trustee Sicoli served as Vice-Chair for this meeting.

#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustee Vernal and Trustee Charbonneau 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				✓
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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 O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2018, 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 April 10, 2018**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 24, 2018**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 24, 2018, as presented.

**6.2 Christian Community Service Policy (400.3)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Christian Community Service Policy (400.3), as presented.

**6.3 Notre Dame College Family of Schools Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the following revisions occur to the current attendance area boundaries for St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School and St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School and approve the recommendations as presented.

1. **THAT** as of May 23, 2018 the boundary description for St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School be revised from:

East: Commencing on the Welland Canal to the Old Welland Canal to

South: City Boundary (Thorold & Welland) to Line Ave (excluding) to the Town Boundary (Pelham & Welland) to Foss Rd (excluding) to

West: Effingham St to Wessel Dr to

North: the Town Boundary (Pelham & St Catharines) to the township lot line between lots 63 and 64 and lots 86 and 87 to Seburn Rd (excluding – and its projection) to Merrittville Hwy (excluding) to Holland Rd (excluding) to Hansler Rd

(excluding) to a line halfway between Holland and Barron Rds to the point of commencement on the Welland Canal

To now be described as:

East: Commencing on the Welland Canal to the Old Welland Canal to

South: Hwy 406 to Merritt Road (centreline) to Niagara Street (centreline) to the City Boundary (Thorold and Welland) to Line Ave (excluding) to the Town Boundary (Pelham & Welland) to Foss Road (excluding) to

West: Effingham Street to Wessel Drive to

North: the Town Boundary (Pelham & St. Catharines) to the township lot line between lots 63 and 64 and lots 86 and 87 to Seburn Road (excluding – and its projection) to Merrittville Hwy (excluding) to Holland Road (excluding) to Hansler Road (excluding) to a line halfway between Holland and Barron Roads to the point of commencement on the Welland Canal

2. **THAT** as of May 8, 2018, the boundary description for St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School be revised from:

East: Commencing on the Old Welland Canal to

South: the Welland River to Prince Charles Dr (centreline) to

West: Rice Rd (centreline) to Rolling Acres Dr (centreline) to First Ave (centreline) to

North: the City Boundary (Welland & Thorold) to the point of commencement on the Old Welland Canal

To now be described as:

East: Commencing on the Old Welland Canal to

South: the Welland River to Prince Charles Drive (centreline) to

West: Rice Road (centreline) to Rolling Acres Drive (centreline) to First Avenue (centreline) to

North: the City Boundary (Welland & Thorold) to Niagara Street (centreline) to Merritt Road (centreline) to Hwy 406 to the point of commencement on the Old Welland Canal

**6.4 Denis Morris, Holy Cross and Saint Francis Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the following revisions occur to the current attendance area boundaries for Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School and approve the recommendations as presented.

1. **THAT** as of May 23, 2018 the boundary description for Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School be revised from:
- East: Commencing on the Niagara River
  - South: the Town Boundary (Niagara on the Lake & Niagara Falls)
  - West: the Welland Canal to the QEW to Lake St (centreline) to Linwell Rd (centreline) to Walker Ave (excluding) to Glen Park Rd (excluding – and its projection) to Vine St (centreline) to
  - North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on the Niagara River

To now be described as

- East: Commencing on the Niagara River
- South: the Town Boundary (Niagara on the Lake & Niagara Falls)
- West: the Welland Canal to the QEW to Lake Street (centreline) to Linwell Road (centreline) to Vine Street (centreline) to
- North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on the Niagara River

2. **THAT** as of May 23, 2018, the boundary description for Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School be revised from:

- East: Commencing on Vine St (centreline and its projection) to Glen Park Rd (and its projection) to Walker Ave to Linwell Rd (centreline) to Lake St (centreline) to the QEW to Geneva St (centreline) to
- South: Maple St to Catherine St to Beech St (and its projection ) to the Twelve Mile Creek to Ridley Rd to the CNR to
- West: First St Louth to Hwy 406 to the QEW to the Fifteen Mile Creek to
- North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on Vine St

To now be described as:

- East: Commencing on Vine Street (centerline) to Linwell Road (centreline) to Lake Street (centreline) to the QEW to Geneva Street (centreline) to
- South: Maple Street to Catherine Street to Beech Street (and its projection ) to the Twelve Mile Creek to Ridley Road to the CNR to
- West: First Street Louth to Hwy 406 to the QEW to the Fifteen Mile Creek to
- North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on Vine Street

**6.5 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.6 Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

**6.7 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

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

**2. Niagara Catholic Summer Camp 2018**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education presented background information on Niagara Catholic Summer Camp 2018 and introduced Jennifer Pirosko, Coordinator of Student Success and Mario DiVittorio, Acting Principal, Continuing Education.

Ms. Pirosko and Mr. DiVittorio provided an overview of the progress of this year's Niagara Catholic Summer Camp program.

Ms. Pirosko and Mr. DiVittorio answered questions of Trustees.

**3. Niagara Catholic Three Year Theological Theme 2018-2021**

Director Crocco presented background information on Niagara Catholic Three Year Theological Theme and introduced Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader.

Ms. Wood presented the Niagara Catholic Three Year Theological Theme 2018-2021.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic Three Year Theological Theme 2018-2021, "Seeds of Faith: Mass, Mercy, Mission", as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2018-2019**

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2018-2019.

Discussion took place and the suggestion to include "Continue to address the special needs of students on the margin" to the System Priorities and "Engage the social teachings of the Church to the marginalized students within our system" to the action plan was implemented.

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2018-2019, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. Monthly Updates**

**5.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Nico Tripodi and Hannah Tummillo, 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**

- At the June 20, 2018 Annual General Meeting of the John Howard Society Brenda Allington, Stay in School Counselor at Pope Francis Centre will be receiving the Community Appreciation Award. John Howard has recognized Brenda as an integral

part of their Youth Justice Program and has been a champion in helping students reach their goals in achieving an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School held an art auction on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 to support Pathstone Mental Health. The show featured art and photography by Holy Cross students organized by teacher Catherine Chin-Yet and raised \$
- The 2012 Notre Dame College girls Lacrosse team was inducted to the Welland Sports Wall of Fame Sunday May 6, 2018.

#### **Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**

- Alexander Annunziata from St. James Catholic is to be commended for his loving act of kindness and continued support to the “Wigs for Kids” organization in St. Catharines. Last year, Alexander, along with his mother donated 12 inches of hair each, along with \$615.00 that was raised by Alexander. This Saturday, May 12, 2018, Alexander will once again be donating his hair to create wigs for patients that undergo different treatments for different illnesses along with donations that he has collected over the past three weeks.

#### **Superintendent Rocca**

- The Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) staff of the Student Support Department have had the opportunity to provide a rich experience of visual, dramatic and musical art to a group of eight students with autism, ranging from grades three to six. Throughout a period of five weeks, these students have participated in an after school program with an ABA focus on social skills enriched through the arts. The original story is about celebrating differences and working with others to help us find our way. The production has been filmed and will be presented at a special premiere at Saint Michael Catholic High School on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 24, 2018**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 24, 2018 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – May 2018**

Director Crocco presented the May 2018 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

#### **1.3 Ontario Legislative Highlights – April 27, 2018 and May 4, 2018**

Director Crocco highlighted the Ontario Legislative Highlights of April 27, 2018 and May 4, 2018.

#### **1.4 Partners in Catholic Education – May 17, 2018**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the annual Partners in Catholic Education evening on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Americana Banquet & Conference Centre.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

Director Crocco presented a hard copy of the Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education – *Renewing the Promise* and noted that hard copies are in the process of being distributed to all staff and all Pastors. An electronic copy has been placed on the Diocese and the Board websites.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 Director Crocco informed the Board of the continued design of a Balanced Budget for 2018-2019 with a presentation at the May 22, 2018 Board meeting.

## **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 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 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 May 8, 2018.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 April 10, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**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 April 10, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee

**THAT** the May 8, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 8, 2018.**

Approved on **June 12, 2018.**

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer