



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 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 7:00 p.m. by Chair MacNeil, who chaired the April Committee of the Whole for Vice-Chair Burtnik who was present electronically.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Chair MacNeil.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik		✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg				✓
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Michaela Bodis	✓			
Aidan Harold	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, 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 O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Items F4.1.1 and F4.2.1 and Trustee O'Leary with Items F4.2.1, F4.2.2 and F4.2.3 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 these items.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 29, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 29, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

Trustee Sicoli suggested Policy Committee Meeting times or dates be changed.

1.2 **Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule**

Director Crocco presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule for the information of Trustees.

2. System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update – April 2016

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council provided an update on the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

3. Elementary Itinerant Arts Curriculum Delivery & Support

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Teri Cristelli, Arts/Student Engagement Consultant.

Ms. Cristelli presented the Elementary Itinerant Arts Curriculum Delivery and Support report.

Superintendent Lefebvre and Ms. Cristelli answered questions of Trustees.

4. Catholic Educational Congress 2016-2017 Update

Director Crocco presented a background on the Catholic Educational Congress and introduced Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader and Chair of the Alliance Sub-Committee of the Catholic Educational Congress.

Ms. Wood presented the Catholic Education Congress 2016-2017 report.

Chair MacNeil thanked Krista for her commitment and for the Catholic Education Congress initiative.

5. Long Term Accommodations Plan – Phase Three

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education, Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, and Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services presented the Long Term Accommodations Plan – Phase Three.

Superintendent Farrell and Controller Whitwell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three, as presented.

CARRIED

Following a discussion on previous Board motions and discussions between Director Crocco and the Director of Education of Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud on a joint partnership capital priorities submission to the Ministry of Education for a new downtown elementary school, Chair MacNeil read the following motion for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole; **THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board to submit a request to delegate to the Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud requesting a partnership to submit a capital priorities business case for a joint use school between St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School and Ecole Immaculee Conception.

Discussion took place between Trustees and Senior Staff.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board to submit a request to delegate to the Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud requesting a partnership to submit a capital priorities business case for a joint use school between St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School and Ecole Immaculee Conception.

CARRIED

6. Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

Chair MacNeil suggested the following amendments to the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017;

- *Building Partnerships and Schools as Hubs* second bullet to “Enhance the relationships capacity between schools, parishes and homes in Niagara Catholic and the Diocese of St. Catharines”
- *Create Equity and Accessibility of Resources* bullet to begin with “continue to”
- *Provide Supports For Success* first bullet to begin “Evangelize our schools as we continue to deliver Catholic programs”

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017, as amended.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017 Appendix B will be revised as amended by the Committee of the Whole and recommended by the Committee of the Whole to the April 26, 2016 Board meeting for approval.

7. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

8. Monthly Updates

8.1 Capital Projects Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

8.2 Student Trustees' Update

Michaela Bodis and Aidan Harold, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

8.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Farrell

- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School dance and drama students will be involved in a unique performance at First Ontario Performing Arts Centre funded by the Ontario Trillium foundation and Canada Council for the Arts. A culmination of a four year Shebang process bringing Dreamwalker Dance Company together with Niagara Artists on Thursday April 21, 2016.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 29, 2016

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 29, 2016 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – April 2016

Director Crocco presented the April 2016 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

1.3 OCSTA Spring Regional Meeting Questions

Director Crocco reviewed the memorandum from OCSTA regarding the invitation for Boards to submit two priority questions for discussion at the OCSTA Regional Meeting and asked Trustees for their input.

Following a discussion by Trustees Chair MacNeil will e-mail the draft formulated questions to Trustees prior to remitting to OCSTA by April 15, 2019 as requested.

1.4 CCSTA 2017 Planning Committee Meeting – April 23, 2016

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the CCSTA regional planning meeting on April 23, 2016 at Our Lady of Scapular Church.

1.5 Niagara Catholic Summer Camps 2016

Director Crocco presented a draft copy of the Niagara Catholic District School Board Summer Camps 2016 flyer prior to its distribution throughout the Region of Niagara.

Superintendent Lefebvre highlighted key areas of the Niagara Catholic Summer Camps for 2016.

1.6 Health and Physical Education Catholic Resources Update

Director Crocco highlighted the Health and Physical Education Catholic Resources Update and implementation in Niagara Catholic.

Director Crocco and Superintendent Lefebvre answered questions of Trustees.

Director Crocco indicated that a report on the revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum and Catholic resources would be presented at the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Director Crocco informed the Board that along with the continued design of a balanced budget for 2016-2017, a draft Facilities Partnership Plan is on target for presentation at the June Committee of the Whole meeting.
- 1.2 In accordance with Board's Administrative Guideline on School Name Selection, there has been a recommendation from students and staff at the Pope Francis Centre and supported by Senior Administrative Council to name the new day care facility Blessed Mother Teresa House.

This request was fully endorsed by the Board.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

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 10:32 p.m. and reconvened at 11:36 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Vernal

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 March 8, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 March 8, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the April 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 12, 2016.**

Approved on **May 10, 2016.**

Fr. Paul McNeil
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer