



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Electronic Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Moody.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were electronically in attendance.

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		✓		

Vice-Chair Sicoli welcomed Sydney Yott, incoming Student Trustee 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The following staff were electronically 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

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Huibers, Moody and Fera with Item F4.3 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.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2020

Moved by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burkholder requested Item 6.7 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C7 of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 26, 2020

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 26, 2020, as presented.

6.2 Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School Board 2019-2020

Presented for information.

6.3 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2020-2021

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,725.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

6.4 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2020 and Beyond*, as presented

6.5 Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.

6.6 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.7 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to section C7

6.8 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. New Student Trustee and Co-Chair – Student Senate 2020-2021/2021-2022 Introduction

Director Crocco welcomed back Luca DePietro of Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School and introduced Sydney Yott of Saint Paul Catholic High School as the Student Trustees for the 2020-2021/2021-2022 school years. Director Crocco provided background on and welcomed Sydney as Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2020-2021/2021-2022 Student Trustee.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Update

Director Crocco noted there are no updates from Senior Staff at this time and that the board has continued to implement the System Priorities for the remainder of the school year with modifications required given the implementation of the Board's Distance Learning Plan. An annual report on the 2019-2020 System Priorities and Budget will be presented at the September 2020 Board meeting.

2. Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home

Director Crocco and Chair Fera provided an update on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home and information from weekly calls with Directors of Education and Chairs of Boards with the Ministry of Education.

Chair Fera and Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

3. Live Streaming and Modernization Project – Father Burns csc Board Room and Holy Cross Community Room

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Live Streaming and Modernization Project – Father Burns csc Board Room and Holy Cross Community Room report for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

4. Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021 Update

Superintendent Vetrone provided an update on the Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021.

5. Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020 as of May 31, 2020

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020 as of May 31, 2020.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

6. Monthly Updates

6.1 Student Trustees' Update

Jade Bilodeau and Luca DiPietro, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal and visual update on the activities throughout the year of the Student Senate.

Trustees Burkholder, Burtnik, Fera and Turner acknowledged the commitment and passion of Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro.

Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro answered questions of Trustees.

6.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Nil

7. Consent Agenda Item A6.7 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services answered questions of Trustees.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D1.1 to D1.3 for the information or questions of Trustees and highlighted for discussion items D1.3.

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 26, 2020

1.2 Calendar of Events – June 2020

1.3 The Terry Fox Foundation

Director Crocco highlighted the recognition received by The Terry Fox Foundation and expressed appreciation to students, staff and members of the Niagara Catholic community for their generosity.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1** Chair Fera proposed the June 16, 2020 Board meeting be deferred to June 23, 2020. Trustees were in agreement and moved the Board meeting to June 23, 2020. Director Crocco noted that this decision will be communicated to all members and posted on the Board website.
- 1.2** Director Crocco noted the administrators continue to work on enrolment and staffing for 2020-2021 virtually.
- 1.3** Depending on the timing of GSN funding announcements for 2020-2021, Senior Staff will continue to provide information as it becomes available. Director Crocco informed the Board that the rescheduling of the June Board Meeting from June 16th, where it was approved to take place to accommodate attendance at graduations, to June 23rd may assist in presenting a draft Original Estimates Budget for 2020-2021 for the consideration of the Board.

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 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 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 June 9, 2020.

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 May 12, 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 May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the June 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 9, 2020.**

Approved on **September 15, 2020.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer