



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

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

Vice-Chairperson Dekker excused Trustee Belcastro from attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2010.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro			✓
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole	✓		
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi	✓		
Student Trustees			
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓		
Megan Grocholsky	✓		

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; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary / Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 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 February 9, 2010

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Aboriginal Education Initiatives 2009-2010

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Robert DiPersio, Administrator of Special Projects, and Yolanda Fera, Aboriginal Project Lead, who presented the report on the Aboriginal Education Initiatives 2009-2010. Mr. DiPersio highlighted the initiatives of the program, whose main goal is to improve achievement among First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students, and to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in curriculum.

The OHNIA:KARA Native Aboriginal Drum Group, who have been performing for students in Niagara Catholic's schools, performed a song of honour and appreciation for the Board to express their gratitude for the relationship formed with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

2. The 2010 Global Best Awards

Superintendent Baldasaro presented background information on The Global Best Awards. Marco Magazzeni, Consultant K-12 Technology/Specialist High Skills Major and Andrew Keltos, Cyberquest Teacher, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Welland, presented information on Niagara Catholic's application and submission to the Conference Board of Canada, in collaboration with the International Partnership Network, for the 2010 Global Best Awards.

The Board's video presentation "Global Challenges – Partnerships in Education" was selected as a 2010 Global Best Award recipient in the Global Challenges category in April. Niagara Catholic has been invited to receive this award and to present its submission at the conference in Toronto.

3. Renewable Energy Projects

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the report on the Renewable Energy Projects. The Niagara Catholic District School Board has received funding support for renewable energy technology projects at Our Lady of Fatima and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary Schools in Grimsby in the amount of \$1,898,746 to install rooftop solar photovoltaic systems on the two replacement school buildings, which are now under construction. The Electricity generated will be fed back to the power grid and, through a long-term “Feed-In-Tariff” contract with the Ontario Power Authority, is expected to return approximately \$184,800 per year to the Board energy budget.

4. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information. Administrator Syne elaborated on the Principal Performance Appraisal which will assist Principals and Vice-Principals along their journey as Catholic leaders.

5. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2009-2010

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

6. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

8. Monthly Updates

8.1 Policy Development Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

8.2 Capital Projects Progress Report

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

8.3 Student Trustees' Update

Megan Grocholsky, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

8.4 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

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

Superintendent Ciarlo

- A team of students accompanied by staff from St. Denis Catholic Elementary School will be competing in the FIRST Lego League SMART MOVE World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia in April.
- Rick Dykstra, Member of Parliament for St. Catharines, produced a calendar booklet which includes art from the students at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School.
- A family at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School in Beamsville, take their children out of school for a month every year and travel to third world countries. This year they will be visiting Guatemala.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Schools
 - Staff and students held an "Opening Ceremony" and a "Closing Ceremony" to celebrate the Winter Olympic Games. Staff and Students had the chance to speak to Mr. Sandy Annunziata, Torch bearer # 199.
 - The Carousel Players performed the play "Danny, King of the Basement" to Grade 4-8 students. Canadian Tire Corporation funded this event.
 - The Grade 7 and 8 students are preparing for the annual presentation of the STATIONS of the CROSS. This production includes stage design, costumes, rehearsals and lighting.
- The St. Kevin Catholic Elementary community participated in Mission Day raising \$2,410.50 for needy children throughout the world.
- St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Welland held a "Literacy Olympics" event to promote literacy in the home and inspire the children to work hard to achieve their goals.
- Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School students in the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate divisions took part in ecological presentations. Representatives from Walker Brothers, Inc., the City of Niagara Falls, All Things Fair, and the Niagara Peninsula Energy staff presented to students.
- St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School students composed and recorded songs with the assistance of recording engineer Rob Hanson about anti-bullying and the importance of proper hand hygiene.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 23, 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 23, 2010 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – March 2010

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

1.3 Niagara Catholic Skills Competition – March 9, 2010

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Skills Competition – March 9, 2010.

1.4 March Break 2010 – March 15 – 19, 2010

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that March Break 2010 will be taking place March 15-19, 2010.

**1.5 Niagara Regional Catholic Council Annual Spring Convention
Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School – March 27, 2010**

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Niagara Regional Catholic Council Annual Spring Convention Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School – March 27, 2010.

1.6 CCSTA'S 50th AGM

Director Crocco informed Trustees of CCSTA's 50th AGM taking place June 3-5, 2010 in Ottawa and asked that they inform Sherry Morena if they plan on attending by the March Board Meeting.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1.1 Elementary Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal Interviews

Director Crocco presented information on the Elementary Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal Interview process and schedule.

The Secondary Vice-Principal interviews are scheduled for March 25, 2010, and the Elementary Principal interviews are scheduled for March 31, 2010.

The Director stated that in accordance with Board Policy 202.2 Catholic Leadership: Principal and Vice-Principal Selection, Human Resources is in the process of finalizing the Interview Committees which requires one trustee appointed by the Chair of the Board.

Chairperson Burtnik invited Trustees to inform her of their availability to participate on the interview committees.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

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 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Crole

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2010.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 February 9, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 February 9, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.2)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the March 9, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 9, 2010.**

Approved on the **13th** day of **April 2010.**

John Dekker
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer