



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 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 Chair Fera

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that Trustees Burtnik and Moody joined electronically.

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 Prince
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 25, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2020

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Fera requested Item A6.1.3 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C2 of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of February 11, 2020, as presented.

6.1.1 Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy (100.5), as presented.

6.1.2 Trustee Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8), as presented.

6.1.3 Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2)

Moved to Section C2

6.1.4 Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1), as presented.

6.1.5 Volunteering in Catholic Schools Policy (800.9)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Volunteering in Catholic Schools Policy (800.9), as presented.

6.1.6 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of December 4, 2019 and January 8, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 4, 2019 and January 8, 2020, as presented.

6.3 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6, F7 and F8

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report as at January 31, 2020

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

2. Consent Agenda Item A6.1.3 Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2)

Chair Fera presented background information on a request to delegate to the Board on the Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2) by a Toronto resident. Following a full discussion by the Board, Chair Fera and Director Crocco will reach out to her to provide answers to her emailed questions.

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2), as presented.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Crocco highlighted information contained in the letter from OCSTA regarding the 2020 OCSTA Student Trustee Alumni Award to former Niagara Catholic Student Trustee Dr. Robert Murray.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Progress is being made on the consultations and discussions of the System Priorities and Budget for 2020-2021.
- Senior staff is on schedule to bring information reports to future Committee of the Whole meetings.
- A recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee for the naming of the new consolidated Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School St. Charles Catholic Elementary School will be brought to the April Committee of the Whole for consideration.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.6 for the information or questions of Trustees.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 11, 2020

4.2 Calendar of Events – March 2020

4.3 Celebrating Intermediate Artists – March 2, 2020 (Revised Date)

4.4 Annual Technological Skills Competition – March 4, 2020

4.5 Speak Out – March 10, 2020

4.6 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education’s Annual Benefit Gala – April 17, 2020

4.7 L’Arche Foundation

Director Crocco shared information regarding Jean Vanier, the founder of L’Arche Foundation and Fr. Tomas Philippe, Spiritual Director for Jean Vanier.

4.8 Covid-19

Director Crocco provided an update on the coronavirus as it relates to scheduled international trips.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Live Streaming

Trustee Prince presented the Live Streaming notice of motion.

Trustee Prince, Director Crocco and Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT be it resolved the Board of Trustees give direction to the Secretary of the Board and Director of Education to provide a detailed plan for the purpose of increasing transparency through providing live streaming capabilities for all public meetings at Niagara Catholic District School Board. The Secretary is to report back to the Board of Trustees no later than April 28, 2020 with the costs associated with supply/installation/storage and hosting the live streaming service for the Board's consideration

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT a price breakdown on live streaming be provided for Board, Committee of the Whole and all Committee Meetings of the Board.

CARRIED

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince
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 7:24 p.m. and reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 25, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 January 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 11, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
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: Student Trustees Excluded of January 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 February 11, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the February 25, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 25, 2020**.

Approved on **March 24, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer