



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 26, 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 Chairperson MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

2. Roll Call

Chairperson MacNeil noted that all 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>				
Michaela Bodis	✓			
Aidan Harold	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **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 Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 26, 2016, as amended:

**ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC AGENDA**

Item C2.3 Accessibility Standards Policy Edits to Appendix A within the Policy

Amend Item C3 on the Agenda Cover from March 2, 2016 to February 3, 2016

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F8.2.1 and F8.2.2 and Trustee Fera with Items F8.1.1 and 8.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 29, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 29, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program – Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Mark Lefebvre, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education introduced Joseph Tornabuono, Principal of Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Tornabuono, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil, Trustee Nieuwesteeg and Trustee Fera thanked Principal Tornabuono, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

**2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016 and Consideration of Recommendations**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016

**2.1 Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2016-2017, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Long Term Accommodation Plan – Phase Three, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees

**2.3 Policy Edit – Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8)**

Trustee Vernal, Chair of the Policy Committee highlighted the edits to Appendix A of the Accessibility Standards Policy.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the edits to Appendix A within the Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of February 3, 2016**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 3, 2016, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

4. **Appointment of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Member 2014-2018**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Appointment of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Member 2014-2018.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representative to serve as a Special Education Advisory Committee member for the term of 2014-2018: Michael Jacques – Community Living Welland Pelham (Alternate Representative).

**CARRIED**

5. **Financial Report 2015-2016 as at March 31, 2016**

On behalf of Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, Director Crocco presented the Financial Report 2015-2016 for information.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

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

1. **Correspondence**

Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the following correspondence for Trustees information:

- 1.1 **March 10, 2016 Letter from Holy Childhood Association**
- 1.2 **March 14, 2016 Letter from St. Alfred Roman Catholic Parish**
- 1.3 **March 22, 2016 Letter from Project Share**
- 1.4 **April 4, 2016 Letter from Niagara Children's Centre**
- 1.5 **April 12, 2016 Letter from Ontario College of Teachers**
- 1.6 **April 14, 2016 Letter from Ministry of Education**
- 1.7 **April 19, 2016 Letter from Ministry of Education**

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

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

Director Crocco announced the revisions to the Health and Physical Education Curriculum; the actioning of the Ministry of Education Priorities and the Board's recently approved System Priorities for 2016-2017 in a Report on the Budget for 2016-2017; and a summary of the Vision 2020 Check-In are on target for presentation at the May Committee of the Whole Meeting.

4. **Trustee Information**

4.1 **Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 12, 2016**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 12, 2016.

#### **4.2 Calendar of Events – May 2016**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events - May 2016 and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications, for recognition by the Chair, participation, and where appropriate, confirming attendance for dinner for the following;

May 2, 2016 Catch the Spirit  
May 6, 2016 Distinguished Alumni Luncheon  
May 10, 2016 Budget Information Session  
May 19, 2016 Annual Graduation Celebration  
May 19, 2016 Partners in Catholic Education Dinner

#### **4.3 Catholic Education Week 2016**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education presented Trustees with a compilation of Catholic Education Week 2016 Planners of all of Niagara Catholic Schools and extended an invitation to all Trustees to attend any or all sessions.

#### **4.4 Ontario College of Teachers Conference Invitation**

Director Crocco brought to Trustees attention the Ontario College of Teachers Conference Invitation that was distributed to each Trustee.

#### **4.5 Naming of Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School Chapel**

Director Crocco requested the endorsement of the Board to name the newly renovated Chapel at Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School the Saint Clare of Assisi Chapel as per the request of Principal Ken Griepsma, students and staff of Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board endorse the naming of Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School Chapel to Saint Clare of Assisi Chapel

**CARRIED**

Director Crocco extended appreciation to the Board for their endorsement and he will inform Principal Griepsma and Bishop Bergie.

#### **5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

### **E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 26, 2016

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 March 29, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 April 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 March 29, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**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 April 12, 2016, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the April 29, 2016 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 26, 2016**.

Approved on **May 24, 2016**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer