



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 6, 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 7:10 p.m. by Vice-Chair Vernal.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee MacNeil

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Vernal noted that Trustees Sicoli and Charbonneau were 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 Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2018, 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 February 13, 2018**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 13, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 27, 2018**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 27, 2018, as presented.

6.2 **Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (100.12), as presented.

6.3 **Student Trustee Policy (100.4)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Student Trustee Policy (100.4), as presented.

6.4 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.5 **Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

6.6 **In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Speak Out! 2018 Showcase Finalists

Director Crocco presented background information on Speak Out! 2018 Showcase.

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Speak Out Committee Co-Chairs, Lisa Incaviglia Principal at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby and Christine Battagli Consultant for Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Lisa and Christine introduced the speakers who presented their award winning speeches to the Committee of the Whole.

Team 1: Colter Naphin, Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Omar Khadr*

Team 2: Victoria Tudorache, Loretto Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Today's Innovators & Disruptors*

Team 3: Danny Langelaan, St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School
Topic: *Perspective*

Vice-Chair Vernal congratulated the students on their award winning speeches and along with Chair MacNeil and Director Crocco presented them with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" Pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic French as a Second Language Program

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education presented the Niagara Catholic French as a Second Language Program for Trustee information.

Superintendent Baldasaro answered questions of Trustees.

2. Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018

John Crocco, Director of Education presented the Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 report.

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the number of trustees in its jurisdiction be a total of 8 trustees in the 2018 Elections.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that it has decided not to designate any low population areas in the 2018 Elections.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm that the 8 trustees in its jurisdiction be distributed in the 2018 Elections, as follows:

- 1 for Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet
- 1 for Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham, West Lincoln
- 2 for Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- 2 for St. Catharines (less Merritton Area)
- 1 for Thorold (including Merritton Area)
- 1 for Welland

CARRIED

Following discussions, the following motion was presented;

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that in 2019-2020 it conduct an in depth consultation study of Electoral Boundaries for the 2022-2026 Term of Office of Trustees.

CARRIED

3. **Attendance Area Review – Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education along with Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services presented the Attendance Area Review – Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School report.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the following Terms of Reference for the Denis Morris, Holy Cross and Saint Francis Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School:

Align the secondary attendance boundary for Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School to include the entire St. James Catholic Elementary School boundary following the approval of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

CARRIED

4. **Attendance Area Review – St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School and St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School**

Superintendent Farrell and Ms. Levinski presented the Attendance Area Review – St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School and St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School report.

Superintendent Farrell and Ms. Levinski answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the following Terms of Reference for the Notre Dame College Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School and St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School:

Align student enrolment to facility capacity at St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School.

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Adjust attendance area boundaries for St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School and St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School following approval of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

CARRIED

5. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018 Update

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented the March Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018 Update.

Director Crocco and members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

6. Monthly Updates

6.1 Student Trustees' Update

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

6.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Farrell

- On October 12, 2017 Niagara Catholic welcomed Premier Kathleen Wynne to celebrate the grand opening of Niagara Launch Centre located at the Seaway Mall. During her visit students presented the Premier with a desk made from a 350 year old white oak tree. On February 21, 2018 staff and students were invited to deliver the desk to Premier Wynne's office at Queen's Park. This desk is a permanent fixture in the office and will remain for years to come. Premier Wynne invited Niagara Catholic's staff and students as her guests during question period.
- On February 26, 2018 Aaron Parry, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School student class of 2017 received one of three Lincoln M. Alexander Awards for youth leadership in eliminating racial discrimination. Aaron received a beautiful frame and a \$5,000.00 scholarship from Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdsell Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.
- Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School student Daniela Lozano was presented with a nomination certificate from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association for the Juniro Citizen Award Program. Daniela was nominated by her teacher and was presented with the certificate for her extensive volunteer work and involvement in the Grimsby community.

Superintendent Rocco

- Ethan Zahn, a Grade 8 student at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, was recently named McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation's Patient Ambassador for 2018.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

- Mrs. Martinelli and her Grade 4 class at St. James Catholic Elementary School placed second in an all Ontario video competition, entitled, "Together We Are Better" sponsored by Community Living, Ontario. Their second place video promoted awareness about inclusive education, and depicted the love, acceptance, and inclusivity in their classroom every day with students and staff. In addition, Grade 4 student Emma McDonald placed third in the individual submission category with an inspiring poem on togetherness. A copy of Emma's poem was provided to the Trustees.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 27, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 27, 2018 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – March 2018

Director Crocco presented the March 2018 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

1.3 Ontario Legislative Highlights – March 2, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the Ontario Legislative Highlights of March 2, 2018.

1.4 March Break – March 12-16, 2018

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the week of March 12-16, 2018 is March Break and that the Catholic Education Centre will follow summer hours and will be open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed on Friday March 16, 2018. The Catholic Education Centre will implement the Board's coverage planning for members of Senior Staff that will be on vacation during the break.

Director Crocco announced a number of secondary students travelled to Italy Saturday March 3, 2018 for the Board's Travel Credit Course and the Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School Boy's Varsity Rugby team will be heading to New Zealand on Thursday March 8, 2018.

1.5 Holy Week 2018

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the long standing tradition that the Board does not hold any evening meetings during Holy Week. The March Board meeting will be held on March 20, 2018.

1.6 Bishops Gala – April 20, 2018

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Bishops Gala that will be held on April 20, 2018 at Club Roma and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco informed the Board of the continued implementation of this year's system Priorities and the design of the 2018-2019 System Priorities and Budget.

Director Crocco noted the feedback on the revised draft of the Pupil Accommodations Guidelines will be presented at the March Board Meeting and asked Trustees to supply any feedback to Anna Pisano by noon Wednesday March 7, 2018.

Director Crocco also noted that with the Board's approval of the Attendance Area Reviews we will engage the communities in Welland and St. Catharines.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

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 9:14 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2018.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 February 13, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 February 13, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the March 6, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 6, 2018.**

Approved on **April 10, 2018.**

Pat Vernal
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer