



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 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 Charbonneau.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau noted that Trustees MacNeil and Nieuwesteeg asked to be excused from the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Chairperson Burtnik joined the meeting electronically at 9:15 p.m. and participated in the In Camera Session.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik		✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil				✓
Ed Nieuwesteeg				✓
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Student Trustees				
Ryan Creelman	✓			
Patrick Morris	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

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

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 17, 2012, 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 December 6, 2011**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 6, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Policy Committee Notre Dame College School and Associated Elementary Schools, and Port Robinson Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Rhianon Burkholder, Chair of the Notre Dame College School and Associated Elementary Schools, and Port Robinson Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee, gave a brief overview of the process followed by the Ad Hoc Committee and its report to the Committee of the Whole. James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the specifics of the report highlighting the recommended changes to the boundaries.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

1. **THAT** as of January 9, 2012 all current Niagara Catholic students residing in the existing Port Robinson attendance area will be permitted to attend their current family of schools and will be granted Out of Boundary status.
2. **THAT** as of January 9, 2012 all current Niagara Catholic Grade 8 students (attending Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School) and Denis Morris Catholic High School students residing in the Port Robinson area will be granted transportation until 2015-2016.
3. **THAT** as of January 9, 2012 transportation will be provided to current students residing in the Port Robinson area attending Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 until 2015-2016 at which time transportation will be discontinued.
4. **THAT** as of January 9, 2012 a boundary change will occur for Port Robinson with Allanport Road inclusive to Barron Road attending the Notre Dame College Family of Schools. The Boundary descriptions for Denis Morris, St. Charles, Monsignor Clancy,

Notre Dame College School and St. Andrew Catholic schools will be amended with the revised Port Robinson boundary of;

South: Thorold Townline Road (centreline) to Barron Road (inclusive) crossing the Welland Canal to Turner Rd (and its projection) to the Welland Canal to a line halfway between Holland Rd and Barron Rd to the township lot lines between lots 63 and 64 and lots 86 and 87 and lots 109 and 110 and lots 132 and 133 to the Town Boundary (Lincoln and Pelham).

CARRIED

2. Working Together for Kids' Mental Health Project 2010-2011 and Beyond

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Ken Lococo, Behavioural Resource Teacher, who presented the report on Working Together for Kids' Mental Health Project 2010-2011 and Beyond, which was designed to address and build a child and youth mental health system that was coordinated, collaborative and integrated at all community and government levels.

3. Homework Help

Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education, introduced the report on Homework Help, and welcomed Mark DiTomasso, e-Learning Consultant, who presented detailed information on the student focused Homework Help on-line support for students in Grade 7 to Grade 10. A demonstration of the Homework Help was provided to students.

Trustees were also informed that Homework Help is beneficial for teachers and parents, as it allows teachers to find valuable math resources that can be used in the classroom for differentiated instruction and blended learning.

4. Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement: BIPSA 2011-2013

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement: BIPSA 2011-2013, which aligns with Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, the annual System Priorities and the School Effectiveness Framework. Niagara Catholic's BIPSA establishes expectations, goals, strategies and partnerships to support the student achievement of all students from Early Learning Kindergarten Programs (ELKP) to graduation.

5. 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.

John Cino, Student Success Teacher at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, presented the Career Cruising Project which encourages students in Grades 7 and 8 to create and use an Educational Portfolio which keeps track of their in accomplishments, goals and plans.

6. Consolidation of Michael J. Brennan and St. James Catholic Elementary Schools

Director Crocco presented a background overview of the Consolidation of Michael J. Brennan and St. James Catholic Elementary Schools, and the Consolidation of St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools reports. He reminded Trustees that at the May 26, 2009 and November 8, 2011 Board Meetings of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board approved eleven (11) motions which provided specific system direction, decisions and timelines following a detailed open, transparent and accountable Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) process.

The Director informed Trustees that as part of our continuous dialogue with the Ministry of Education, new information has recently been received regarding potential funding available for the needed renovations to both St. James and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools should they be consolidated by the Board through a board motion. A Board motion and business case requesting Ministry funding must be received by the Ministry of Education by January 31, 2012.

Mr. Woods walked the Committee of the Whole through a PowerPoint which visually displayed the potential phased in approaches that Senior Staff is currently exploring for the consideration of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the consolidation of Michael J. Brennan and St. James Catholic Elementary Schools at the St. James site for September 2013, subject to funding approval by the Ministry of Education for renovation and addition to St. James Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

7. Consolidation of St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the consolidation of St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel site for September 2013, subject to funding approval by the Ministry of Education for renovation and addition to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

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

Ryan Creelman and Patrick Morris, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

8.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Ciccarelli

- The Fatima Falcons Lego/Robotics Team, from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines, qualified for the Provincial Tournament by being the Second Grand Champion at the Niagara Regional Tournament on Saturday, December 17th, 2011. Our Lady of Fatima captured the Mechanical Design Award at the Provincial tournament.
- St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake, has excelled in their EQAO results and was highlighted by EQAO.

Superintendent Baldasaro

- St. Francis Catholic Secondary School Senior Girls' Basketball won Bronze in OFSSA.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 20, 2011

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 20, 2011 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – January 2012

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – January 2012.

1.3 Niagara Catholic Baby Celebration – January 18, 2012

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Niagara Catholic Baby Celebration being held at the Catholic Education Centre on January 18, 2012.

All Trustees were invited to attend.

1.4 Bishop's Gala - January 27, 2012 – Club Italia, Niagara Falls

Director Crocco presented information on the 9th Annual Bishop's Gala being held on January 27, 2012 at Club Italia in Niagara Falls.

Trustees were asked to contact Sherry Morena for tickets, as well as to be at Club Italia by 6:15 p.m. for photographs.

1.5 BEC - 2012 Annual Partners Breakfast - February 10, 2012 - 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Director Crocco presented information on the BEC - 2012 Annual Partners Breakfast – being held February 10, 2012 from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m., informing Trustees that the Board has booked a table.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Linda Marconi no later than Friday, January 20th 2012.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco provided an overview of upcoming accommodation and attendance area actions for the consideration of the Board. He also informed Trustees of the Special Policy Committee Meeting on February 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Chairperson Burtnik joined the meeting electronically at 9:15 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 17, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 December 6, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 December 6, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the January 17, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 17, 2012.**

Approved on the **14th** day of **February 2012.**

Maurice Charbonneau
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer