



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Dekker.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

#### 1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

#### 2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole excuse Trustee Crole from attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 12, 2010.

**CARRIED**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro		✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole			✓
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi	✓		
<b>Student Trustees</b>			
Shelby Levesque			✓
Patrick Fowler	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 12, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 14, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Policy Committee**

1.1 **Unapproved Minutes**

**Policy Committee Meeting – September 28, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 28, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

1.2 **Approval of Policies**

Policy Committee Chairperson Scalzi presented the amendments to the Board By-Laws.

1.2.1 **Board By-Laws (100.1)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board By-Laws (100.1), as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **1.3 Policy Development Update**

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

### **2. International Student Exchange**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education: Student Achievement K-12, introduced Jayne Evans, FSL /ESL/Arts Consultant. Mrs. Evans welcomed this year's International Exchange Students from France, Germany and Switzerland, as well as their Niagara Catholic hosts. The Exchange Students are attending Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School, St. Mark Catholic Elementary School, Lakeshore Catholic High School, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School and Notre Dame College School.

The students introduced themselves and spoke briefly of their experiences.

Chairperson Burtnik and Vice-Chairperson Dekker presented the host and exchange students with Niagara Catholic District School Board pins.

### **3. Catholic School Councils Annual Report 2009-2010**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the Catholic School Councils Annual Report 2009-2010 to the Board, which is compliance with School Council legislation, that states every School Council shall annually submit a written report on its activities to the Principal of the school and to the Board that established the Council (O. Reg. 612/00, s. 24 (1)).

### **4. Niagara Catholic Celebrates the Canonization of Blessed Brother Andre**

Director Crocco and Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on Niagara Catholic Celebrates the Canonization of Blessed Brother Andre.

Blessed Brother Andre is the first Canadian-born male to be canonized a Saint. On October 30th, 2010 a Thanksgiving Mass led by His Eminence, Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, will take place at Montréal's Olympic Stadium to commemorate this historical and celebratory event.

Intermediate and secondary school students, along with Board and school staff, will attend the special Thanksgiving Mass. Members of Senior Staff, including the Director of Education, John Crocco, Superintendents of Education, Yolanda Baldasaro, Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells and Frank Iannantuono, along with Mary-Ann McKinley, Consultant: Student Leadership/Student Engagement, will accompany staff and students on this historic trip to Montreal. Approximately 132 students and staff, filling 3 coach buses, will depart at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, travelling to Montreal.

### **5. Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program Update**

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Mark Lefebvre, Administrator: School Effectiveness Framework and Kendall Cappellazzo, Consultant: Early Years/Primary, who presented the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program Update (ELKP) which was implemented in sixteen (16) classrooms in eight (8) Niagara Catholic Elementary schools in September 2010.

Trustees asked questions of staff and discussed the Early Day Learning Kindergarten Program.

**6. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, and Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

**7. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2010-2011**

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

**8. Monthly Updates**

**8.1 Capital Projects Progress Report**

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the Capital Projects Progress Report.

**8.2 Student Trustees' Update**

Patrick Fowler, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

**8.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update**

The Family of Schools Superintendents gave brief verbal reports highlighting the activities in their schools.

**Superintendent Ciarlo**

- St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School enjoyed an hour of skating at the Seymour-Hannah Sports Complex. Skates and helmets were provided to students who did not have them through the Skates for Kids program.
- Denis Morris Catholic High School student, Julia Longo, will be representing Team Canada in the International Special Olympics being held in Greece in the summer of 2011. Julia earned two (2) gold and two (2) silver medals for Team Ontario in the fastest swimming divisions.
- St. Mark Catholic Elementary School has received their Communities in Bloom Garden award from the Town of Lincoln. The award was the result of the hard work and dedication of last year's Grade 3 and 4 class, and the St. Mark's Gardening Club.

**Superintendent Forsyth-Sells**

- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School students and staff raised over \$4,500 during the Annual Terry Fox Walk
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School continues to offer a daily "morning snack" program that offers a nutritious break for students just after a.m. recess.
- St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School is participating in a Daily Running/Walking Program which will take place over a five week period of time. Students complete 40 km throughout a training cycle. Students in grades 3 to 8 are invited to participate in the Niagara International Marathon's 'Schools Marathon Challenge/
- St. Ann Catholic Elementary School in Fenwick has made a difference with their annual "Thanksgiving Food Drive" by being very generous to those less fortunate. Boxes and boxes of food were delivered to "Pelham Cares".
- Saint Michael Catholic High School teacher, Dean Serravalle, had a book launch to promote his first novel, "Reliving Charlie" on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Coles Book Store at the Pen Centre.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 28, 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 28, 2010 issue for Trustees' information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – October 2010.

#### **1.3 World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information and a hard copy of the memo to all teachers on World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2010.

#### **1.4 Niagara Catholic Regional School Council Annual Chairpersons & Members' Meeting**

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Regional School Council Annual Chairpersons and Members' Meeting, being held Wednesday, October 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School.

#### **1.5 Pilgrimage Sunday – October 24, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on Pilgrimage Sunday being held on October 24, 2010 which is also Mission Sunday. He noted that Notre Dame College School will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage this year.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Trustees were reminded that the November 9, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting would take place at a revised time of 1:00 p.m. This will accommodate Trustees and Senior Staff attending the Installation of Bishop Bergie.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**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 Meeting at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 12, 2010.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section A: Student Trustees Present held on September 14, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board approval of the action as outlined in Item F3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F3.1)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board approval of the action as outlined in Item F3.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F3.2)**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded held on September 14, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board approval of the action as outlined in Item F5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the October 12, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 12, 2010.**

Approved on the **9th** day of **November 2010.**

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John Dekker  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer