



*The Niagara Catholic District School Board through  
the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership,  
nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all  
to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*

*AGENDA AND MATERIAL*

## **BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**



*FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO*

### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayers – Trustee O’Leary -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest -
5. Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 16, 2014 A5

### **B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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### **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. School Excellence Program C1  
St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School
2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2015 C2  
and Consideration of Recommendation  
2.1 Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board -  
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus
3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) C3  
Meeting of December 3, 2014.
4. Appointment of Community Representative(s) to the Special Education Advisory Committee C4  
(SEAC) 2014-2018
5. Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) C5  
Meeting of November 13, 2014
6. Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Progress Review 2014-2015 C6
7. Financial Reports  
7.1. Monthly Banking Transactions - September to December 2014 C7.1  
7.2. Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at December 31, 2014 C7.2

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Correspondence
2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended
  - 2.1 2015 OCSTA Catholic Trustees' Professional Development Seminar -
3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action -
4. Trustee Information
  - 4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 2015 D4.1
  - 4.2 Calendar of Events – February 2015 D4.2
  - 4.3 Board Committee Membership 2015 D4.3
5. Open Question Period  
*(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)*

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. Attendance Support Program Policy E.1

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA****G. REPORT ON IN CAMERA SESSION****H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS****I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE****J. ADJOURNMENT**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF  
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 16, 2014, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

*FATHER KENNETH BURNS C.S.C. BOARD ROOM  
THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE*

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Father Kenneth Burns C.S.C. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee MacNeil

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Demizio, Chloe	✓			
Di Pasquale, Jessica	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Linda Marconi**, Recording Secretary/Executive Assistant – Director of Education.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Item 3 of the In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) deferred to the January CW meeting and replaced with a legal consultation. Item F3 will follow F10.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of December 16, 2014, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes of Board Meetings**

**5.1 November 25, 2014**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee O’Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 25, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 December 2, 2014**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 2, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Christmas Cards 2014**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on Christmas Cards 2014. He indicated that schools throughout Niagara Catholic were invited to submit artwork designed by their students in order to create the 2014 Niagara Catholic Christmas Cards.

Chair MacNeil, Vice-Chair Sicoli and Director Crocco presented the following students with Excellence in the Arts pins and a plaqued picture of their artwork. The students, whose artwork was selected for the Board’s Christmas cards were introduced by Superintendent Lefebvre. Katie Hallchurch (Grade 10, Notre Dame College School) and Maddie Beauplarant (Grade 8, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School). Those absent were Erika Petrak (Grade 11, Saint Michael Catholic High School) and Hannah Dobbie (Grade 12, Lakeshore Catholic High School)

## C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 1. School Excellence Program – Denis Morris Catholic High School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided background information about Denis Morris Catholic High School and introduced Danny DiLorenzo, Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School.

Principal DiLorenzo, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Denis Morris Catholic High School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil thanked Principal DiLorenzo, the staff and students for their presentation and performance. Trustees Charbonneau, Burtnik and Vernal also expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the staff and students.

### 2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2014 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2014.

#### 2.1 Approval of Policies

##### 2.2.1 Concussion Policy

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Concussion Policy as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of November 5, 2014

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 5, 2014 as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Extended Overnight Field Trips, Excursions and Exchange Committee 2014-2015

Superintendent Lefebvre presented the report on Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange for information.

5. **Appointment of Community Representative(s) to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on the appointment of Community Representatives to the Special Education Committee (SEAC) 2014-2018.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2014-2018:

- Carol Baldinelli – VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children
- Sarah Farrell – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region
- Bill Helmeczi – Pathstone Mental Health
- Rob Lavorato – Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)
- Anna Racine – Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario (Niagara Chapter)

**CARRIED**

6. **Appointment of Community Representative(s) to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC)**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells presented the report on the appointment of Community Representatives to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) 2014-2018.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint Shelley Gilbert, St. Vincent de Paul Society; Linda Marie O'Hagan, St. Catharines Diocesan Council for Development and Peace; and Heather Pyke, Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) as the community representatives of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement committee for the 2014-2015 school year, and if one of these members cannot fulfill their duties, Antoinette Bartalon will be invited to participate.

**CARRIED**

7. **Trustee Honorarium for the Year December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015**

Director Crocco presented the report on Trustee Honorarium for the Year December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Honorarium for the year December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015, as noted in Appendix A, as follows:

- \$16,781 for the Chairperson of the Board
- \$13,753 for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board
- \$10,517 for the other Trustees

**CARRIED**

**8. Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

Superintendent Vetrone presented the report on Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Following discussion, it was requested that an amended appendix outlining expenditures from September 1, 2013 to August 30, 2014 be sent to Trustees electronically. Director Crocco agreed to do so in compliance with MOE submission timelines.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board received the report on Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for information and refer back to staff for amendment.

**CARRIED**

**9. Director of Education's Annual Report 2014**

Director Crocco presented the Report on the Director's Annual Report 2014 which included a copy of the Director's Annual Report 2014. He informed Trustees that the Annual Report 2014 is in compliance with the requirements of the Education Act and the Minister of Education regarding the submission of Directors Annual Reports.

Director Crocco thanked the members of Senior Administrative Council for their submissions and Jennifer Brailey, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications, and the Print Shop staff for their work in the preparation of the impressive Director's Annual Report 2014.

**10. Revised Annual Budget for the Year 2014-2015**

Director Crocco provided background information on the Revised Annual Budget for the budget year 2014-2015.

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Report on the Revised Annual Budget for the Year 2014-2015 and answered questions from Trustees.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that commencing at the January 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting, Trustees will be presented with information on the design of System Priorities and the Annual Balanced Budget 2015-2016 for information prior to a recommendation in the spring of 2015.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Revised Annual Budget for the Year 2014-2015 as presented, with a follow-up report from Senior Administrative Council at the January 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting to align revenue and expenditures for the 2015-2016 year.

**CARRIED**



## **D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Correspondence**

#### **1.1 OCSTA – Changes in Selection Process for Regional Director**

Trustees re-confirmed their decision to maintain status quo and to report the approved motions to OCSTA.

### **2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

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

Senior Administrative Council will bring forth a report on Board properties and facilities at the February 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting for the consideration of Trustees.

### **4. Trustee Information**

#### **4.1 Spotlight – December 2014**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 2014 issue for Trustees' information.

#### **4.2 Calendar of Events – January 2015**

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – January 2015 for Trustees information and noted the following important dates:

##### **Christmas Break – December 22, 2014 to January 5, 2015**

Director Crocco informed Trustees that all schools, along with the Catholic Education Centre, will be closed from December 22, 2014 to January 5, 2015 inclusive.

##### **Niagara Catholic Baby Celebration – January 14, 2015**

Director Crocco informed and invited Trustees to the Annual Niagara Catholic Baby Celebration being held at the Catholic Education Centre on January 14, 2015 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

#### **4.3 Business Education Council Annual Partners Breakfast 2015**

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the BEC Annual Partner Breakfast 2015 will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at the Marriot Gateway on the Falls. Trustees are asked to inform Linda Marconi if interested in attending by January 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting.

#### **4.4 Consecration of the Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Chair MacNeil provided information on the Consecration of the Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus and asked for a recommendation for the Board to participate. Following discussion, Director Crocco indicated that he would bring a report and recommendation to the January 2015 CW meeting for consideration.

**4.5 System Letter, OCSTA, Showcase and Board Committees 2015**

Director Crocco provided Trustees with a hardcopy of a letter from Bishop Bergie, Chair MacNeil and himself which will be sent home with all students this week. A letter from Bishop Bergie, Chair MacNeil and Director Crocco will be emailed to all Niagara Catholic staff, including Trustees, on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

A copy of the OCSTA Good Governance was provided for Trustees consideration.

Copies of the Fall Showcase magazine featuring Fr. Mulligan on the cover have been distributed schools and the community throughout Niagara.

Chair MacNeil reminded Trustees to hand in their 2015 Board Committee form.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

**CARRIED**

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 9:32 p.m. and reconvened at 10:35 pm.

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

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of November 25, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

**SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 25, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 16, 2014**.

Approved on **January 27, 2015**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM  
ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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The School Excellence Program report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015



## **SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **Contact Info**

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### **Grades**

ELKP – 8

### **Enrolment**

207 as of September 2014

### **Principal**

Roger Demers

### **Superintendent**

Ted Farrell

### **Catholic School Council**

**Chair** - Sue Davies

**Co-Chair** - Regan Gaudin

### **Parish**

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Father John T. Vickers C.S.C.

St. Christopher Catholic  
Elementary School is a member  
of the Denis Morris Catholic  
Family of Schools



St. Christopher Catholic School is located in St. Catharines in Second Woods subdivision about two kilometres from the Queenston Street Bridge of the Welland Canal.

The founding Principal, Joe Noonan, opened the school in 1956. At that time, St. Christopher School was one hallway of six classrooms, a small staff room and office.

In January of 1998, the community celebrated the new additions of a gym with a stage, library, Early Childhood Education classrooms, a resource room, two new offices and a welcoming foyer, which is frequently used for numerous activities. The architecture and board logo proudly affirm our Catholicity. Spacious green space provides play areas for our students.

In April 2007, St. Christopher Catholic School celebrated 50 years of Catholic education. The school serves as a community hub hosting the Early Years Centre every Thursday morning and a parish mass on a weekly basis.

Prepared by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2015**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2015, as presented.

The following recommendation is being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2015:

**C.2 *Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board -  
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

***FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO***

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the Father Kenneth Burns C.S.C. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

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

### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

**2. Roll Call**

Trustee Sicoli noted that all Trustees were in attendance.

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present Electronically</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera		✓		
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Jessica Di Pasquale	✓			
Chloe Demizio	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Sherry Morena**, Coordinator of Information Management, Recording Secretary

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Declaration Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Item F2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2014**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Holy Childhood Walk**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education gave a brief presentation on the Holy Childhood Walk. This year, forty-four (44) elementary schools participated in the Holy Childhood Walkathons in an effort to raise money for various countries in *Africa, South America and Asia*. The walkathons were conducted through October and early November and raised \$18,816.06.

**2. Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Director Crocco presented the report recommending that the Niagara Catholic District School Board be Consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as presented.

**CARRIED**



3. **Staff Development: Professional Development Opportunities 2015**

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

4. **Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016**

John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer and Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the report on the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 which included information on the foundation, background, current status, Ministry of Education and Board financed programs and services in Niagara Catholic.

Trustees asked question of Director Crocco and Superintendent Vetrone regarding the various aspects of the report. Director Crocco indicated that in accordance with the consultation and decision making timelines, Senior Administrative Council would provide additional reports on the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 at upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings prior to a presentation of a final report and recommendations in the spring of 2015.

5. **Monthly Updates**

5.1 **Capital Projects Update**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, presented the Capital Projects Update.

5.2 **Student Trustees' Update**

Chloe Demizio and Jessica Di Pasquale, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

5.3 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Baldasaro**

- Blessed Trinity Catholic was recognized on the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) website, which displayed the winning group from Blessed Trinity Catholic last year. For the past three years, Blessed Trinity Catholic students researched charitable organizations in their school's demographic area and presented both an oral and video presentation about the charity to a panel of distinguished judges. Winning groups can secure a \$5,000 subsidy towards the charity that they research.

**Superintendent Lefebvre**

- Sarah Quaranta, student at Saint Paul Catholic High School, was one of 13 forwards chosen to represent Canada on the under-18 women's national hockey team. Canada secured a silver medal in the tournament.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 2014**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – December 2014 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – January 2015**

Director Crocco presented the January 2015 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

#### **1.3 Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat – January 27, 2015 – Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Trustee and Senior Staff Retreat being held January 27, 2015 at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre beginning at 9:30 a.m.

#### **1.4 EQAO Strategic Planning Session Representation – February 2, 2015, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Waterloo**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells informed Trustees that an EQAO Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for February 2, 2015 between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Waterloo. Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena if they are interested in attending the event.

#### **1.5 Business Education Council Annual Partners Breakfast – February 6, 2015**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees about the Business Education Council Annual Partners Breakfast being held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Marriott Gateway on the Falls, Niagara Falls from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., featuring keynote speaker Taylor Conroy of Change Heros.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena by Friday, January 17, 2015.

#### **1.6 Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction**

Director Crocco provided Trustees with information about the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2015 and the Bishops Gala on April 10, 2015.

#### **1.7 Draft 2015 Board Committee Membership**

Chair MacNeil presented the Draft 2015 Board Committee Membership and requested Trustees to advise him of committee membership. The confirmed 2015 Board Committee Membership will be provided at the January 2015 Board Meeting.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Director Crocco informed Trustees that in addition to the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 report at the February 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting, Senior Administrative Council will present the Annual Mid-Year System Priorities Achievement Report at the January 2015 Board Meeting, and a report on Board properties and service locations at the February 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**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 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 a.m.

### **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 13, 2015.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**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 November 11, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded) of November 11, 2014, as presented.

**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 F5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.1)**

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 F7.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.2)**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.3)**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

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 F7.4 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.4)**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole extend the meeting 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

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 F7.5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.5)**

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 F7.6 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.6)**

Moved by Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.7 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.7)**

Moved by Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.8 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.8)**

Moved by Charbonneau

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.9 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.9)**

Moved by Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.10 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.10)**

Moved by Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.11 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.11)**

Moved by Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.12 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.12)**

Moved by O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.13 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.13)**

Moved by Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F7.14 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F7.14)**

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the January 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 13, 2015.**

Approved on **February 10, 2015.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: CONSECRATING THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF  
MARY AND THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as presented.

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Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer

Recommended by: Committee of the Whole

Date: January 27, 2015



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 13, 2015**

### **CONSECRATING THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees and Director of Education received correspondence from the Chair of the Board Father Paul MacNeil on the Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The correspondence noted the following background information:

“On the Feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2013, Pope Francis brought the “Year of Faith” to a close with a consecration of the world to the Immaculate heart of Mary. He asked Mary to intercede for the world “with the benevolence of a mother.”

Last year, following in the footsteps of Pope Francis, his excellency, Bishop Bergie, also brought the year of faith to a close by consecrating the diocese of St. Catharines to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He did this at our anniversary celebration of the diocese on November 25th at the Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria in 2013.

In his remarks on the occasion of the ending of the year of faith, Pope Francis made beautiful reference to the mercy of God, which can untie “all knotted hearts.” “These knots,” he writes, “take away our peace and serenity.” As we begin our next four years together, let us take to heart the prayer of Pope Francis as he consecrated the world to The Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Holy Mary, Virgin of Fatima,  
Hold our life in your arms:  
bless and strengthen every desire for good;  
revive and nourish faith;  
sustain and enlighten hope;  
awaken and animate charity;  
guide all of us along the path of holiness.  
Teach us your own preferential love  
for the little and the poor,  
for the excluded and the suffering,  
for sinners and the downhearted:  
bring everyone under your protection  
and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus.  
Amen.”



Following discussion of the correspondence, as Director of Education, I am submitting for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole that the Niagara Catholic District School Board be Consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus thus “putting our Board in a very special way under the spiritual care and protection of our Lord and his Blessed Mother.”

If the January 2015 Committee of the Whole recommends the consecration to the January 2015 Board, and with the approval of the Board, each Board Meeting will begin with the Angelus and concluded with the Hail Mary.

Individualized prayer cards of the Angelus will be provided to all members of the Board of Trustees and Senior Administrative Council for the February 2015 Board Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as presented.

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PREPARED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer

PRESENTED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer

RECOMMENDED BY: John Crocco, Director of Education, Secretary/Treasurer

DATE: January 13, 2015

**ACT OF CONSECRATION**  
**of the Niagara Catholic District School Board**  
**to the**  
**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**and to the**  
**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

We, trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, duly elected to this office by civil authority and affirmed by declaration to the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, acknowledge you, O Jesus, as LORD. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are the almighty Creator of the universe. You are the Head of your body, the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, of this local Church and of our Catholic School Board. I wish to recognize and ratify once again, that we belong to you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be.

Therefore, we give, entrust and consecrate to you, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Niagara Catholic District School Board, all our parishes, and each one in particular, and each and all of our students, teachers and staff. We entrust these to your merciful protection and love, and we consecrate to you all the land and people of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Bless our students, protect them from all harm and help them to grow in faith, love and charity. Bless our teachers and our staff, keep them healthy and fill them with joy as they pursue their vocations and their daily work. Bless our Catholic School system here and in our province, that we may humbly serve the needs of our Catholic parents. May we continue to prosper as we serve the needs of our nation and our local communities in cooperation with all other civil agencies. Give us grace to use wisely, generously and charitably the goods you bestow upon us and entrust to us. Since, with your help, we intend to seek first of all your kingdom and your justice, add everything else we need to us.

Help us, trustees of our board, to govern with strength, love and wisdom. Protect us from our own weaknesses and teach us to be humble servants, respectful and kind to each other as we share our wisdom, even when we disagree. Keep us united in love and focused on our goals, and above all, help us to spread the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in union with the whole Church.

We worship you, whose Heart is filled with goodness and love. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

We also we give, entrust and consecrate to you, O Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Niagara Catholic District School Board, all our schools, and each one in particular, and each and all of our students, teachers and staff. We entrust these to your merciful protection and love, and we consecrate to you all the land and people of the Niagara Catholic District School Board

Pour out the grace and mercy entrusted to you on each and every one of us. May we all respond to our most fundamental vocation: to be faithful servants and perfect friends of the Sacred Heart.

Gather us finally together, without the loss of anyone, in the kingdom of God's love and glory in paradise forever and ever. Amen.

Niagara Catholic District School Board,  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEETING OF  
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 3, 2014 as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 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 Chair Racine.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Chair Racine.

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario	✓		
Rob Lavorato	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)	✓		
Connie Parry	Association for Bright Children	✓		
Kerry Thomas	Community Living-Welland/Pelham	✓		
Cyndi Gryp	Community Living-Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln	✓		
Carol Baldinelli	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	✓		
Colleen Sword	Autism Ontario – Niagara Region Chapter	✓		
Jay Gemmell	John Howard Society of Niagara	✓		
Diane Dakiv	Ontario Brain Injury Association	✓		
Sarah Farrell	Learning Disabilities Association – Niagara	✓		
Bill Helmeczi	Pathstone Mental Health	✓		
<b>Trustees</b>				
Father Paul MacNeil		✓		
Maurice Charbonneau			✓	
<b>Student Senate Representative</b>				
Thomas Dedinsky		✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

**Yolanda Baldasaro**, Superintendent of Education; **Jim Whittard**, Principal, Secondary; **Lisa Selman**, Principal, Elementary; **Amy Dowd**, Coordinator Special Education; **Tina DiFrancesco**, Recording Secretary

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Kerry Thomas  
Seconded by Rob Lavorato

**THAT** the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 3, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 5, 2014**

Moved by Jay Gemmell  
Seconded by Bill Helmeczi

**THAT** the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 5, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Integrated Transition Planning – Amy Dowd**

Amy Dowd, Special Education Coordinator presented information about Integrated Transition Planning describing the school board's requirements and the process of developing a transition plan for students with special education needs. Questions were asked and answered during the presentation.

## **C. VISIONING**

**1. Goals and Vision for 2014-2015**

**1.1 Discuss New Goals for 2014-2015**

Chair Racine reviewed the following new goals that the SEAC will focus on for the 2014-2015 school year: *SEAC Presentation at the New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)* and *SEAC's Participation in the Review of the Special Education Plan: Assign Members Sections of the Plan*. A discussion was held regarding which goal to focus on first and a decision was made to wait until the new year to make a decision.

## **D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

1. **Learner Advocacy**
2. **Parent Outreach**
3. **Program and Service Recommendations**
4. **Special Education Budget**
5. **Annual Review, Special Education Plan**
6. **Other Related Items**
7. **Policy Review**

The *Accessible Customer Service Policy*, *Occupational Health and Safety Policy*, *Employee Workplace Violence Policy* and *Employee Workplace Harassment Policy* were presented for information and review. Chair Racine suggested that any comments can be sent to her and she will respond on behalf of the SEAC. Individual responses are also welcome. The deadline to respond is January 13, 2015.

## **E. SEAC REPORT**

1. **Review and Approval of SEAC Insert for Catholic School Council Agenda**
  - Nil Report
2. **Review and Approval of SEAC Insert for School Newsletters**
  - Nil Report

## **F. AGENCY REPORTS**

1. **VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Carol Baldinelli**
  - The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Voice Conference will be held on May 2, 2015 at Guelph University.

**2. Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Rob Lavorato**

- The DSCP Trivia Night went very well.
- This week is the DSCP Kids Christmas party.

**3. Community Living – Welland/Pelham – Kerry Thomas**

- The *ReAction4Inclusion* conference was held on November 21-23, 2014 at the YMCA Cedar Glen, Concession II, Schomberg, ON. Many students from Blessed Trinity and Saint Paul High School were in attendance.
- *Together We're Better Contest*. Send a video, story or poem that shows how together we're better because everyone is included. The contest is open to Elementary school aged children between the ages of 4 to 14 in Ontario. There are amazing prizes to be won. Email: [togetherwearebetter@communitylivingontario.ca](mailto:togetherwearebetter@communitylivingontario.ca).
- *Meeting the Diversity Challenge, Symposium on Leadership and Diversity; Building Leadership for Effective and Inclusive Schools*. January 8 and 9, 2015 at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre, 1550 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario. For more information go to [www.inclusiveeducation.ca](http://www.inclusiveeducation.ca)

**4. Association for Bright Children – Connie Parry**

- There is a new chapter of ABC in Niagara.

**5. Community Living – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln – Cyndi Gryp**

- Community Living met with a Niagara Catholic Secondary Special Class Teacher to talk about transition planning and will be doing the same with other schools.
- Community Living Grimsby has well preserved hand crafted jam and jellies for sale. For more details visit [www.cl-grimsbylincoln.ca](http://www.cl-grimsbylincoln.ca)

**6. Autism Ontario – Colleen Sword**

- The Annual Moonlight Soiree was held on November 29<sup>th</sup> and had close to 200 people in attendance.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> - Draw Contest

**7. The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine**

- Nil Report

**8. John Howard Society of Niagara – Jay Gemmill**

- The John Howard Society is looking at having their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in May.

**9. Ontario Brain Injury Association – Diane Dakiv**

- Nil Report

**10. Learning Disabilities Association (Niagara) – Sarah Farrell**

- We are wrapping up all of our Fall programs this week. We will be running all after-school literacy and social skills program the first week of February and we will be accepting applications from December 1 – January 12, 2015. We are currently recruiting one-on-one literacy volunteer-tutors for the winter as well. Anyone that is interested is encouraged to complete a Volunteer Intake Form at [www.Ldaniagara.org](http://www.Ldaniagara.org).
- TV Cogeco stopped by our Reading Rocks program at the Welland site on Tuesday, December 2, to capture the fantastic work our literacy-tutors do to further promote the various volunteer opportunities at the LDANR. The story will be aired in TV Cogeco's newsmagazine called "The Source". "The Source" airs every day from 6:00a.m. -11:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m. The link is as follows:  
<http://www.tvcogeco.com/niagara/gallery/the-source/7235-december-source-stories/94592-reading-rocks>. We encourage everyone to share this story which will help recruit more Reading Rocks volunteer-tutors for the Winter session, particularly in Welland so we can accept more participants!

**11. Pathstone Mental Health – Bill Helmeczi**

- Nil Report

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Lisa Selman – Principal, Elementary**

St. Therese

- St. Therese continues the partnership with Penn Financial to provide Skates for Kids. We are in the process of matching skates to kids for use during the winter season. At the end of March, students return the skates to St. Therese for storage.
- We are building in a work skills component for one of our students with special education needs. He is assisting to stock the shelves and count the number of skates per size in storage.
- St. Therese has partnered with Port Cares to provide Stuffed Christmas Stockings for kids. The Grade 7 and 8 students, along with student council and a Child and Youth Worker are leading this initiative. Port Cares will distribute the stuffed stockings to children in our community.
- Community members have offered to provide Christmas gift baskets to some of our families at Christmas.
- St. Therese, St. Vincent De Paul Youth Group will now run its program out of St. Therese school one Monday a month beginning in January. Students ages 12 and up can attend.
- A Grade 6 student at St. Therese, spear headed the creation of an outdoor ice rink located south of Chestnut Park along Lock 8 in front of Algoma LTD.



St. Kevin

- We are very excited to have been able to offer Friday swim experience for our intermediate children with special education needs. Our Educational Assistants guide them to take the city bus to the local YMCA. They are provided with a 1 hour swim. We have just had one session so far but plan to offer several more visits in weeks to come.

St. John

- At St. John Catholic a grade 7 LD student participated in Mathletes successfully with a team of his grade 7 and grade 8 peers at the Monsignor Clancy tournament.

St. Mark

- Our Therapy Tails program is being met with great success. A variety of learners spend time once a week reading to our two therapy dogs - Blue and Rocky. It increases their confidence and students are very relaxed and comfortable while reading.
- St. Mark is also introducing Positive Behaviour Supports across the entire school to help with student regulation and to positively recognize wanted behaviours. Full roll-out begins in January, but 100% support by staff.

2. **Jim Whittard – Principal, Secondary**

Blessed Trinity

- Preparation for Grade 9 EQAO is underway. Accommodations are in place for students with Individual Education Plans and letters to parents will be mailed home in January.
- Preparation for the OSSLT is already underway. The Resource Department is working closely with the Success and English Departments to identify students who will require extra preparation and to ensure that suitable accommodations are in place.
- Transition meetings have begun for our students who will become a welcome part of our Special Education Classroom next year. We look forward to many visits with both the students and their parents/guardians.
- Many of our students love being part of the Swim Team and are enjoying great success!
- We are looking forward to our class trip to the Watering Can once again this year. Staff, students and peer helpers will venture to the Vineland location to create a beautiful floral Christmas arrangement.
- Advent is a special time in our classroom as we reflect through prayer and donating to those less fortunate.
- We attended a meeting in regard to Transitional Aged Youth with our Association for Community Living to discuss roles and responsibilities as we move forward with ensuring that all students will be transitioned appropriately and thoroughly.
- Once again, with the support of the Association for Community Living, our Special Education Classroom teacher attended the Reaction4Inclusion conference November 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> with 12 of our students. It was an amazing event and all of the students returned to school to share what they learned about inclusivity with their peers and to model these actions at Blessed Trinity.
- Blessed Trinity's Special Education Department staff and students would like to wish all members of SEAC a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas! Looking forward to sharing new and exciting items in the New Year.

### Saint Francis

- We are hosting our Special Education Christmas Event on Friday, December 5th. We are expecting students and staff from each of the eight secondary school Special Education Classrooms in our Board. We are expecting close to two hundred people in total at Saint Francis for this event.
- Our Breakfast program continues to be run out of our Special Education classroom, and is spear-headed by our Special Education Class teacher and one of our Educational Assistants. The numbers of students who participate in this program has increased steadily each month. Our program runs each morning from 7:30 a.m. until the bell rings to begin Period 1 each day.
- We have three Special Education students participating in the Zone Championships as Para-Swimmers on Thursday, December 4th. During the last school year, all three of these swimmers continued on to the OFSAA championships in March of 2014. We are hoping that all three will do the same in 2015.
- Our Special Education Class students and staff continue to bake muffins for our P3 program, which runs three days after-school each week.

### Denis Morris

- The month of December is filled with anticipation in the Special Education Department as we prepare for Christmas. Our students have been instrumental in organizing and preparing our Christmas basket campaign to support a family in need.
- On Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, our students participated in Brock University's Special Needs Activity Program. There was a whole array of activities for students to explore and all students concurred they experienced a good time. We all look forward to our next community outing which will be held at Saint Francis on Friday, December 5. The students have been actively rehearsing their song choice in preparation for the event. Everyone is looking forward to the traditional sing song accompanied by the Saint Francis Choir.
- Our Best Buddies Chapter at Denis Morris is in full swing. Our next event planned is a Christmas Craft activity and is scheduled for Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Holy Cross

- Many of our students joined their friends at the Holy Cross Semi-Formal. The photo booth was a big hit. The month of November is filled with birthdays therefore baking cupcakes was our top priority.
- Students are now working on items for their Christmas pop up store which will open December 9th. They are also using an environmentally friendly tarnish remover to clean silver pieces so that everything will sparkle and shine this Christmas. If you would like us to help you, give your items to our Principal before the 12<sup>th</sup> so we can have them ready for Christmas. A small fee per item will be collected to help us raise money for our year end trip. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00p.m. join us in the gym for our dance performance "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and stay for the choir and band.

### Saint Paul

- The Saint Paul Special Education class entered two teams into the Four Corners (Special Olympics) Bocce Tournament. Both teams played exceptionally well. The Lady Patriots team went undefeated (3-0) while the Boys' team went 2-1. We will find out soon whether either of the teams qualified for the next round – Provincial Tournament (NOTE: Last year we were the QUAD AAAA Provincial Bocce Champions).

- The students are looking forward to the singing and dancing that will take place at the annual Christmas social at Saint Francis High School. The Saint Paul culinary class has graciously offered to help our kids make gingerbread houses. The kids are looking forward to this activity!
- Progress reports went home recently. All indications show that our students continue to do great things while enjoying many successes in their integrated classes. Keep up the great work!
- An excellent year continues!

#### Saint Michael

- Our Special Education class students have planned their Christmas outings: Father Hennepin's annual Christmas Bizarre where our students can shop for their parents; and the Saint Francis Christmas Social where they will have lunch, build crafts, sing carols and dance with their friends.
- Our Special Education teachers are currently undergoing ASIST training to help people contemplating suicide. This is a Board initiative to allow staff to be able to better support individuals with mental health needs.
- Our Semi-Annual Saint Michael Special Education Valentine's Dance will be held this year. This is the event that started them all and continues to be special day for students throughout our Board who are in the Special Education classes.
- The Saint Michael Curriculum night is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff outline the various curriculum areas and Special Education staff outline the differences between a Special Education class and Resource placement and also discuss the Graduation Certificates available to students.

### **3. Yolanda Baldasaro – Superintendent of Education**

#### **SEAC Membership – New Board**

- Superintendent Baldasaro outlined the process regarding SEAC membership and informed members that a new SEAC is formed every four years following the election of the Board of Trustees. The SEAC members are appointed by the Board and serve for the term of office of the elected Trustees until a new Board is organized.
- Senior Administrative staff attended Grade 8 masses today.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Faith Formation for Priests, Trustees, Administrators and Managers.
- Special Needs Strategy – Yolanda Baldasaro and Alyson Wilson of Bethesda are co-chairs for the Coordinated Service Planning table. John Dickson, District School Board of Niagara and Oksana Fisher, Niagara Children's Centre are the co-chairs for the Integrated Rehabilitation Planning table. A Provincial Meeting is being held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Amy Dowd – Coordinator Special Education**

- The initial meetings of the Elementary and Secondary Individual Education Plan (IEP) Audit Review Committees are being held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **H. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Father Paul MacNeil – Trustee**

- At last night's Inaugural Board Meeting of the 2014-2018 Board of Trustees, Father Paul MacNeil was acclaimed as Chair of the Board and Dino Sicoli was elected by straw vote as Vice-Chair of the Board from December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 until the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board in December 2015. Father Paul is looking forward to a great year and thanked the Special Education Advisory Committee for all of their hard work.

### **2. Maurice Charbonneau – Trustee**

- Nil Report

## **I. STUDENT REPORT**

- The Student Voice Conference was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Various workshops were held and overall it was a success.
- At the November 18<sup>th</sup> Student Senate meeting - inquired about SEAC doing a presentation for Student Senate.
- The next Student Senate meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **J. NCPIC REPORT**

- Colleen Sword participated in the Annual Catholic School Council Parent and Guardian Night and attended the November 13<sup>th</sup> NCPIC meeting.
- The next NCPIC meeting is being held on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

## **K. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Learner Advocacy**

### **2. Parent Outreach**

### **3. Program and Service Recommendations**

### **4. Special Education Budget**

### **5. Annual Review, Special Education Plan**

### **6. Other Related Items**

**7. Policy Review**

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter was received from the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee regarding their dissatisfaction and ongoing concerns with the hiring process for teachers in Ontario as a result of Regulation 274.
2. A letter was received from the Provincial Parent Association Advisory Committee (PAAC) on SEAC that results of the 2014 SEAC Survey have been collated and are available on the PAAC on SEAC website.

**M. QUESTION PERIOD**

**N. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**O. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Possible CCAC Presentation
2. PAAC on SEAC Survey Results - Katie Muirhead
3. Election Proceedings – January 2015

**P. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Superintendent Baldasaro on behalf of Director Crocco and Senior staff thanked the Special Education Advisory Committee for their contributions to this table and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

**Q. NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Kerry Thomas  
Seconded by Cyndi Gryp

**THAT** the December 3, 2014 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO  
THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) 2014-2018**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2014-2018:

Andrew Howcroft - Community Living Welland Pelham

Cindy Palumbo - Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative)

Mario Palumbo - Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative)

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Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015



## **REPORT TO THE BOARD JANUARY 27, 2015**

### **APPOINTMENT OF NIAGARA CATHOLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEMBERS**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 464/97 (O. Regulation 464/97) Special Education Advisory Committees outlines the composition, eligibility requirements and length of term served by the membership of this Board committee.

Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 below are the excerpts from O. Regulation 464/97:

1. In this Regulation, “local association” means an association or organization of parents that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of a Board and that is affiliated with an association or organization that is not an association or organization of professional educators but that is incorporated and operates throughout Ontario to further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults. O. Regulation 464/97, s. 1.
2. (1) Every district school Board shall establish a Special Education Advisory Committee that shall consist of,
  - (a) subject to subsections (2) and (3), one representative from each of the local associations that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of the Board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the Board;
  - (b) one alternate for each representative appointed under clause (a), as nominated by the local association and appointed by the Board;
  - (c) such number of members from among the Board’s own members as is determined under subsection (4), as appointed by the Board;
  - (d) where the number of members appointed under clause (c) is less than three, one alternate, as appointed by the Board from among its own members, for each member appointed under clause (c);
  - (e) one or two persons to represent the interests of Indian pupils, as provided by section 4; and
  - (f) one or more additional members appointed under subsection (5).
- (2) The Board shall not appoint more than twelve (12) representatives under clause (1) (a).
- (3) Where there are more than twelve (12) local associations within the area of jurisdiction of the Board, the Board shall select the twelve (12) local associations that shall be represented.
- (4) The number to be appointed by the Board under clause (1) (c) shall be the lesser of,
  - (a) three; and
  - (b) twenty-five (25) per cent of the total number of members of the Board, rounded down to the nearest whole number.
- (5) For the purposes of clause (1) (f), the Board may appoint one or more additional members who are neither representatives of a local association nor members of the Board or another committee of the Board. O. Regulation 464/97, s. 2.

5. (1) A person is not qualified to be nominated or appointed under section 2 or 3 to a Special Education Advisory Committee of a Board unless the person is qualified to vote for members of that Board and is resident in its area of jurisdiction.
6. Subject to section 7, each of the persons appointed to a Special Education Advisory Committee of a Board shall hold office during the term of office of the members of the Board and until a new Board is organized. O. Regulation 464/97, s. 6.

The attached letters of nomination has been received for consideration of appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2014-2018 term of office.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2014-2018:

Andrew Howcroft – Community Living Welland Pelham  
Cindy Palumbo – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative)  
Mario Palumbo – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative)

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Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015



**COMMUNITY LIVING**  
Welland Pelham



OUR VISION: "AN INCLUSIVE CARING COMMUNITY WHERE ALL PEOPLE BELONG AND HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY"

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**Niagara Catholic District School Board**  
427 Rice Road  
Welland, ON L3C 7C1

December 18, 2014

Attention: Chair of the Board

Community Living Welland Pelham would like to nominate Andrew Howcroft for membership as the primary representative for Niagara Catholic's SEAC.

Andrew Howcroft meets the criteria as he is the Director of Quality Assurance for our organization, is eligible to vote for the current Board of Trustees and is a resident within the area of jurisdiction of the Board.

**Andrew's contact information is:**

7412 Nathan Crescent  
Niagara Falls, ON L2G 7R6  
905-735-0081

[andrewhowcroft@cl-wellandpelham.ca](mailto:andrewhowcroft@cl-wellandpelham.ca)

Sincerely

Theresa Terreberry  
Manager of Administration

cc. John Crocco, Director of Education



**ldanr • Learning Disabilities  
Association of Niagara Region**

*The right to learn, the power to achieve*

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December 19, 2014  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
427 Rice Road,  
Welland, Ontario  
L3C 7C1

Attn: Chair of the Board

Dear Chair of the Board:

The Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (LDANR) would like to nominate Cindy and Mario Palumbo for membership as the alternative representatives for NCDBS's SEAC.

Both Cindy and Mario meet the qualification criteria, as they are members of the Board of Directors at the LDANR, residents within the area of jurisdiction of the board, and are able to vote for the current Board of Trustees and, therefore, a separate school supporter.

LDANR is the local Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, chapter in Niagara. We are a charitable, not-for-profit agency, with the purpose of providing resources and support to individuals who are affected by learning disabilities within the Niagara Region. We provide leadership in learning disabilities advocacy, research, education and services, and advance the full participation in society of children, youth and adults with learning differences.

If you require additional information as you consider this request, please free to contact me at 905-687-3290. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dawn Lagesten  
Chair, LDANR

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: APPROVED MINUTES OF THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC) MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 13, 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 13, 2014 as presented for information.



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2014**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Daly.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Chair Daly.

**2. Welcome**

Chair Daly welcomed the new and returning members of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and thanked them for their support of Catholic education in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

**3. Roll Call**

Guests in attendance: John Crocco, Director of Education, Shelley Gilbert, Antoinette Bortolon, Heather Pyke, and Anna Racine

Regrets Sent: Linda Marie O'Hagan

Parent Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Gregg Kirchofer	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Mary Mannella-Byers	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Shawn O'Brien	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	Call was made at 6:59 p.m./no response		√
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	√		
Lisa Finley	St. Catharines	√		
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines	√		
Julie Wiley-Pol	St. Catharines			√
Sharon Goossen	Welland	√		
Carrie Vernelli	Welland	√		
Alexandria Attree	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	√		
Rebecca Kamin	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	√	7:15 p.m.	

Kim Hedden	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Heather McCluckie	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Shonna Daly	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
Sean Bertleff	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
TBD	Community Representative			
TBD	Community Representative			
TBD	Community Representative			
Colleen Sword	SEAC Representative	√		
Fr. Peter Rowe	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	√	7:35 p.m.	
Aidan Harold	Student Senate	√		
<b>Trustees</b>				
Kathy Burtnik	Chair of the Board	√		
Rhianon Burkholder	Vice Chair of the Board		√	

The following staff was in attendance:

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, Josie Rocca, Support Staff Representative and Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary.

Regrets sent: Rhianon Burkholder, Theo Dagenais and Jeff Smith

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Sean Bertleff

Seconded by: Kim Hedden

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 13, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

Chair Burtnik disclosed a conflict of interest for the PRO Grant Parent to Parent “Through the Years” Keepsake project.

**6. Terms of Office**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells presented information about the NCPIC membership terms of office. Members discussed the terms of office and the terms of office were determined by consensus and by drawing lots (straws).

Parent Members			
Name	Geographical Area	Terms of Office 2014-2015	
		One (1) year term	Two (2) year term
Gregg Kirchofer	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√
Mary Mannella-Byers	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	Second year of a two year term	
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√
Shawn O'Brien	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	Second year of a two year term	
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	Second year of a two year term	
Lisa Finley	St. Catharines		√
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines		√
Julie Wiley-Pol	St. Catharines	√	
Sharon Goossen	Welland	Second year of a two year term	
Carrie Vernelli	Welland		√
Alexandria Attree	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet		√
Rebecca Kamin	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	√	
Kim Hedden	Thorold/Merritton		√
Heather McCluckie	Thorold/Merritton	√	
Shonna Daly	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	Second year of a two year term	
Sean Bertleff	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham		√

**7. Commissioning of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells welcomed Fr. Peter Rowe, Bishop/Diocesan Representative, to the meeting. During the commissioning ceremony the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee each member publicly acclaimed their commitment to promote the Mission of Catholic Education and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board in order to fulfill the eligibility requirements to be a member of the NCPIC.

**8. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2014**

Moved by: Mary Mannella-Byers

Seconded by: Lisa Finley

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 11, 2014 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. FAITH FORMATION-*Josie Rocca***

Josie Rocca extended an invitation to all Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee members to participate in An Advent Gathering “Praying Always and All Ways” Taize Prayer at Mount Carmel on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Members were asked to RSVP to Yvonne Anderson by November 21, 2014.

### **2. POLICY- *Shonna Daly***

Discussion occurred with regards to the New Concussion Policy. Yvonne Anderson will submit the feedback on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee to Jennifer Brailey.

### **3. PRO GRANT- *Mary Mannella-Byers/Heather Pyke***

Chair Burtnik excused herself from the meeting and left the meeting room before discussion occurred with regards to the NCPIC PRO Grant. An update and description of the “Through the Years” PRO Grant initiative was provided to all new and returning NCPIC members. Chair Burtnik returned to the meeting once discussion of the PRO Grant had concluded.

#### **MOTION**

Moved by: Carrie Vernelli

Seconded by: Kim Hedden

**THAT** the NCPIC select the lowest quote to complete the “Through the Years” PRO Grant initiative with plastic sleeve inserts.

#### **CARRIED**

## **C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NCPIC MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells will arrange to have a Mental Health presentation aligning with the Concussion Policy for the NCPIC meeting of January 8, 2015.

## **D. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

### **1. System Priorities 2013-2014 Achievement Report**

A copy of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2013-2014 Achievement Report was provided to all NCPIC members for their review. John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary Treasurer reviewed the achievement report highlighting indicators within the report and whether the Strategic Direction or Enabling Strategy was “Completed” or “In Progress 2014-2015.”

### **2. Parent Consultation on the Human Development and Sexual Health Component of the Elementary Curriculum**

A parent representative from every Catholic School Council in the Board and a representative of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will have the opportunity to share their perspectives on the Human Development and Sexual Health Component of the elementary Health and Physical Education curriculum via an online, secure survey. An updated Health and Physical Education curriculum for Grades 1-12 will be implemented in Ontario classrooms beginning in September 2015. Lisa Finley will complete the survey on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

3. **Catholic School Councils and Parents/Guardians Annual Meeting-November 10, 2014**  
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells thanked the NCPIC members for their participation. Positive feedback has been received from parents and participants.

4. **NCPIC Financial Report**

A financial statement was provided for information. A portion of the funds will be allocated to the Partners in Catholic Education Night held in May 2015.

**E. COMMUNITY REPORT**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells identified the process for the selection of up to three (3) Community Representatives on the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and requested that interested candidates provide a letter from their organization to support their nomination to the attention of the Chair of the Board, Kathy Burtnik, at [kburtnik@cogeco.ca](mailto:kburtnik@cogeco.ca) or the Niagara Catholic District School Board, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1.

**F. SEAC REPORT-Colleen Sword**

SEAC has identified their 2014-2015 Goals and look forward to the implementation of the Teacher Induction Program, Examining the Special Education Plan and corresponding with Catholic School Council Special Needs Representatives.

**G. OAPCE REPORT-Heather Pyke**

The OAPCE Parent Partner Newsletter Issue I, October 2014 was provided for information.

**H. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-Fr. Peter Rowe**

- Fr. Peter Rowe welcomed all new and returning NCPIC members and looks forward to positive personal initiatives to promote the gospel “getting to know one another” (Pope Francis).
- Bishops and clergy continue with open dialogue on marriage and family life to address the pastoral needs in each community and to promote Strong Catholic Families and Strong Catholic Youth Initiatives in each parish.
- Fr. Peter Rowe suggested taking the opportunity to read the Vatican II Lumen Gentium: Christ is the Light document.

**MOTION**

Moved by: Alexandria Attree

Seconded by: Rebecca Kamin

**THAT** the NCPIC meeting of November 13, 2014 be extended for an additional ten (10) minutes to continue with the items on the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**I. STUDENT SENATE REPORT-Aiden Harold**

- The Student Voice Conference “Lead Out Loud” was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Mount Carmel Centre in Niagara Falls. Two senators from each elementary school and three senators from each secondary school learned about the power and danger of a single story through workshops, personal experiences and open dialogue. Elementary and secondary senators will share this information with their school committees.
- The Alliance Committee Survey with faith based questions was addressed at the conference.
- A province wide Mass is being planned for all Catholic students.



- “Culture of Life” Conference November 13, 2014 on student leadership for students by students was well attended by student leaders from secondary schools.
- Student Senate members are planning Youth Day celebrations.

#### **J. STAFF REPORTS-*Josie Rocca***

- An update was provided regarding the exciting events and educational initiatives that have taken place throughout Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary schools since September including the Holy Childhood Walk, the Pilgrimage 2014 and co-curricular activities.
- During the season of Advent, elementary and secondary schools are preparing for social justice activities such as Mass celebrations, food drives and fundraisers to support those in need in their school communities.

#### **K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

##### **1. Kathy Burtnik, Chair of the Board**

- Chair Burtnik, recognized Rhianon Burkholder for her support and service to Catholic Education and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee over the past four years.
- The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board will take at the Inaugural Board Meeting held on Monday, December 2, 2015 at Denis Morris Catholic High School. Mass will be held at St. Julia Church before gathering at Denis Morris Catholic High School. All are welcome to attend.
- Chair Burtnik encouraged all NCPIC members to be the voice for all students.

##### **2. Rhianon Burkholder, Vice-Chair of the Board**

- Nil Report-regrets sent

#### **L. PRESENTATIONS AND GOOD NEWS**

##### **MOTION**

Moved by: Marion Battersby

Seconded by: Mary Mannella-Byers

**THAT** the NCPIC meeting of November 13, 2014 be extended for an additional five (5) minutes to continue with the items on the agenda.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **M. NEW BUSINESS**

A sign-up sheet was distributed for NCPIC members to sign-up for their participation on subcommittees.

#### **N. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Exceptions to the Bottled Water Policy No. 702.5
- PRO Grant 2014-2015
- Teacher Recognition by parents/guardians (possible policy)

#### **O. NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

#### **P. CLOSING PRAYER:** Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Peter Rowe

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Kim Hedden

Seconded by: Marion Battersby

**THAT** the November 13, 2014 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES MID-YEAR  
PROGRESS REVIEW 2014-2015**

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The Mid-Year Progress Review of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015 is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Senior Administrative Council  
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: January 27, 2015



## **REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 27, 2015**

### **NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES MID-YEAR PROGRESS REVIEW 2014-2015**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the following motion was approved;

*THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015, as presented. (Appendix A)*

The Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015 are designed to provide the annual focus for the system towards achieving the outcomes of the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. Within the two (2) Strategic Directions and the seven (7) Enabling Strategies are the approved system priorities which provide the specific framework to measure the achievement of each direction and strategy within our multi-year strategic plan.

The Board approved System Priorities 2014-2015 were posted on the Niagara Catholic website and copies were provided to Bishop Bergie, the Diocese of St. Catharines, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Catholic School Council Chairs and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC). In addition, a poster size copy of the Niagara Catholic Strategic Direction Priority Indicators 2014-2015 were displayed in public locations in all schools, Board sites and the Catholic Education Centre for review by students, staff, parents and guests to Niagara Catholic.

As we reach the approximate mid-point of the 2014-2015 academic year, Senior Administrative Council conducted its annual mid-year review of the progress in achieving the indicators of success within each Enabling Strategy. The results of the mid-year review were collated and reviewed by Senior Administrative Council, administrators and Board staff as a measurement of our success to date in achieving each System Priority by the conclusion of the academic year. Principals will conduct similar discussions with staff on the implementation of system priorities and the measurements of success following a presentation to Principals at the January 2015 Director's Meeting.

Attached to this report (Appendix B) is a copy of the Mid-Year Progress Review of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities for 2014-2015. Within each Enabling Strategy is the indicator of success and comments on the measurables to determine the achievement of either *Action Required, On Target or Completed*.

With the majority of indicators directly linked to final achievement results at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, members of Senior Administrative Council, administrators and Board staff will collate, analyze and review all data gathered for the 2014-2015 school year and present a final report to the Board and to all stakeholders at the September 2015 Board Meeting.

The annual final report will provide evidenced based information on the achievement of the Board's annual system priorities and the achievement of specific expectations within Niagara Catholic's multi-year strategic plan, Vision 2020.

The Mid-Year Progress Review of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015  
is presented for information.

Prepared by: Senior Administrative Council

Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education / Secretary Treasurer

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education / Secretary Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015

**Attached**

*Appendix A - Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015*

*Appendix B - Mid-Year Progress Review of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015  
(under separate cover)*



# NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES 2014-2015

## Mission Statement

*The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*



## Vision 2020

NURTURING SOULS AND BUILDING MINDS



## MINISTRY GOALS

- Achieving Excellence
- Ensuring Equity
- Promoting Well-Being
- Enhancing Public Confidence

## BOARD STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- Build Strong Catholic Identity and Community to Nurture the Distinctiveness of Catholic Education
- Advance Student Achievement for All

## ENABLING STRATEGIES



### Provide Supports for Success

- Design Pathway to Care Program
- Design awareness, prevention and intervention program
- Design clinical support counselling services
- Implement recommendations to enhance Special Education Delivery Model
- Promote Healthy lifestyles for students and staff
- Enhance the development of literacy and numeracy skills for all students

### Enhance Technology for Optimal Learning

- Implement third year of the digital transformation
- Invest in technology infrastructure
- Invest in human capital for IT support
- Design a strategy for equitable access to technology
- Support student transition planning with technology and professional development

### Building Partnerships and Schools as Hubs

- Engage Student Voice
- Build and enhance capacity with all partners

- Engage community groups to address needs of children
- Develop Safe School initiatives, resources and supports
- Expand social justice experiences, global citizenship and educational opportunities
- Strengthen Human Resource Practices and Develop Transformational Leadership
- Deliver third year Human Resources Certificate Program
- Support and monitor implementation of the Attendance Support Program
- Focus Professional Development on assessment, evaluation and reporting
- Implement the third year of Growing in Wisdom to Worship and Witness
- Strengthen teacher content-for-teaching knowledge of mathematics
- Advance instructional leadership in mathematics
- **Create Equity and Accessibility of Resources**
- Design a Program and Services Plan
- Design a consolidated Student Achievement Department
- Design an Early Years /Primary Speech and Language Team

- Design a model that tracks student reading data
- Apply assessment for learning and math talk strategies
- Advance student achievement on provincial, Board and school assessment
- Exceed provincial graduation target of 85%
- **Ensure Responsible Fiscal and Operational Management**
- Produce balanced budget for 2014-2015
- Realign operational staff responsibilities
- Create School-based Budget Program
- Provide timely and relevant financial information
- Implement Emergency Response Protocol
- Relocate the Information Technology and the Facilities Services Centres
- Implement an Energy Saving Program initiative
- Implement a school ground greening initiative

### Address Changing Demographics

- Monitor and report changing enrolment
- Support the diversity of communities
- Design life-skills programs for students

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: FINANCIAL REPORTS  
MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of December as presented.

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Prepared by: Rosa Rocca, Controller of Business & Financial Services

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015



**REPORT TO THE BOARD  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

**MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the month of December 2014 as follows:

December 2014          Appendix A

As required by the Policy, a monthly list of payments is available in the Holy Cross Community Room for the Trustees to review at their convenience.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of December 2014 as presented.

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Prepared by:          Rosa Rocca, Controller of Business & Financial Services

Presented by:          Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services

Recommended by:    John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date:                    January 27, 2015



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON BANKING TRANSACTIONS SUMMARY OF BANK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF:      DECEMBER, 2014	
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BANK ACCOUNT
<b>CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH</b>	(A) 20,925,086
<b>CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH</b>	
1. GENERAL LEGISLATIVE GRANTS	16,043,290
2. CAPITAL GRANTS	525,355
3. OTHER GRANTS	1,071,958
<b>SUB-TOTAL - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<b>17,640,603</b>
4. ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE	42,117
5. INTEREST REVENUE	25,003
6. MUNICIPAL TAXES	10,591,716
7. TUITION FEES REVENUE - A.C.E. & OTHER	221,622
8. COMMUNITY USE	30,628
7. CHARITABLE DONATIONS	0
8. GOVERNMENT REBATES (HST 83% REBATE ON TAXABLE PURCHASES)	352,127
9. RECOVERY OF COSTS (LTD, WCB, BENEFITS, OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	60,149
10. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS	
- Other receipts and refunds	56,519
- Donations Collected from Employees - Other	0
- Other	0
11. TRANSFER FROM SINKING FUNDS	0
12. PROCEEDS FROM DEBENTURE ISSUE (NET)	0
13. O.F.A. LOAN PRINCIPAL ADVANCES	0
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS AND LOAN ADVANCE</b>	<b>(B) 29,020,483</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH</b>	
1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (NET OF CANCELLED CHEQUES AND DEBT REPAYMENTS)	-6,769,241
2. TEACHER PENSION DEDUCTIONS	-1,450,861
3. O.M.E.R.S. PENSION DEDUCTIONS	-605,941
4. CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEDUCTIONS	-127,111
5. TRANSFER TO 4 OVER 5 TRUST ACCOUNTS	-9,762
6. OTHER DEBITS	-37,272
7. PAYROLL TRANSFERS AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	-13,087,452
8. INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	-53,125
9. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL DEBT	0
<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>(C) -22,140,764</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE AT END OF MONTH</b>	<b>(D) 27,804,805</b>
	<b>A + B - C = D</b>

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPORT ON LOAN BALANCES SUMMARY OF LOAN BALANCES AS AT : DECEMBER, 2014 The Debentures & Capital Loans are made up as follows:				
Loan Description	Opening Balance	Loan Advances	Loan Repayments	Ending Balance
1. OFA - GPL1 Loan 25 YR.	-11,086,369.91			-11,086,369.91
2. OFA - GPL2 Loan 25 YR.	-8,839,910.63			-8,839,910.63
3. OFA - GPL3 Loan 25 YR.	-4,124,471.45			-4,124,471.45
4. OFA - 2010-11 DEBENTURE - GPL	-1,224,329.10			-1,224,329.10
5. OFA - 2010-11 DEBENTURE - PCS	-3,020,730.09			-3,020,730.09
6. OFA - PTR - Completed 2010/11	-7,522,937.23			-7,522,937.23
7. OFA - 2001-A1 Debenture	-1,746,361.35			-1,746,361.35
8. OFA - 2013 PCS Stage 1	-948,676.79			-948,676.79
9. Debenture (Niagara Region)	-824,000.00			-824,000.00
10. Debenture (Niagara Region)	-855,000.00			-855,000.00
11. Capital Projects - Completed 2001	-12,201,374.95			-12,201,374.95
12. Capital Projects - Completed 2002/03	-18,750,499.65			-18,750,499.65
13. Capital Projects - Completed 2004/05	-3,967,395.01			-3,967,395.01
14. Capital Projects - Completed 2005/06	-6,889,646.04			-6,889,646.04
15. Sinking Fund Asset	621,463.77			621,463.77
<b>Total Debentures &amp; Capital Loans</b>	<b>-81,180,238.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-81,180,238.43</b>

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: FINANCIAL REPORTS  
UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at December 31, 2014, as presented.

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Prepared by: Rosa Rocca, Controller of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015



## **REPORT TO THE BOARD JANUARY 27, 2015**

### **UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, please be advised that a summarized Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at December 31, 2014 will be presented to the Trustees at the Board Meeting. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a copy of the Interim Statement is available in the Holy Cross Community Room for the Trustees to review at their convenience.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at December 31, 2014, as presented.

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Prepared by: Rosa Rocca, Controller of Business and Financial Services

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services

Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: January 27, 2015

**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014**

For presentation at Board Meeting on January 27, 2015

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2014-15 ANNUAL BUDGET	2014-15 ACTUAL As at December 31	2013-14 ACTUAL As at December 31	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>253,193,727</b>	<b>83,080,558</b>	<b>82,782,717</b>	<b>↑ 0.36%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
BOARD ADMINISTRATION	7,520,820	2,998,783	2,801,982	↑ 7.02%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	127,892,618	40,803,390	40,610,675	↑ 0.47%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	67,912,660	21,340,227	21,496,990	↓ -0.73%
CONTINUING EDUCATION	5,513,307	1,791,027	1,949,297	↓ -8.12%
PLANT OPERATIONS	18,553,272	5,919,494	5,646,381	↑ 4.84%
PLANT MAINTENANCE	3,408,125	1,026,824	1,073,726	↓ -4.37%
TRANSPORTATION	9,721,468	3,717,466	3,569,072	↑ 4.16%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>240,522,270</b>	<b>77,597,211</b>	<b>77,148,123</b>	<b>↑ 0.58%</b>
AMORTIZATION	10,630,054	3,543,355	3,145,108	↑ 12.66%
INTEREST EXPENSES	4,387,683	2,059,553	2,284,671	↓ -9.85%
OTHER	117,487	0	0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>255,657,494</b>	<b>83,200,119</b>	<b>82,577,902</b>	<b>↑ 0.75%</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-2,463,767</b>	<b>-119,561</b>	<b>204,815</b>	<b>↓ -158.38%</b>
<b>ADJUSTMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE PURPOSES</b>				
AMORTIZATION OF EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS	934,433	311,478	311,478	↑ 0.00%
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>-3,398,200</b>	<b>-431,039</b>	<b>-106,663</b>	<b>↑ 304.11%</b>

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TITLE: SPOTLIGHT – JANUARY 2015**

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## **Holy Childhood Walk raises \$18,800**

In 1984, Niagara Catholic began holding Holy Childhood Walks in Catholic elementary schools, in support of the [Holy Childhood Association](#). These walks take place in October, the same month our secondary school students participate in the Annual Pilgrimage.

In October, students from 44 Niagara Catholic elementary school participated in Holy Childhood Walks, raising \$18,816 for projects in Africa, South America and Asia through the Holy Childhood Association.

To date, Niagara Catholic students have raised more than \$641,000 for the organization.

## **Niagara Catholic to be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Committee of the Whole has recommended to the Board that, beginning in February, Niagara Catholic Committee of the Whole and Board Meetings will begin with the [Angelus](#) and conclude with the [Hail Mary](#).

During the January 13 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Director of Education John Crocco introduced a report recommending Niagara Catholic follow the lead of Bishop Bergie and the [Diocese of St. Catharines](#) to have the Niagara Catholic District School Board consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This consecration will put our Board “in a very special way under the spiritual care and protection of our Lord and His Blessed Mother.”

The Diocese of St. Catharines was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus on November 25, 2013. The timing followed the example of Pope Francis, who had brought the Year of Faith to a close a day before with the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, asking her to intercede for the world “with the benevolence of a mother.”

## Welcoming the Class of 2032

More than 40 mothers – and one new father – and their babies braved the cold weather January 14 to participate in the Board’s fifth annual Baby Celebration. This annual event is one of the many ways in which we come together as a Niagara Catholic family to celebrate the special moments in each other’s lives.

View photos from this year’s event on our [website](#).



## Niagara Catholic in the News

Niagara Catholic has been in the news! In case you’ve missed it, you can find these stories about Niagara Catholic online:

[St. Elizabeth student learning about life in France](#)

[Niagara Catholic students top Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition](#)

[Battling brothers go for gold](#)

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2015**

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# FEBRUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Semester 2 Begins	3	4 SEAC Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 Kids Helping Kids Week Begins	10 SAL Meeting CW Meeting	11 Celebrating Junior Artists—6:30 p.m. CEC	12	13 Elementary and Secondary Report Cards Issued	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15 Flag Day Canada	16 Family Day Schools Closed	17 Shrove Tuesday Parent-Student- Teacher Interviews	18 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins	19	20	21
22	23 Sears Drama Festival Beings (through 27th)	24 Policy Committee Meeting Board Meeting	25	26	27	28

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2015**

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NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# DRAFT

## 2015 BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Members to the committees are appointed by the Chairperson of the Board  
in consultation with the Vice-chairperson of the Board.

STATUTORY COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED	2015 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Audit Committee</i></b> <i>O. Reg. 361/10, s. 7 (1). The term of office of a member of the audit committee who is a board member shall be determined by the board but shall not exceed four years.</i>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Kathy Burtnik Fr. Paul MacNeil Pat Vernal
<b><i>Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (N.C.P.I.C.)</i></b>	<i>2 Trustees required</i>	Kathy Burtnik Dino Sicoli
<b><i>Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.)</i></b>	<i>2 Trustees required</i>	Maurice Charbonneau Pat Vernal
<b><i>Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (S.A.L. Committee)</i></b>	<i>2 Trustees required</i>	Ted O'Leary Frank Fera

STANDING COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED	2015 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Disciplinary Hearing Committee</i></b> <i>NOTE: All Trustees serve as alternates for this Committee only</i>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Frank Fera Ted O'Leary Ed Nieuwesteeg
<b><i>Policy Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Kathy Burtnik Frank Fera Dino Sicoli

AD HOC COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED	2105 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Fr. Paul MacNeil Pat Vernal Dino Sicoli
<b><i>Denis Morris, Holy Cross, and Saint Francis Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Kathy Burtnik Maurice Charbonneau Pat Vernal
<b><i>Lakeshore Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Ted O'Leary Dino Sicoli _____
<b><i>Notre Dame College Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Fr. Paul MacNeil Ted O'Leary Dino Sicoli
<b><i>Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee</i></b>	<i>3 Trustees required</i>	Frank Fera Fr. Paul MacNeil Ed Nieuwesteeg

OTHER LIAISON COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP MANDATED	2015 MEMBERSHIP
<b><i>E.A.P.</i></b>	<i>1 Trustee required</i>	Dino Sicoli

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TOPIC: NOTICE OF MOTION  
ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM POLICY**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board refer the Attendance Support Program Policy to the Policy Committee for review.

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Presented by: Vice-Chair Trustee Sicoli  
Date Submitted: January 22, 2015  
To be Presented: February 24, 2015  
Date: January 27, 2015



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### NOTICE OF MOTION ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM POLICY

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Vice-Chair Dino Sicoli submitted the following Notice of Motion regarding the Attendance Support Program Policy (Appendix A).

**Whereas** it is the primary responsibility of the board of trustees to create and monitor policy and to govern the organization through policy;

**Whereas** it is important for all of our policies to be carefully crafted and monitored by the board of trustees;

**Whereas** the attendance support policy has had a significant impact on the morale and well-being on staff and;

**Whereas** the inconsistent application of the policy has raised concerns of validity.

**Therefore**, the following Notice of Motion is presented;

“**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board refer the Attendance Support Program Policy to the Policy Committee for review.”

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board refer the Attendance Support Program Policy to the Policy Committee for review.

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PREPARED BY:	Vice-Chair Trustee Sicoli
DATE SUBMITTED:	January 22, 2015
TO BE PRESENTED:	February 24, 2015
DATE:	January 27, 2015

Notice of motion: **Attendance Support Program Policy**

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Whereas it is important for all of our policies to be carefully crafted and monitored by the board of trustees;

Whereas the attendance support policy has had a significant impact on the morale and well-being on staff and

Whereas the inconsistent application of the policy has raised concerns of validity;

I move that the board of trustees refer the Attendance Support Program Policy to the policy committee for review.

Presented by: Vice-Chair Trustee Sicoli

Date Submitted: January 22, 2015

To be Presented: February 24, 2015

Date: January 27, 2015