



# MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

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Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

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 Burkholder

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		✓		
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Luca DiPietro		✓		
Sydney Yott		✓		

The following staff were electronically 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 January 12, 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 F5.3 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 and Trustee Prince chaired the meeting for Vice-Chair Moody.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 1, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 1, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Holy Childhood Association 2020**

Presented for information

**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 Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Niagara Catholic French Immersion Secondary Program

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education highlighted the Niagara Catholic French Immersion Secondary Program and introduced Mary Vetere, K-12 FSL/International Languages Consultant.

Ms. Vetere presented the Niagara Catholic French Immersion Secondary Program for Trustee information.

Ms. Vetere answered questions of Trustees.

### 2. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2020-2021 Update

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

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

### 3. Accountability Financial Report 2020-2021 as of December 31, 2020

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Accountability Financial Report 2020-2021.

### 4. Monthly Updates

#### 4.1 Student Trustees' Update

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

#### 4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

##### **Superintendent Kinney**

- A number of positive messages have been received from parents recognizing the amazing work and the smooth transition from teachers and staff, and Superintendent Kinney shared a few of these messages with Trustees.

##### **Superintendent Euale**

- Niagara Catholic has been presented with a \$1,500 cheque from the Welland Optimist Club to help support Welland families.
- Through the good work of Kathy Levinski and Debbie Ogilvie six \$50.00 Walmart gift cards have been distributed to St. Kevin, St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Augustine and Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary Schools in Welland.

##### **Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**

- St. Denis Catholic School Council, with the staff of St. Denis, participated in a joint Christmas fundraiser. A total of \$3,200 was raised to support families who have experienced challenges during the pandemic. Principal Lamb is very proud of the

Catholic School Council and the staff for helping those less fortunate in their school community.

- Evernell Greene a grade 3 student at St. Teresa of Calcutta told his mother that all he wanted for Christmas was to help feed others. Principal Marion contacted Bob Kennedy, at the Star of the Sea, St. Vincent de Paul Society and on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Evernell, his mom and some of her friends cooked food which they funded for 50 families. Volunteers from Star of the Sea delivered the prepared meals to the families in need.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Draft 2021 Board Committee Membership**

Chair Huibers presented the Draft 2021 Board Committee Membership.

Discussion took place regarding a second Trustee for the Special Education Advisory Committee.

#### **1.2 Draft School Year Calendar 2021-2022**

Superintendent Rocca highlighted the Draft School Year Calendar 2021-2022.

#### **1.3 OCSTA 2021 Virtual Catholic Trustees Seminar – January 16, 2021**

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees of the OCSTA 2021 Virtual Catholic Trustees Seminar on January 16, 2021.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 In light of the recent announcement by Premier Ford and the restrictions put forth, the January 26 Board meeting and the February Committee of the Whole meeting will be held virtually.

## **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 7:44 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 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 January 12, 2021.

**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 December 1, 2020, 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 December 1, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that Trustees in conflict, with the exception of Student Trustees, be placed into a holding room during discussion of the item and reenter the meeting, following the discussion of the item, to complete the remainder of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the January 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 12, 2021.**

Approved on **February 9, 2021.**

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Daniel Moody  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer