



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 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 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Moody.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Moody.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Moody noted that Trustees Fera and Sicoli asked to be excused, and Trustee Burtnik joined electronically.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik		✓		
Frank Fera				✓
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli				✓
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Sydney Yott	✓			
Steffen Zylstra	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, Superintendents of Education; **Domenic Massi**, **Joseph Zaroda**, Associate Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared with any items on the Agenda.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 12, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 12, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Prince requested Item 6.1 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C6 of the agenda.

6.1 **Annual Reports for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2021-2021**

Moved to section C6

6.2 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.3 **Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

6.4 **In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Multi Year Strategic Planning Process Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the Multi Year Strategic Planning Process.

2. Naming Request – Catholic Education Centre Chapel

Director Cipriano presented the Naming Request report for the Catholic Education Centre Chapel.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Catholic Education Centre as presented.

CARRIED

3. Staff Vaccination Attestation Rates Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the Staff Vaccination Attestation Rates.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

4. Facilities Services: State of Infrastructure 2021-2022

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Facilities Services State of Infrastructure 2021-2022 report for Trustee information.

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

5. Monthly Updates

5.1 Student Trustees' Update

Sydney Yott, and Steffen Zylstra, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

5.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Pizzoferrato

- ABA Lead Julia Nemcko, Mental Health Lead Andrea Bozza and the Board Chaplaincy Leader Krista Wood participated in the annual When Faith Meets Pedagogy conference. Their workshop entitled *Mental Health, Behaviour and Faith: A Collaborative Approach to Transitioning from Virtual to In-person Learning* was a great way to showcase some of the exceptional partnerships that exists between Niagara Catholic departments as they work together to support all staff in teaching the whole child.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Staff at St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School have initiated contact with Brock University and Niagara Catholic now has 12 Brock students reading with our

Primary/Junior Students, 9 virtual and 3 in person. Providing individual reading every day with students that need it.

- Through the *Adopt a School Program* from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation \$4,280.00 was raised to purchase new books for St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School library.
- Our Lady of Fatima in St. Catharines organized a thanksgiving food drive culminating in enough donations to fill two full size F-150 trucks' which were delivered to St. Vincent DePaul and distributed to families.
- Denis Morris Catholic High School Student Services visits to their Family of Schools as well as their Grade 8 Days were positively received. Feedback from the future Reds has been a great sign that the Denis Morris Family of Schools is strong. The grade 8 students received their Denis Morris Student Handbooks and their Spirit Wear t-shirts. The Annual Pilgrimage was held on October 29, 2021 and more than \$10,000.00 have been collected for their partners in Haiti and Guatemala. Denis Morris has embraced the ongoing spirit of Truth and Reconciliation and has recognized Treaties Recognition Week on daily announcements and social media platforms. Plans are also underway for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week with the Peer Acceptance Club planning daily learning goals, Odd Sock day and a spirit wear activity to enhance the theme of One Kind Word.
- Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School Pilgrimage has raised over \$5,000.00 and still growing to support their friends in Haiti.

Superintendent Zaroda

- Since 2017 Niagara Catholic has received 1,959 winter coats for boys and girls from the Knights of Columbus local councils. This year, the Knight of Columbus, Welland Council has provided 4 boxes of winter coats to St. Mary, Welland, St. Augustine and St. Andrew Catholic Elementary Schools through the leadership of Debbie Ogilvie.

6. Consent Agenda Item A6.1 Annual Reports for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2020-2021

Trustee Prince acknowledged the hard work of the Catholic School Councils.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 CCSTA Survey re 2022 AGM

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees to complete the CCSTA survey to confirm attendance at the CCSTA AGM scheduled for June 2-4, 2022 by November 30, 2021.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Director Cipriano informed the Board that following the November 24, 2021 Audit Committee meeting a Special Board meeting will be scheduled in order to receive, review and approve the Audit Financial Statements to meet Ministry timelines.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Addressed in Consent Agenda.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Addressed in Consent Agenda.

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 October 12, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 October 12, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Turner

THAT the November 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 9, 2021.**

Approved on **December 7, 2021.**

Daniel Moody
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer