



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 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 Chair Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement statement was delivered by Student Trustee Geremia

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Joyner.

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Benoit's absence was approved due to sanction.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit				✓
Joseph Bruzzese	✓			
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Danny Di Lorenzo	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Doug Joyner	✓			
Jim Marino	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Charlotte Johnstone	✓			
Emilio Geremia	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, **Domenic Massi**, **Joseph Zaroda**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Julia Tiessen**, Executive Officer of Human Resources; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 19, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Di Lorenzo with Item F4 and F6 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are employees of the Board. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 27, 2024**

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 27, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 5, 2024 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 5, 2024, as presented.

7.1.1 **Student Transportation Policy (500.2)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Transportation Policy (500.2), as presented.

7.1.2 **Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy (800.7), as presented.

7.1.3 **Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Code of Conduct Policy (302.6.2), as presented.

7.1.4 Interim Math Achievement Action Plan

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board continues to endorse the Math Achievement Action Plan 2023-2024 – Interim Report, as presented.

7.2 In-Camera Items F1, F2 & F3

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. FACS Niagara LemonAID Day

Director Cipriano provided background information on the FACS Niagara LemonAID Day, and introduced Ellen Schonewille, Senior Manager, Donor Relations of Family and Children's Services Niagara.

Ms. Schonewille provided a presentation on the FACS Niagara LemonAID Day.

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board proclaim Saturday June 8, 2024 Mountainview LemonAID Day for FACS Niagara.

CARRIED

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. System Priorities – Action Plan Mid-Year Update

Director Cipriano provided background information on the System Priorities – Action Plan Mid-Year and introduced Amit Sansanwal, Administrator of Research & Data Analytics.

Mr. Sansanwal presented the System Priorities – Action Plan Mid-Year update.

Mr. Sansanwal answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Director Cipriano highlighted information contained in the following correspondence:

1.1 Letter from Ombudsman Ontario

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Trustees were reminded of the Trustee Faith Formation on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – April 2024

Director Cipriano highlighted the April 2024 Calendar of Events.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

None Submitted

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

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 7:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 19, 2024.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of February 27, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board ratify the central terms contained with the Memorandum of Settlement and attached Appendices, dated March 5, 2024, made between the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and Agreed to by the Crown. Further that the approval of the motion of the central terms be reported to OCSTA.

CARRIED (Item F6.3.1)

The Board received a Staffing Report listing new hires, resignations and retirements.

The Board was provided with a Human Resources Services Status Report summarizing the status of grievances.

Elementary Principal & Vice-Principal assignment for the 2024-2025 school year was announced for Trustee information.

Director's appraisal form was distributed to Trustees.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the March 19, 2024 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 19, 2024**.

Approved on **April 23, 2024**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer