



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 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 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that Trustee Moody asked to be excused.

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	✓			
Luca DiPietro	✓			

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 Turner
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 24, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Huibers and Fera with Item's F9.1 and F9.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2019

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Turner requested Item A6.1.2 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C3 of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 10, 2019 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 10, 2019, as presented.

6.1.1 Naming or Renaming of a Board Facility in Whole – St. Charles Catholic/Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the St. Charles Catholic / Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School Renaming Ad Hoc Committee, the terms of reference and membership, as presented.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Chapel in the consolidated school be named St. Charles Chapel and that the Library Information Centre in the consolidated school be named the Monsignor Clancy Library Information Centre.

6.1.2 Update to Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021 – Planning Principles

Moved to Section C3.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of March 7, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 7, 2019, as presented for information

6.3 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2019-2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community members to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the 2019-2020 term:

Leone Strilec-St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development and Peace (Appendix A)
Shelley Gilbert-St. Vincent de Paul Society (Appendix B).

6.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 5, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 5, 2019, as presented.

6.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6, F6.1, F7 and F8

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Kids Helping Kids – Celebrating 21 Years of Contributions

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education provided a brief introduction to Niagara Catholic's participation in Kids Helping Kids.

Superintendent Rocca introduced Marla Smith, Director of Development at Niagara Children's Centre and Matthew Sacco Ambassador of the Niagara Children's Centre and Grade 6 student at St. Denis Catholic Elementary School.

Chair Fera and Director Crocco presented a cheque for \$16,161.79 to Ms. Smith and Matthew for the Niagara Children's Centre.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2018-2019 Achievement Report

Director Crocco provided highlights on the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2018-2019 Achievement Report.

Chair Fera extended appreciation to Director Crocco and his staff for their accomplishment in achieving the System Priorities for 2018-2019.

Trustees asked that Director Crocco extend appreciation to Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer for the excellent layout of the annual report.

2. **Financial Reports**
 - 2.1 **2018-2019 Update**
 - 2.2 **2019-2020 Budget Booklet**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided an update on the 2018-2019 financials and presented the 2019-2020 Budget Booklet for Trustee information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

3. **Consent Agenda Item A61.2 Update to Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021 – Planning Principles**

Discussion took place regarding establishing a Board Committee to address enrolment retention and growth within Niagara Catholic.

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Update to Planning Principles identified in the revised Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021 to include “*to consider restructuring, by the Family of Schools, the current school structure to include Kindergarten to Grade 6 in an elementary setting and Grades 7-12 in a secondary setting in specific Family of Schools*”, as presented;

and,

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve, that to complement the Long Term Accommodation Plan, that a committee be struck to review the enrolment realities and projections across the Board with a report brought back to the Board no later than September 2020.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence**

Director Crocco highlighted information contained in the following letters:

- 1.1 **Letter from Niagara Children’s Centre**
- 1.2 **Letter from McMaster Children’s Hospital**

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Chair Fera expressed appreciation to the Trustees that attended the regional meeting. Trustee Burkholder highlighted areas of the Regional Meeting.

3. **General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Director Crocco noted that with the focus of school year underway Senior Administrative Council will continue to focus on implementing the System Priorities for this year and provide regular updates at each month’s Committee of the Whole meeting.

At the October Committee of the Whole meeting Superintendent Forsyth-Sells will be sharing information on student achievement as released by EQAO and the Boards annual graduation rate as provided by the Ministry of Education.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed the presentation of items D4.1 to D4.3 for the information or questions of Trustees and highlighted for discussion item D4.3.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 10, 2019

4.2 Calendar of Events – October 2019

4.3 OCSTA Memorandum – Education Development Charges: Regulations Regarding Land Acquisition Consultations

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding Education Development Charges: Regulations Regarding Land Acquisition Consultations and noted the request for feedback.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Board will be hosting ten principals traveling from Australia from October 2 to October 4, 2019. Senior Staff and School Principals will present on a variety of exemplary leadership, program, supports and services provided by Niagara Catholic to students and staff.

Superintendent Farrell provided an update on the proposed joint use school in Wainfleet.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

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 7:17 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 24, 2019.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 June 18, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 September 10, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 June 18, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 September 10, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of September 10, 2019:

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the September 24, 2019 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 24, 2019**.

Approved on **October 22, 2019**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer