



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 25, 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 Chair MacNeil

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that Trustee Charbonneau, Trustee Fera and Trustee Nieuwesteeg 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				
Jade Bilodeau	✓			
Madison McKinney	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

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

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of September 25, 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

5.1 June 19, 2018

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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

CARRIED

5.2 June 20, 2018

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 20, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 11, 2018 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 11, 2018, as presented.

6.1.1 Niagara Compliance Audit Committee Report

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board continues as a joint participant in the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval the updated Terms of Reference, as established and updated (*Appendix I*);

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the Secretary of the Board be delegated the authority to appoint members to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Audit Committee Meeting of November 10, 2017 and November 17, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Audit Committee Meeting of November 10, 2017 and November 17, 2017, as presented.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of May 2, 2018

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 2, 2018, as presented.

6.4 Appointment of Niagara Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Members 2014-2018

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2014-2018:

Pina Palombo (Primary Representative) – Down Syndrome Caring Parents Association of Niagara
Rob Lavorato (Alternate Representative) – Down Syndrome Caring Parents Association of Niagara

6.5 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of May 3, 2018

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 3, 2018, as presented for information

6.6 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2018-2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community members to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the 2018-2019 term:

Leone Strilec-St. Catharines Diocesan Council For Development and Peace
Shelley Gilbert –St. Vincent de Paul Society

6.7 System Priorities 2017-2018 Achievement Report

Presented for information.

6.8 In-Camera Items F1 and F4

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Port Colborne

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Mark Venzon, Principal of St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Port Colborne.

Principal Venzon, with the assistance of students showcased St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil, along with Trustee Sicoli thanked Principal Venzon, and his students for their presentation.

2. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) 2017-2018 Results for Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary division and Junior Division

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the Education Quality and Accountability Office results for the 2017-2018 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Primary Division and Junior Division, the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test for Trustee information.

3. Financial Reports

3.1 2017-2018 Update

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented an update on the 2017-2018 Financial Reports.

3.2 2018-2019 Budget Booklet

Superintendent Vetrone presented the 2018-2019 Budget Booklet for Trustee information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Chair MacNeil, highlighted the following letters presented for information;

1.1 June 20, 2018 Letter from 2021 Canada Games Host Society

1.2 September 2018 Letter from Family and Children's Services Niagara

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Senior Administrative Council will continue to focus on implementing the System Priorities for this year and provide regular updates at each month's Committee of the Whole meeting.
- A focused information report on the Ministry of Education's Fundamentals of Mathematics will be presented at the October Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Senior Administrative Council will also share the Boards continued high Provincial ranking in graduation rates across Ontario at the October Committee of the Whole meeting.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 11, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the September 11, 2018 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – October 2018

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – October 2018 for Trustees information.

Director Crocco noted that a number of schools will be participating in the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Grande Parade on September 29, 2018. Trustees interested in walking in the parade are asked to notify Anna Pisano.

4.3 Ontario Legislative Highlights – September 14 & 21, 2018

Director Crocco highlighted the Ontario Legislative Highlights for September 14 and 21, 2018.

4.4 OCSTA Regional Meeting – September 26, 2018 Responses to Questions for Presentation

Chair MacNeil requested input to the questions supplied by OCSTA for submission at the September 26, 2018 OCSTA Regional Meeting. Trustees engaged in a discussion on the answers to the questions, with Director Crocco recording the comments on the screen. Trustees agreed to their submission for the OCSTA Regional Meeting.

5. Open Question Period

Chair MacNeil and Superintendent Vetrone provided answers to the three questions submitted at the Open Question Period at the June 20, 2018 Board Meeting for a reply at the September 25, 2018 Board Meeting.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 8:54 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 25, 2018.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 June 19, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 September 11, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 June 19, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 September 11, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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

CARRIED (Item F6)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the September 25, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 25, 2018**.

Approved on **October 23, 2018**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer