



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 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 O'Leary.

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustee Charbonneau joined electronically and Trustee Vernal asked to be excused.

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				
Nico Tripodi	✓			
Hannah Tummillo	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Pat Rocca**, 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 Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of June 19, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 22, 2018

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 22, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Sicoli requested Items A6.2 and A6.3 be held. These items were moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 12, 2018 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of June 12, 2018, as presented.

6.1.1 Electronic Communications Systems (Students) Policy (301.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to the Electronic Communications Systems (Students) Policy (301.5), as presented.

6.1.2 Employee Code of Conduct & Ethics Policy (201.17)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to the Employee Code of Conduct & Ethics Policy (201.17), as presented.

6.1.3 Employee Hiring and Selection Policy (Teachers) (203.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to the Employee Hiring and Selection Policy (Teachers) (203.1), as presented.

6.1.4 Environmental Stewardship Policy (400.6)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to the Environmental Stewardship Policy (400.6), as presented.

6.1.5 Bottled Water Policy (701.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to the Bottled Water Policy (701.5), as presented.

6.1.6 Voluntary and Confidential Indigenous Students First Nation, Métis and Inuit Self-Identification Policy (301.9)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to the Voluntary and Confidential Indigenous Students First Nation, Métis and Inuit Self-Identification Policy (301.9), as presented.

6.1.7 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2018-2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,275.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards per eligible student, as presented.

6.1.8 Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2018-2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2018-2019, as presented.

6.1.9 Award of Roof Replacement Contract for St. Denis Catholic Elementary School

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Award of Roof Replacement Contract for St. Denis Catholic Elementary School to GRRC Roofing, as presented.

6.2 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange

Moved to Section C.

6.3 Capital Contributions to the Artificial Turf Field – Saint Paul Catholic High School

Moved to Section C.

6.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6.1, F6.2, F6.3, F7 and F8

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Fera

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Niagara Catholic Student Choir

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education introduced Teri Cristelli, Arts and Student Leadership Consultant and Dr. Christina LeRose, Itinerant Arts Coach.

Ms. Cristelli presented background information on the Niagara Catholic Student Choir.

Dr. LeRose led the Niagara Catholic Student Choir as they showcased their musical talent.

Chair MacNeil thanked Dr. LeRose and the Student Choir for the performance.

2. Kids Helping Kids – Celebrating 20 Years of Contributions

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education provided a brief introductory presentation on Niagara Catholic's participation in Kids Helping Kids.

Superintendent Rocca introduced Oksana Fisher, Chief Executive Officer at Niagara Children's Centre and Scott Canter, student at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School and Ambassador of the Niagara Children's Centre.

Ms. Fisher thanked students, staff and the parent community for their contributions collected throughout Niagara Catholic. Scott noted he would not be here today if it were not for the generosity of the students, staff and parent community of Niagara Catholic.

Chair MacNeil and Director Crocco presented a cheque for \$29,287.69 to Ms. Fisher and Scott for the Niagara Children's Centre.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – Saint Paul Catholic High School

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Bradley Johnstone, Principal of Saint Paul Catholic High School.

Principal Johnstone, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Saint Paul Catholic High School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil along with Trustee Nieuwesteeg and Trustee Fera thanked Principal Johnstone, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

2. Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Certification 2017-2018

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Niagara Catholic EcoSchools Certification 2017-2018 for information.

3. Executive Council Power – July & August 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the Executive Council Power for July and August 2018 report.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board empower Executive Council to approve any actions, of an emergency nature, recommended by the Director of Education, if a quorum cannot be achieved after a Special Meeting of the Board is called as per Board By-Laws, during the months of July and August 2018.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report as at May 31, 2018

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report for information.

4.1 Consent Agenda Items A6.2 and A6.3

Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees on Consent Agenda Items A6.2 and A6.3.

5. Monthly Updates (Deferred from June 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting)

5.1 Student Trustees' Update

Nico Tripodi and Hannah Tummillo, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

Chair MacNeil thanked Nico and Hannah and wished them all the best in their future endeavors.

5.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Farrell

- Denis Morris Catholic High School automotive students had the opportunity to attend the Route 66 NHRA Nationals in Chicago. Class teacher, Andy Kittel wanted to expose his students to the automotive technology careers available in professional motorsports. The local NAPA representative that supplies the school's live shop arranged for the students to meet Ron Capps and the NAPA Auto Parts Funny Car crew.
- At the 5th annual 2018 Niagara UNITY awards gala Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School was awarded the Pride Niagara Outstanding School GSA Award for their work with equity and inclusion.

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- A spotlight story has been posted on the Ontario School Mental Health-Assist website, highlighting the Niagara Catholic Youth Wellness Summit held on April 26, 2018 with secondary students giving provincial recognition to the summit.
- Assumption Catholic Elementary School has received Gold recognition for Ophea Healthy Schools and is the only Niagara Catholic School to receive certification. Ophea' Healthy Schools certification recognizes and celebrates school communities for promoting and enhancing the health and well-being of students, school staff and the broader community.
- Assumption celebrated Sofia Gandola, a Grade 7 student who won the first place prize of \$2000 in the Grades 5 to 8 category of the A&E Lives that Make a Difference contest, for her essay on the Toronto born entertainer Drake. Sofia's essay was selected from over 1000 submissions in the nationwide contest. As the Vice-President, Sara Hinzman of Distribution at A&E Networks stated, "Sofia's essay brought into focus the impact that Drake has not only on the music industry, but on the city that has made a central theme of his art and philanthropy."

Controller Whitwell

- The Annual Recycle your Electronics raised over \$600.00 towards the Niagara Catholic Helping Hands Fund.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Chair MacNeil, highlighted information contained in the letter from Family and Children's Services Niagara.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Sicoli highlighted some key points presented by keynote speaker Archbishop Michael Miller at the recent CCSTA AGM this June.

Trustee O'Leary was inspired by Dr. Stephen Shore who spoke on Autism on the perspective of the person with Autism.

Trustee Fera was impressed with PJ Lewis who spoke on students with mental health issues and highlighted some key points of Mr. Lewis's presentation.

Trustee Burtnik noted the overarching theme of all speakers was living the Gospel and meeting people on the Road to Emmaus. Trustee Burtnik was also impressed with Steven Shore on his amazing story of perseverance and achievement, and noted the difference of funding within Boards and the importance of funding for Catholic Education. Trustee Burtnik requested that the Board continue to promote the worthy cause of Toonies for Tuition.

Student Trustee Nico Tripodi noted the OSTA-AECO AGM in May was a great opportunity for both outgoing and incoming Student Trustees. It proved to be a great learning experience and thanked the Board for the support and the opportunity of attending.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco informed the Board that Senior Administrative Council and staff will be working on; the System Priority 2017-2018 Final Report, various Board Policies for review by the Policy Committee, the initial report on the Board Accommodation plan and school and system level staffing prior to the first Committee of the Whole and Board meetings in September.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 22, 2018 (Deferred from June 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting) and June 12, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the May 22, 2018 and June 12, 2018 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2018 (Deferred from June 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting) and September 2018

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – June 2018 and September 2018 for Trustees information.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the June 21, 2018 Retirement and Service Recognition Ceremony beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Club Roma.

Director Crocco highlighted the Catholic Education Centre summer hours for Trustees information and noted that all school marquee signs across the system will have the Board office phone number as well as the new on-line registration web address for families who wish to register for September 4, 2018. Calls received will be routed to the appropriate Family of Schools Administrative Assistant who will e-mail the information to the schools.

4.3 OCSTA – 2019 Resolutions Information Package

Director Crocco presented the OCSTA 2019 Resolutions Information Package and noted the final deadline date for receipt of resolutions by OCSTA of January 31, 2019.

4.4 Ontario Legislative Highlights – May 25, 2018, June 1, 2018, June 8, 2018, June 15, 2018

Director Crocco presented the Ontario Legislative Highlights of May 25, 2018, June 1, 2018, June 8, 2018 and June 15, 2018.

4.5 Elementary and Secondary Graduation Dates 2018 (Deferred from June 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting)

Director Crocco presented the Elementary and Secondary Graduation Dates 2018.

Trustees were asked to contact their Family of Schools Secondary School to bring greetings on behalf of the Board.

Director Crocco announced that Niagara Catholic District School Board will be hosting the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference on October 17-19, 2018. Finalized information will be provided in the fall by the Student Trustees.

5. Open Question Period

Chair MacNeil noted that he was in receipt of two questions. Chair MacNeil read the questions and provided a response to the first question and noted that the second question was previously submitted and answered.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 8:41 p.m. and reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of June 19, 2018.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 May 22, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of June 12, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 May 22, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of June 12, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.2)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.3)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns c.s.c. Board Room.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the June 19, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 19, 2018**.

Approved on **September 25, 2018**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer