



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 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-Chairperson Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Chair MacNeil

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau				✓
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Michaela Bodis	✓			
Aidan Harold	✓			

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; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

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 October 13, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F4.1.1, F4.2.1 and F4.2.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2015

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. World Meeting of Families 2015

John Crocco, Director of Education introduced the presentation on the World Meeting of Families 2015.

Director Crocco introduced Krista Wood, Chaplaincy Leader, Terri Pauco, Religious Education Consultant and Shonna Daly, Chair of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and member of the Alliance Committee who gave a visual presentation on the World Meeting of Families 2015.

Vice-Chair Sicoli and Chair MacNeil thanked Ms. Wood, Ms. Pauco and Ms. Daly for their presentation.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Policy Committee

1.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2015

Moved by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule for the information of Trustees and reviewed the timelines on the Policies currently being vetted in the system.

2. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) 2014-2015 Results for First Time Eligible (FTE) Students

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the report on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) 2014-2015 Results for First Time Eligible (FTE) Students for Trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

3. A Comprehensive Mathematics Framework

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Chris Moscato, K-12 Math Consultant and Laura Cronshaw, Math Coach for Niagara Catholic District School Board, who presented the report on A Comprehensive Mathematics Framework for information.

Mr. Moscato and Ms. Cronshaw answered questions of Trustees.

Trustees thanked the team for their presentation.

4. Catholic School Councils' Annual Reports and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report 2014-2015

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells presented the Catholic School Councils' Annual Reports and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report 2014-2015 for information.

5. Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2015-2016

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells presented the report on Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2015-2016 for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

6. Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee 2015-2016

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education presented the report on Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee 2015-2016 for information.

7. October Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update

Director Crocco and Senior Staff provided the October Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 Update for Trustee information.

Director Crocco and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

8. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

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

9. Monthly Updates

9.1 Capital Projects Update

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

9.2 Student Trustees' Update

Michaela Bodis and Aidan Harold, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

9.3 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Director Crocco

- There was an overwhelming response for student participation for the Vimy Ridge 100th Anniversary trip in 2017.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 29, 2015

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 29, 2015 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2015

Director Crocco presented the October 2015 Calendar of Events for Trustees information and drew attention to the annual Pilgrimages being held on October 25, 2015 at each Niagara Catholic Secondary School.

Trustees who wish to attend Pilgrimage 2015 were asked to contact the Principal of the secondary school and/or Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications for the schools itinerary.

1.3 The Knights of Columbus Bishop's Charities Dinner October 24, 2015

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of The Knights of Columbus Bishop's Charities Dinner.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

1.4 OCSTA 2016 AGM & Conference Resolutions

Director Crocco provided Trustees with a copy of the OCSTA 2016 AGM & Conference Resolutions.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco indicated the potential for the St. Martin tender to be presented for consideration at the October Board meeting.

Director Crocco informed the Board that as the various multi-year plans set as System Priorities 2015-2016 are finalized, they will be presented as the main focus of upcoming Committee of the Whole Meetings for discussion and the consideration of Trustees.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 8:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2015.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Vernal

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 September 15, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on September 15, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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

Approved on **November 10, 2015.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer