



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 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 Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	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; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2009, as amended:

ADDITION TO THE IN CAMERA AGENDA

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

ITEM F5 – In Camera Item

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 October 13, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Academic and Athletic Medalists**

- *St. Francis Catholic High School - OFSSA Medalists*

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Mike Sheahan, Physical Education Consultant, who spoke briefly of the accomplishments of the St. Francis Catholic High School Golf Team who won Gold Medals at OFSSA

Ken Griepsma, Principal of St. Francis Catholic High School, introduced the Golf Team and spoke of their achievements.

Chairperson Burtnek and Trustee Charbonneau presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Athletics” pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Pilgrimage Sunday - October 25, 2009**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement, welcomed Terri Paucio, Religious Education and Family Life Consultant who presented the report on Pilgrimage Sunday – October 25, 2009.

Approximately 5,000 Niagara Catholic students, staff, Trustees, Senior Administration, Catholic School Council members and Alumni participated in this year’s annual Pilgrimage. Over \$202,000 was raised in this annual event to assist our needy brothers and sisters in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Dominica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru and Rwanda in addition to Development & Peace and Fogquest.

Elli Kubarakos, student of St. Francis Catholic Secondary School performed a song she wrote for Pilgrimage 2009 entitled "Share". Students from each of Niagara Catholic's Secondary Schools spoke briefly about their school's pilgrimage themes as well as special events held to prepare for Sunday, October 25, 2009.

Vice-Chairperson Fera, on behalf of the Trustees, praised the students for their commitment and dedication to others in need. The students were presented with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" pins.

2. Policy Committee

2.1 Unapproved Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting – October 28, 2009

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of October 28, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Policy Development Update

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update.

3. Father Patrick Fogarty Awards

Director Crocco presented the report on the Father Patrick Fogarty Awards and informed Trustees that the Class of 2009 student recipients of the Father Fogarty Award were invited as guests to attend the 2009 Father Fogarty Awards Dinner held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 in Mississauga. In keeping with past practice, the cost for parents to attend the Awards Dinner was covered by the Board and the students costs were covered by CEFO. Six of the eight families were able to attend this year's Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner.

4. Early Learning Program – Planning for 2010-2011 & 2011-2012

Superintendent Baldasaro and Administrator Lefebvre presented the report on the Early Learning Program for 2010-2011 & 2011-2012, (full-day early learning for four and five year olds). The Ministry of Education planning allocations of ELP classes for the Niagara Catholic District School Board is 14 classes for Year One (2010-2011 school year) and 7 classes for Year Two (2011-2012).

The Ministry of Education will review transportation cost requirements for 2010-2011 during the first few months of 2010. Schools Boards will need to consult with specified organizations prior to identifying the selected schools.

5. School Effectiveness Framework – District Review Process

Superintendent Baldasaro and Administrator Lefebvre presented the report on the School Effectiveness Framework – District Review Process which was established by the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat as a collegial process for growth in the effectiveness of schools. It is intended as a guide for analysis and improvement planning at both the school and Board level.

The District Review Process provides support for the school in identifying strengths and areas for further development. A summary report is provided to the school to assist in sharpening a school's focus and building the capacity of their professional Catholic learning community.

6. Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategy

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategy, which is a broad, province wide strategy designed to ensure that every student is provided with the tools to successfully complete his/her secondary schooling and reach his/her post secondary goals, whether these goals involve apprenticeships, college, university, or the workplace.

Superintendent Baldasaro answered Trustees questions regarding Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategy.

7. Ontario Educational Resource Bank (OERB)

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed Pat Mete, Consultant - Mentor Connector/Homework Help Initiative who presented the report on the Ontario Educational Resource Bank (OERB). The Niagara Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, has launched a campaign to reach every Niagara Catholic teacher, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 to help support and deliver Ontario Curriculum to students and parents through the promotion of the Ontario Educational Resource Bank, known as the OERB.

8. Adult and Continuing Education

Robert Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education presented the Adult and Continuing Education report. The six Niagara Catholic District School Board Adult and Continuing Education sites, as well as on-line learning, offer learners various credit and non-credit courses as well as career-based programs.

Superintendent Ciarlo noted that through the work of staff, effective management, additional Ministry funding for programs, advertising and a positive reputation throughout the Niagara region, the Adult and Continuing Education program contributed \$700,000 towards the Board's overall financial statements.

The Board moved into the In Camera Session to discuss a timed item.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

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 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

9. Catholic School Councils Annual Report 2008-2009

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the Catholic School Councils Annual Report 2008-2009 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)).

If the School Council engages in fundraising activities, the annual report shall include a report of those activities (O. Reg. 612/00, s. 24 (2)).

10. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

11. H1N1 – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management, which included up-to-date information from the Niagara Region Public Health Department and within the Board's Pandemic Plan implementation.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that Senior Staff is continuing to monitor the daily absenteeism of students and staff, and that Principals are continuing to provide the exemplary leadership with their school communities regarding prevention, monitoring and reduction strategies.

Staff is continuing close dialogue with the Niagara Regional Health Department in order to provide information and answer questions from staff, parents, and the media.

12. Financial Reports

12.1 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 October 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

12.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at October 31, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

10. Monthly Updates

10.1 Capital Projects Progress Report

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

10.2 Student Trustees' Update

Juliana Ciccarelli, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

10.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

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

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 27,2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 27, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – November 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Calendar of Events – November 2009.

1.3 Proposed Changes to Municipal Elections Act contained in Bill 212 – Good Government Act 2009

Director Crocco presented correspondence form OCTSA regarding the Proposed Changes to Municipal Elections Act contained in Bill 212 – Good Government Act 2009.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Crole

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 October 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

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 B: Student Trustees Excluded held on October 13, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the purchase of property be approved as outlined in Item F4 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – Section B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 10, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the recommendation as outlined in Item F5 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – Section B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 10, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the November 10, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 10, 2009.**

Approved on the **1st** day of **December 2009.**

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer