



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 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 7:08 p.m. by Chair MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Sicoli

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustee Charbonneau was excused and all other Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

| Trustee                 | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Kathy Burtnik           | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Maurice Charbonneau     |         |                        |        | ✓       |
| Frank Fera              | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Fr. Paul MacNeil        | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Ed Nieuwesteeg          | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Ted O'Leary             | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Dino Sicoli             | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Pat Vernal              | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| <b>Student Trustees</b> |         |                        |        |         |
| Nico Tripodi            | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Hannah Tummillo         | ✓       |                        |        |         |

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, 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  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 26, 2017, as presented.

**ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC AGENDA**

**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**

**5.1 June 20, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Vernal  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 20, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 September 19, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Vernal  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 19, 2017, as presented.

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 12, 2017 and Consideration of Recommendations**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 12, 2017, as presented.

**6.1.1 Naming Request – St. Martin of Tours Chapel at the New St. Martin Catholic Elementary School**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – St. Martin of Tours Chapel at the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary school, as presented.

**6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 7, 2017**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 7, 2017, as presented for information.

**6.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of May 11, 2017**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 11, 2017, as presented for information

**6.4 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2017-2018**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community members to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the 2017-2018 term:

Leone Strilec-St. Catharines Diocesan Council For Development and Peace (Appendix A)  
Shelley Gilbert –St. Vincent de Paul Society (Appendix B)

**6.5 System Priorities 2016-2017 Achievement Report**

Presented for information.

**6.6 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4.1, F4.2, F5 and F7**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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

**CARRIED**

Trustee Sicoli requested Item F7 be held.

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Brian Palujanskas, Principal of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Palujanskas, with the assistance of Grade 8 student Joseph Cino showcased Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil thanked Joseph and Principal Palujanskas for their presentation.

2. **Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) 2016-2017 Results for Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division and Junior Division**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the 2016-2017 results of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) for Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division and Junior Division.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

3. **Financial Report 2016-2017 Update**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided a verbal Financial Report 2016-2017 update for Trustee information.

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Correspondence**

1.1 **June 19, 2017 Letter from Niagara Children's Centre**

1.2 **June 30, 2017 E-Mail from Tim Benner**

1.3 **July 25, 2017 Letter from Ontario EcoSchools**

Director Crocco highlighted information contained in the letter from Niagara Children's Centre, the e-mail from Tim Benner, and the letter from Ontario EcoSchools.

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Chair MacNeil noted great dialogue took place at the OCSTA Regional Meeting attended on January 19, 2017.

3. **General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Director Crocco announced the continued implementation of the System priorities and Superintendent Forsyth-Sells will provide a report on the Board Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 at the October Committee of the Whole meeting.

4. **Trustee Information**

4.1 **Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 12, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the September 12, 2017 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 **Calendar of Events – October 2017**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - October, 2017 for Trustees information.

Director Crocco highlighted the Director's Inspiration Award being held on October 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and asked Trustee to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**4.3 OCSTA Information – September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA information from September 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2017.

**4.4 Marian Event – September 30, 2017**

director Crocco presented the Diocesan Marian Event invitation for the Year of the Rosary Pray for Peace on September 30, 2017.

Director Crocco asked that any Trustees able to volunteer to please notify Anna Pisano before the close of the Board Meeting.

Policy Committee Chair, Pat Vernal presented a highlight of the Policy Committee Meeting and invited Trustees to submit any feedback as part of the vetting process for the Trustee Expenses & Reimbursement Policy and the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**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 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

**G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 26, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 June 20, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 September 12, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

## **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 June 20, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 September 19, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 September 12, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F6)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the September 26, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 26, 2017**.

Approved on **October 24, 2017**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer