



# MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 15, 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 7:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

| Trustee                 | Present | Present<br>Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder      | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Kathy Burtnik           | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Frank Fera              | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Larry Huibers           | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Daniel Moody            | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Leanne Prince           | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Dino Sicoli             | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| Paul Turner             | ✓       |                           |        |         |
| <b>Student Trustees</b> |         |                           |        |         |
| 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 Turner

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 15, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Huibers and Moody with Item F4 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They will not take part in this discussion.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 4, 2018**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 4, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Holy Childhood Association**

Presented for information.

**6.2 2018-2019 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants**

Presented for information.

**6.3 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.4 Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

**6.5 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**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 2018-2019 Update**

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Update.

Director Crocco and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

### **2. International Education in Review**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the International Education and introduced Fred Wilson, Supervisor of International Education.

Mr. Wilson presented the International Education in Review report for Trustee information.

Mr. Wilson answered questions of Trustees.

Trustee Huibers requested a friendly amendment to the Agenda that Item C6.1.1 be presented at this time.

#### **Item C6.1.1: Ontario Catholic School Leadership Conference**

Student Trustee Bilodeau and McKinney presented background information on the Ontario Catholic School Leadership Conference and introduced Student Senators Robert Alfieri, Luca DiPietro, and Ben Shoalts.

Student Senators Alfieri, DiPietro and Shoalts presented the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference 2018.

### **3. St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Joint Use School Proposal**

Superintendent Farrell and Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services presented the St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Joint Use School Proposal report.

Superintendent Farrell and Ms. Levinski answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board, pending the approval of a new Joint-Use School Agreement in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara, the approval of a Niagara Catholic District School Board/District School Board of Niagara new Joint-Use School, and the receipt of Ministry of Education approval for capital funding, as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Design of System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule**

Director Crocco presented the Design of System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Moody

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report on the Design of System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Consultation and Collaboration Schedule, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Accountability Financial Report 2018-2019**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Accountability Financial Report 2018-2019 – as of January 15, 2019 for Trustee information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

**5.1 Education Programs – Other 2018-2019 Update**

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Education Programs – Other 2018-2019 Update.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Trustees agreed to send the amended draft letter from the Board to the Premier of Ontario on the process used to reduce or eliminate EPO funding with a copy to all Trustees, OCSTA and local MPP's.

Moved by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board extend the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

**6. Monthly Updates**

**6.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Jade Bilodeau and Madison McKinney, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

**6.2 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Farrell**

- Grade 12 Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Student Kyla Paul received a custom made guitar by Brian Nutter, former guitarist for Keith Urban.

**Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**

- Three Grade 5 students from Assumption Catholic Elementary School Abby, Kailina, and Michaela raised over \$1000 for the *Make a Wish Foundation*. The foundation supports children with critical illnesses. This fundraiser was particularly meaningful to Abby, as she had recently been a recipient of a wish.

For a donation of .50 cents each, students purchased a link for their class paper chain which created a hallway display. The representative from *Make a Wish* acknowledged

their leadership by sending balloons, stickers and buttons to assist with the fundraiser. The students received a photo plaque for their generous fundraising efforts.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 18, 2018**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 18, 2018 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – January 2019**

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

Director Crocco extended an invitation to Trustees to attend the Annual Baby Day being held on January 16, 2019 at the Catholic Education Centre.

#### **1.3 OCSTA 2019 Catholic Trustees Seminar – January 17-19, 2019**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the OCSTA 2019 Catholic Trustees Seminar on January 17-19, 2019.

#### **1.4 Ontario Legislative Highlights – December 21, 2018**

Director Crocco presented the Ontario Legislative Highlights for December 21, 2018.

#### **1.5 EQAO Information for Trustees**

Director Crocco highlighted the EQAO Information Q & A for Trustees.

#### **1.6 Draft 2019 Board Committee Membership**

Director Crocco presented the Draft 2019 Board Committee Membership as determined by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, and noted the confirmed 2019 Board Committee Membership will be provided at the January Board Meeting for approval.

Trustees amended the draft 2019 Board Committee Membership to the Board for approval.

#### **1.7 Draft School Year Calendar 2019-2020**

Director Crocco presented the Draft School Year Calendar 2019-2020 for Trustee information.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

#### **1.1 School Excellence Presentations at Board Meetings Discussion**

Discussion took place on the School Excellence Presentations at Board Meetings.

Director Crocco will notify Principals of the decision to no longer include the School Excellence presentations on monthly Board meeting agendas.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**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 10:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 15, 2019.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Prince

**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 November 13, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Prince

**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 November 13, 2018, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the January 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 15, 2019.**

Approved on **February 19, 2019.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer