

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2021, as presented.



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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 Vice-Chair Moody.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Moody.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Moody 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**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Huibers, Fera and Moody with Item F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2021, as amended.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 23, 2021**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 23, 2021, as presented.

6.2 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.3 **Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

6.4 **In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities 2020-2021 Update

Director Cipriano presented the Committee of the Whole System Priorities 2020-2021 Update.

Director Cipriano and members of senior staff answered questions of Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools Family/Student and Educator Feedback 2020-2021

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Niagara Catholic Virtual Schools and introduced Christine Battagli, Consultant-Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Ms. Battagli presented the Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools Family/Student and Educator Feedback 2020-2021 report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells and Ms. Battagli answered questions of Trustees.

3. Monthly Updates

3.1 Student Trustees' Update

Luca DiPietro and Sydney Yott, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

3.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Kinney

- Niagara Catholic District School Board was invited by the Ministry of Education to apply for funding to cover Math AQ Courses and have 17 participants engaged in the Math Primary/Junior Part 1 course being taught by our very own Laura Cronshaw.

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- Bromac Construction has transformed the former library information centre into three new classrooms for grade one students at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School for the new consolidated Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School in Thorold. Since the return to in-person learning on February 8, 2021, construction has continued with the foundation for the new kindergarten classrooms, front foyer, main office and chapel.
- On February 24, and 25, students participated in a vote and selected “Guardians” as the mascot. The new school colours will be “blue and yellow” with blue from Monsignor Clancy CES and yellow from St. Charles CES. The students from kindergarten to grade eight have been active participants for setting the new traditions, images and character for Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic School. The new mascot image and logo will be announced after Easter.

Director Cipriano

- Due to COVID-19 the Niagara Catholic District School Board Chaplaincy Leaders have been running K-8 retreats virtually. Although this has been a challenge for some of our students and staff, the unintended benefit is that those students that are hospitalized have been able to take part in these virtual retreats for the first time ever. The parents of these children have reached out to our Chaplains to thank them for allowing their child to take part with their classmates.

Superintendent Vetrone

- Through our strong relationship with the Regions Public Health Department, Niagara Catholic District School Board has been able to put forth a recommendation to the COVID Distribution Committee that specifically identified front line staff associated with the care of children with special needs in our school and those that are at greater risk. The committee has accepted these recommendations and are now allowing special education staff to qualify within the health care worker phase of vaccinations.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

Nil

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Discussion took place to defer the April Committee of the Whole meeting to the April Board meeting in order to accommodate the revised spring break.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the March 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 9, 2021.**

Approved on **April 13, 2021.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT
INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC) VIRTUAL
MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Virtual Meeting of January 7, 2021 as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING**

JANUARY 7, 2021

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Vernelli called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Fr. Paul MacNeil led the opening prayer with special intentions for our neighbours south of the border.

2. Roll Call:

Parent Members	Geographical Area	Present	Excused	Absent
Shonna Daly	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet		√	
Jessica Coutinho	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
Todd Ulbinas	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham		√	
Mary-Kate O'Hara-Skubel	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marilyn Fabiano	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Chris Kouroushis	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Jitto Tom Uthup	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Jeremy Harb	St. Catharines	√		
George Roussos	St. Catharines	√		
Melanie Oakes-Flegg	Welland		√	
Carrie Vernelli	Welland	√		
Shelley Gilbert				
Shelley Gilbert	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	√		
Fr. Paul MacNeil				
Fr. Paul MacNeil	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	√		
Allan Buri				
Allan Buri	Secondary Student Senate Representative	√		
Trustees				
Dino Sicoli				
Dino Sicoli	Trustee		√	
Leanne Prince				
Leanne Prince	Trustee	√		

Regrets: Trustee Sicoli, Shonna Daly, Melanie Oakes-Flegg and Todd Ulbinas.

The following staff were in attendance: **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, Superintendent of Education, **Joe Tornabuono**, Elementary Principal, **Lou Stranges**, Secondary Principal,

Josie Rocca, Support Staff, and **Yvonne Anderson**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Forsyth-Sells.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Co-Chair Kouroushis

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 7, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020

Moved by: Rita Colling

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 5, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATION

C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Faith Formation

- George Roussos thanked everyone for the opportunity to submit a faith formation proposal. George requested additional time to develop his proposal to include showcasing Niagara Catholic staff and students for future consideration. George also stated that this is an important time for us to continue to support our faith and be role models for our children.
- Chair Rocca reported that at the November 30, 2020 subcommittee meeting, Advent activities for parents were discussed; however, due to the timeframe it was recommended to focus on Lenten activities.
- Chair Rocca, presented a Lenten proposal on behalf of the Faith Formation Subcommittee:
 - Fr. Paul MacNeil will create a brief video on the meaning of Lent, and the importance of Reconciliation.
 - Creation of Lenten Activities/Resources will be in consultation with Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader.
 - The Lenten video, activities and resources will be posted on the Board website and various social media links for parents to access throughout Lent.

All were in favour of the proposal. Chair Rocca will send an email to all members with an update.

2. Goals/Parent Engagement Events

- Nil Report

D. POLICY FEEDBACK

Chair Vernelli reported that no policies were currently being vetted.

E. CHAIR/CO-CHAIR REPORTS

1. November 26, 2020-EDU Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Summary and PowerPoint Presentation

Chair Vernelli shared that on November 26, 2020, Co-Chair Kouroushis and herself, along with Director Cipriano and Superintendent Forsyth-Sells participated in the Ministry of Education virtual meeting with Parent Involvement Committees (PIC). The purpose of the meeting was to continue dialogue on the successes, promising practices, and challenges related to supporting parents and students since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. A summary of the meeting and a PowerPoint presentation was provided to all NCPIC members for information.

F. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

1. Letter to Parents: The Virtual Return to School in January 2021: What Parents Need to Know
2. A Message from the Minister of Education to Ontario's Parents
 - Superintendent Forsyth-Sells provided and reviewed the Letter to Parents: The Virtual Return to School in January 2021-What Parents Need to Know and the Message from the Minister of Education to Ontario's Parents.
 - Superintendent Forsyth-Sells also addressed the Letter to Parents, dated January 7, 2021 from Director Cipriano, regarding the announcement made by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams that all elementary students registered for in-person learning across southern Ontario will continue learning from home for two more weeks.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells asked if there were any questions or clarification on any of the correspondence. No questions were forthcoming.

3. 2019-2020 Annual Reports for Catholic School Councils and the NCPIC
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells stated that in compliance with the *Education Act* and regulations, every Catholic School Council and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee of the Board shall annually submit a written report on its activities, including fundraising activities to the Board. The NCPIC Annual Report was prepared by the former Chair, Darryl Nohara and Co-Chair, Chris Kouroushis on behalf of the NCPIC and was provided to all members for review.

The Annual Reports for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2019-2020 were presented for information at the November 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The report is available for public review on the Board website, under Board, Meetings-Committee of the Whole, November 10, 2020.

4. NCPIC Financial Report
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported on the finances of the NCPIC for 2020-2021.

G. COMMUNITY REPORTS

Society of St. Vincent de Paul-*Shelley Gilbert*

Shelley reported that:

- St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets were a success and the needs of all families were met.
- St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores are closed because of the lockdown, but volunteers are positive and looking forward to reopening when the lockdown is over.
- Josie Rocca was elected as the President, St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Niagara region at the last Society of St. Vincent de Paul meeting.
- she has been invited to join the St. Vincent de Paul executive for all of Ontario and looks forward to her participation.

H. SEAC REPORT

Co-Chair Kouroushis reported that at the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 6, 2021, Anna Racine was re-elected as the Chair and Madeline Zoelman accepted the position of Co-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee. Goal setting is to take place to highlight profile, purpose and enhance opportunity for family awareness and involvement in SEAC through understanding its purpose, and how to access support services in the community.

I. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-*Fr. Paul MacNeil*

Fr. Paul MacNeil provided and reviewed two documents:

1. Christmas Message 2020 from Bishop Bergie
Fr. Paul MacNeil encouraged members to read the Christmas message from Bishop Bergie, as it is a positive and inspiring message.
2. Diocesan Protocols December 2020 January 2021
Fr. Paul MacNeil stated that the diocesan protocols are in place, as the number one priority of the diocese is the safety of all parishioners as we continue to come together as a community in a limited capacity. Parishioners were reminded that the Bishop Bergie's dispensation from obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, and on Holy Days of Obligation granted on March 16, 2020 is ongoing. All parishioners are encouraged to view online/livestream/televised Masses.

J. STUDENT SENATE REPORT-*Allan Buri*

Allan Buri reported that:

- on February 4, 2021 the Elementary Lead Out Loud Conference will take place for all Elementary School Senators. Members of the Secondary Student Senate will be facilitating virtual breakout sessions with their respective family of schools' elementary student senators. These breakout sessions will follow a presentation by motivational speaker Nick Foley.
- on February 5, 2021, the Secondary Student Senate will hold a Mental Health Summit for students. Students will participate in a mental health course through EverFi platform where they will learn how to identify mental health issues, seek help and help others. The summit will also include presentations from students, multiple Kahoots, and Trivia rounds.
- students will earn two hours of Christian Community service.
- the mask sticker fundraisers are wrapping up and schools will send their proceeds to their respective local charities.

J. STAFF REPORTS-*Joe Tornabuono and Lou Stranges*

Elementary Principal, Tornabuono and Secondary Principal, Stranges provided elementary and secondary school updates for information.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS-*Leanne Prince*

Trustee Prince wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Trustee Prince reported that:

- at the December 1, 2020 Organizational Board Meeting Trustee Larry Huibers (St. Catharines) was elected as Chair and Trustee Dan Moody (Niagara Falls/Niagara on the Lake) was elected as Vice-Chair.
- on December 21, 2020 and on January 7, 2021 the Ministry of Education made announcements regarding return to school. Originally, elementary students were to return January 11 to in-class learning, but as we learned today it has been extended until January 25, 2021. Niagara Catholic staff, senior administration, students and parents are embracing the situation with kindness and patience as we navigate the new waters.
- during Advent we saw schools get creative in sharing their Christmas concerts, here is a link to Blessed Trinity's Christmas Concert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWjuenB7yrU>.
- at the end of January Niagara Catholic will have our (virtual) Kindergarten Open House for children who will be 4 by December 31, 2021.
- our secondary schools will be hosting their Open Houses for Niagara Catholic Grade 8 students throughout the next few weeks.
- currently the CEC is under renovations to upgrade and update technology with the end goal to stream Board meetings increasing our transparency and making Board meetings more accessible to the broader public.

L. NEW BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Jeremy Harb suggested that the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee send a letter of gratitude to Bishop Bergie to thank him for his bravery, spiritual guidance and continued support of our diocese by allowing churches to be available to parishioners, especially in this time of need. All were in favour. Jeremy Harb will draft a letter and forward it to the Chair and Co-Chair for review and approval.

M. NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

N. CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Paul MacNeil led the closing prayer.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Jeremy Harb

THAT the January 7, 2021, meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of February 3, 2021, as presented for information.



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee held on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**, at 6:30 pm Electronic Meeting in Compliance with Education Act Section 207 and Ontario Regulation 463/97 Section 5.1 (2) Public Access Phone Number: 1-647-749-124 (Tolls), Conference ID # 745 739 256

Chair Racine called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayers

- Chair Racine led the opening prayers and asked the group if there were any special intentions. She offered special intentions in memory of Tina DiFrancesco on the first anniversary of her death. Tina was the former Recording Secretary of SEAC and the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Education.
- Chair Racine also offered special intentions to Kelsey Huxley's grandmother who has recently taken ill and asked the Committee Members to keep Superintendent Farrell and his family in their prayers on the recent passing of his mother.
- Chair Racine light the **Circle of Friends** Candle in memory of Tina and those recently deceased.

Meaning of Circle of Friends Candle

*The **Circle of Friends** is a **candle** holder with a legend still shrouded in great mystery. It is said that when you give the **candle** holder to a **friend**, that it will solidify your bond with that person for the rest of your lives.*

- She following with the following prayer;

We Asked

Loving Creator,

We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.

We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.

We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

*We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.
 We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and lead with integrity.
 Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.
 And yet, we receive everything that we needed.
 For this we give thanks.*

By: Colleen Hanycz, Ph.D. incoming President at Xavier University

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Yes	Excused
Harvey, Dorothy	Niagara Children's Centre		✓
Helmeczi, Bill	Pathstone Mental Health		✓
Huxley, Kelsey	Indigenous Community Member		✓
Murphy, Karen	Autism Ontario Niagara Region Chapter	✓	
Palombo, Pina	Down Syndrome Niagara	✓	
Racine, Anna	Community Member	✓	
Smith, Lorraine	Mainstream	✓	
Smith, Rita	Community Living Port Colborne/Wainfleet	✓	
Thomas, Kerry	Community Living Welland/Pelham	✓	
Wilson, Wendy	Indigenous Community Member		✓
Zoelman, Madeline	Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region	✓	
Burtnik, Kathy	• Trustee of the Board	✓	
Huibers, Larry	• Chair of the Board	✓	
Butera, Serena	• Student Senate Representative		✓
Kerho, Chris	• Principal, Elementary	✓	
Majka, Kelly	• Vice-Principal, Secondary	✓	

Christalla (Chris) Kouroushis was an observer from NCPIC that evening. The following staff members were in attendance: **Gino Pizzoferrato**, Superintendent of Education, **Camillo Cipriano**, Director of Education, **Jim Di Gioia** - Coordinator of Student Support, **Vincent Mancuso**, Behaviour Resource Teacher, and **Jennifer Lanese**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Pizzoferrato.

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Moved by Karen Murphy
- Seconded by Madeline Zoelman

THAT THE Special Education Advisory Committee approves the Agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of **February 3, 2021.**

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

- No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee of January 6, 2021

- Moved by Karen Murphy
- Seconded by Madeline Zoelman

THAT THE Special Education Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of **January 6, 2021**, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Support Update

- The Student Support Department continues to engage with schools and staff to support remote learning for students during the school closure. Program Resource Teachers are hosting a “Financial Literacy – Minecraft Education” Gifted Module on **February 3rd and February 4th**, in which students are invited to explore practical applications of financial like saving, investing and spending while navigating through the Minecraft world. This open-ended activity will allow students to explore how financial decisions have an impact on their lifestyle choices. The Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Team is ready to support professional development presentations and activities on the upcoming PA Day, which is scheduled for **February 12th**. Student Support Coordinators are preparing to support transition planning for students going from Grade 8 to Grade 9 by coordinating discussions between elementary schools and their associate secondary school, as well as beginning the annual assessment of needs reviews to support staffing decisions and support deployment in the coming school year.

2. Virtual Presentation

- o Keynote Speakers: Terri Pauco and Lidia Di Lorenzo
- o The topic of Discussion: Special Education and the Church: How Your Parish and Faith Can Enhance Your Child’s Well-Being

C. FUTURE MEETINGS / INFORMATION ITEMS

- Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services will be providing a short presentation at March’s SEAC meeting.
- **Autism Ontario – Upcoming Events:**
 - o A parent workshop to provide information on the Assistive Devices Program (ADP). Registration will open March 1, 2021:
<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=5076&reset=1>
 - o Come celebrate World Autism Awareness Day with us virtually, on Tuesday April 6, 2021. Included in the link are suggestions for how you can celebrate as well as educator toolkits and see some creative ways that some celebrated last year:
<https://raisetheflagforautism.com/>

- Upcoming live webinars:
https://www.autismontario.com/events?custom_326=All&custom_325=All&event_type_id=17&custom_356=All.
- OAP update from February 3, 2021: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60220/ontario-expanding-supports-for-families-of-children-with-autism>

D. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

- Chair Racine offered a moment of silence and reflection.
- Chair of the Board Huibers asked the Committee Members to remember the 4 year old boy who died after sledding into the path of a vehicle in Beamsville this past week.

E. NEXT MEETING

- **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm** - format to be determined based on current COVID-19 restrictions. The Committee Members would be notified by email of the format of the meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

- Moved by Karen Murphy
- Seconded by Lorraine Smith

**THAT the February 3, 2021 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee be adjourned.
CARRIED**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.