



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 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 7:03 p.m. by Vice-Chair Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Burtnik

2. Roll Call

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	✓			

Vice-Chair Burtnik and Chair MacNeil acknowledged and welcomed Pat Rocca, the newest Supervisory Office member of Senior Staff.

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 Sicoli

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2017, 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 September 12, 2017

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 12, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 26, 2017

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 26, 2017, as presented.

6.2 Approval of Policies

6.2.1 Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3), as presented.

6.2.2 Education-Based Research Policy (800.5)

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Education-Based Research Policy (800.5), as presented.

6.2.3 Student Fees Policy (301.11)

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Student Fees Policy (3), as presented.

6.3 Catholic School Councils Annual Reports and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report 2016-2017

Presented for information.

6.4 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2017-2018

Presented for information.

6.5 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee

Presented for information.

6.6 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.7 Capital Projects Update

Presented for information.

6.8 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. The Niagara Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (BIPSAW) 2017-2018

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the Niagara Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being 2017-2018 for Trustee information.

Vice-Chair Burtnik expressed appreciation for the report and thanked Student Trustees and Senate for their engagement.

2. Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Providing a Pathway of Technological, Literacy and Numeracy Supports for Students

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education highlighted the Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Providing a Pathway of Technological, Literacy and Numeracy Supports for Students report and introduced Babette Bailey and Tara Formisano, Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Ms. Bailey and Ms. Formisano showcased their roles and supports for students.

Superintendent Baldasaro, Ms. Bailey and Ms. Formisano answered questions of Trustees.

Vice-Chair Burtnik expressed appreciation for the extra steps taken to reach children that are deaf and hard of hearing.

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

John Crocco, Director of Education along with Senior Administrative Council provided a verbal and visual update on the implementation of the annual Board approved System Priorities and Budget 2017-2018, as of the October Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Director Crocco and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

4. Monthly Updates

4.1 Student Trustees' Update

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

4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- Director Crocco and Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, attended the Youth Summit- Changing Mindset in a Changing World, held at Brock University on October 10, 2017.

Secondary students from the Niagara Catholic and Durham District School Boards, student trustees, administrators, school and Board staff, parents, the Ontario College of Teachers Manager for the Standards of Practice, Niagara Poverty Reduction Network members, and community partners participated in the summit. The Youth Summit highlighted research findings, showcased youth advocacy curriculum and voice, the intersectionality of cross-curriculum through multi-modal narratives of youth, and responses from educators' and community organizations, focusing on the reduction of systematic barriers to academic achievement and wellness, towards a human rights framework and policy reform in Ontario secondary schools. Britta B. a spoken word artist and arts educator was the keynote speaker and workshops were provided for students, educators and parents.

Both Nico Tripodi and Hannah Tummillo, Student Trustees noted the impressiveness of the Keynote speaker.

Director Crocco

- Outstanding student and staff participation in the annual Grape and Wine Parade with over 200 students and staff taking up the entire block. Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School received an award for their float. It was a great opportunity to showcase in front of thousands of people the spirit and pride of Niagara Catholic.

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 26, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – September 26, 2017 issue for Trustees information.

1.2 Calendar of Events – October 2017

Director Crocco presented the October 2017 Calendar of Events for Trustees information and noted the Pilgrimage Sunday on October 29, 2017.

Director Crocco asked that Trustees planning on attending the walk or the Mass to please contact the secondary school.

1.3 OCSTA Information – September 29, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Information of September 29, 2017.

1.4 Saint Paul Catholic High School Turf Field Blessing & Opening – October 13, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.

Director Crocco highlighted the media advisory and schedule of the Saint Paul Catholic High School Turf Field Blessing & Opening.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

1.5 Director's Inspiration Award – October 19, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Director Crocco announced the Director's Inspiration Award will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption in St. Catharines on October 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

1.6 Knights of Columbus Bishop's Charities Dinner – October 21, 2017

Director Crocco announced the Knights of Columbus Bishop's Charities Dinner will be held on October 21, 2017 and two tables have been reserved for Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Trustees were invited to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

1.7 2018 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit

Director Crocco informed Trustees that nominations for the 2018 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit must be received in the OCSTA office by 12:00 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2018.

1.8 2018 OCSTA Student Trustee Alumnus Award

Director Crocco informed Trustees that nominations for the 2018 OCSTA Student Trustee Alumnus Award must be received in the OCSTA office by 12:00 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2018.

1.9 OCSTA Bridge Builders

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA memorandum regarding Bridge Builders publication and noted a hard copy was supplied to each Trustee.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 1.1 Director Crocco informed the Board of the continued implementation of the System Priorities 2017-2018.
- 1.2 Superintendent Vetrone is working with the Auditors for the Financial Statement 2016-2017 report to be presented at the November Committee of the Whole and Board meetings.
- 1.3 Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee – System Scan taking place on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:00.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 9:03 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2017.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 September 12, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

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 September 12, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

Director Crocco announced the recipients of the Director's Inspiration Award.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the October 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 10, 2017.**

Approved on **November 7, 2017.**

Kathy Burtnik
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer