



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held electronically on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

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

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. *Thanksgiving Opening Address*

Brian Kon, Indigenous Lead led the meeting with a Traditional Thanksgiving Address.

2. *Opening Prayer*

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Moody

3. *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

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 25, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Huibers with Items A5.2 of the Public Agenda and Item F11.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting**

6.1 **April 27, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Moody chaired the meeting during Item 6.2

6.2 **May 11, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Turner requested Item 6.1.4 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2021 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 11, 2021, as presented.

6.1.1 **Board By-Laws Policy (100.1)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board By-Laws Policy (100.1), as presented.

6.1.2 Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6), as presented.

6.1.3 Student Exclusion From School or Class Policy (NEW)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Exclusion From School or Class Policy (NEW), as presented.

6.1.4 Pride Flag

Moved to section C4

7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of April 7, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7, 2021, as presented.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of March 4, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 4, 2021, as presented.

7.4 Recommendation to the Board by the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the letter regarding school closures and the impact on student mental health and well-being to be sent to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

7.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6 & F7

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Land Acknowledgement

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Land Acknowledgement and introduced Brian Kon, Indigenous Lead, Kelsey Huxley, Teacher at Saint Kateri Catholic Secondary School, Marco Magazzeni, Coordinator of Experiential Learning and Alternative Programming and Community Partnerships Lead and Krista Moscato, Consultant – Literacy/ESL.

Mr. Kon, Ms. Huxley, Mr. Magazzeni and Ms. Moscato presented the Land Acknowledgement report.

Mr. Magazzeni presented the Board with a wooden plaque designed by students at the Niagara Launch Centre to be placed in a prominent location to acknowledge the land that the Catholic Education Centre sits on recognizing the Indigenous community.

2. Financial Reports

2.1 Financial Reports as at April 30, 2021

2.2 2021-2022 Annual Budget Feedback and Consultation Results

2.3 2021-2022 Grants for Student Needs Funding Announcement

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

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

3. September 2021 Plan

Director Cipriano provided a brief update on the upcoming plans for September 2021.

Director Cipriano noted that regarding the Vaccination plan for students from 12 to 17 years of age Niagara Region Public Health will be the lead on this initiative, and the role of Niagara Catholic is that of communication only.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

4. Consent Agenda Item A6.1.4 - Pride Flag

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct the Director of Education and Secretary to the Board to fly the Pride Flag for the month of June starting in 2021, at all Niagara Catholic District School Board Secondary Schools and the Catholic Education Centre.

Discussion took place regarding the flying of the Pride Flag.

The motion was amended to;

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct the Director of Education and Secretary to the Board to fly the Pride Flag for pride week Niagara from June 1 - June 6, 2021, at all Niagara Catholic District School Board Secondary Schools, Continuing Education Sites and the Catholic Education Centre, and moving forward consulting the community and providing a full report to the Board in the fall of 2021.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

NAME	YEA	NAY
Rhianon Burkholder	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Frank Fera		✓
Larry Huibers	✓	
Daniel Moody		✓
Leanne Prince	✓	
Dino Sicoli		✓
Paul Turner	✓	
STUDENT TRUSTEES (Non-Binding)		
Luca DiPietro	✓	
Sydney Yott	✓	

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1. Director Cipriano acknowledged receipt of the following letters, and noted an oversite of a letter from Niagara Elementary & Secondary OECTA in support of the Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic motion. A copy of the letter was emailed to Trustees by Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services

- 1.1 **Email from Emily & Adam Gramowski**
- 1.2 **Letter from OECTA Secondary and Elementary**
- 1.3 **Letter from Pride Niagara**
- 1.4 **Letter from OECTA Secondary**
- 1.5 **Letter from Niagara Falls Community Health Centre**
- 1.6 **Letter from Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls**
- 1.7 **Letter from OUTniagara**

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano noted that should the stay at home order be lifted on June 2, the June Committee of the Whole and Board meetings will be held in person at the Catholic Education Centre and will continue to be livestreamed to the public.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – June 2021

Director Cipriano highlighted the June 2021 calendar of events.

Trustee Prince reminded Trustees of the June 3 & 4 CCSTA AGM and noted that on June 3 Cardinal Collins will be a keynote speaker as well, Mrs. Burnham, founder and principal of a catholic school in New Brunswick will be speaking on the financial challenges that smaller independent schools face and how the Toonies for Tuition Program has helped with these challenges.

5. **Open Question Period**

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

2. Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic

Trustee Prince presented the Addressing Period Poverty in Niagara Catholic notice of motion and amended the original motion as follows;

Moved by Prince

Seconded by Huibers

THAT the Director be authorized to explore a partnership with an appropriate organization(s) to secure access to quality menstrual products and education materials at no cost or minimal cost to the Board;

THAT a report be provided to the Board no later than September 2021 with a cost and timeline to implement in all Niagara Catholic schools.

CARRIED

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

NAME	YEA	NAY
Rhianon Burkholder	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Larry Huibers	✓	
Daniel Moody	✓	
Leanne Prince	✓	
Dino Sicoli	✓	
Paul Turner	✓	
STUDENT TRUSTEES (Non-Binding)		
Luca DiPietro	✓	
Sydney Yott	✓	

CARRIED

3. Environmental Notice

Director Cipriano noted that in accordance with the Board Bylaws Item 21, Section xiii (c), the Notice of Motion will be presented to the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 8:39 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 25, 2021.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 April 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 April 27, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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 May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Trustee and Director Only of May 11, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F11.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the May 25, 2021 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 25, 2021**.

Approved on **June 15, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer