



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Huibers.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder.

2. Roll Call

Chair Huibers 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 | | | | |
| Luca DiPietro | | ✓ | | |
| Sydney Yott | | ✓ | | |

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Huibers with Items F6.3 and F9.1 of the In Camera Agenda. He left the meeting during discussion of these items.

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Fera and Moody with Item F6.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting

5.1 March 23, 2021

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 23, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 April 7, 2021

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 7, 2021, as amended.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Director Cipriano requested Item A6.4 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 23, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of March 23, 2021, as presented.

6.2 Approval of Policies

6.2.1 Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)

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

6.2.2 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8), as presented.

6.2.3 Student Expulsion Policy (302.6.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Expulsion Policy (302.6.5), as presented.

6.2.4 Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7), as presented.

6.2.5 Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11), as presented.

6.3 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.4 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to Section C6

6.5 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of March 3, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2021, as presented.

6.6 In-Camera Items F1, F3, F4, F5 & F9.1

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. System Priorities 2020-2021 Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the System Priorities 2020-2021.

2. State of Infrastructure

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Facilities Services: State of Infrastructure report for Trustee information.

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

3. Niagara Catholic ABA Update 2021

Gino Pizzoferrato, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Niagara Catholic Applied Behaviour Analysis program and introduced Julia Nemcko, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst.

Ms. Nemcko presented the Niagara Catholic ABA Update 2021 for Trustee information.

Superintendent Pizzoferrato and Ms. Nemcko answered questions of Trustees.

4. Financial Report as at March 31, 2021

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

5. Monthly Updates

5.1 Student Trustees' Update

Luca DiPietro and Sydney Yott, 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 Kinney

- As Niagara Catholic prepares for de-streaming of Grade 9 math this coming September, professional learning is being facilitated collaboratively through Staff Development and other Board departments. School administrators have been engaged in sessions with Dr. Ann Lopez, full professor at OISE and recognized educator and author, to begin the work of de-streaming. This includes uncovering and recognizing personal bias, dismantling system barriers, and building capacity of educators to support all students to achieve. Sessions are also beginning for educators at both the elementary and secondary level.

Superintendent Pizzoferrato

- Appreciation to our front line staff for the proactive work they did to work with families through reviewing the need for in-person learning and supporting both virtual and in-person students.

Upon returning to learning after the Spring Break on April 19th, Niagara Catholic Principals and school staff made it a priority to address the learning needs of all students during the closure period. Through consultation with all stakeholders, classroom teachers and support staff collaborated on individualized learning programs and accommodations to have the greatest number of students learning virtually.

Principals and school staff also considered the requests of families to have students with complex learning needs return to in-person, and after careful consideration made arrangements to welcome these students back. For some, this has meant significant

modifications and changes to their normal routines through the course of the day, a hybrid of in-person direct instruction from classroom teachers and engaging with their classmates who are home learning online, and participating in learning and life skill building activities with the assistance of ERTs, Educational Assistants and other support staff.

6. Consent Agenda Item A6.4 – Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Controller Euale provided an update on the Capital Project Progress report to update Trustees on the delay to the opening of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School to September 2022.

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Cipriano highlighted information contained in the following correspondence:

1.1 Email from Bert Dandy

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Burtnik commented on the upcoming OCSTA AGM and the lack of discussion from the Niagara Catholic District School Board on the very important resolutions that shape the future of Catholic education.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano noted that, following discussions at Executive Council meeting regarding future presentations on Governance, the board has secured a former Catholic School Board Trustee and former Catholic School Board Chair, Marion Thomson Howell from Waterloo Catholic. Ms. Howell will be presenting at the May 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting on Trustee Governance in Education.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – May 2021

Director Cipriano highlighted the May 2021 calendar of events.

5. Open Question Period

One question was submitted by a separate school supporter.

Director Cipriano read the question.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

That the findings of the third party investigation report be released.

Discussion took place

Trustee Burtnik withdrew the motion.

Trustee Turner requested to go on record stating that the report should be made public at the appropriate time.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic

Director Cipriano noted that in accordance with the Board Bylaws Item 21, Section xiii (c), the Notice of Motion will be presented to the May 25, 2021 Board Meeting.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 9:59 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
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 March 23, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince
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 March 23, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee Prince
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 April 7, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F9.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the April 27, 2021 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 27, 2021**.

Approved on **May 25, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer