



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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 Vice-Chair Sicoli.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Fera

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Luca DiPietro	✓			
Sydney Yott	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, 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 October 13, 2020, 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 15, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Sicoli requested Item A6.4 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C9 of the agenda.

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2020**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2020, as presented.

6.2 **Approval of Policies**

6.2.1 **Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10), as presented.

6.2.2 **Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2), as presented.

6.2.3 **Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4), as presented.

6.3 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.4 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to Section C9

6.5 In Camera Items F1 and F3

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. COVID-19 Reopening Plan Update

Director Cipriano provided an update on the COVID-19 Reopening Plan and presented the Niagara Catholic COVID-19 Administrator's Guide.

A consensus was reached that a letter addressed to the Government of Ontario with a copy to OCSTA be drafted addressing the issue of declining confidence in publicly funded Catholic education be brought to the Board.

Director Cipriano and members of Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

2. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2020-2021 Update

Director Cipriano and members of Senior Administrative Council presented Committee of the Whole System Priorities 2020-2021 Update.

3. A Curriculum for the Heart of Young People – A Monograph Series

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education presented the Curriculum for the Heart of Young People – A Monograph Series report for Trustee information.

4. Revised Secondary School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented the Revised Secondary School Year Calendar 2020-2021.

Superintendent Farrell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Fera

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Revised Secondary School Year Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

CARRIED

5. Continuing Education Update

Superintendent Farrell provided background information on Continuing Education and introduced Robert Di Persio, Principal of Continuing Education.

Mr. Di Persio presented an update on Continuing Education.

Mr. Di Persio answered questions of Trustees.

6. Welcoming and Supporting International Students During COVID-19

Superintendent Farrell provided background information on International Students and introduced Fred Wilson, Administrator of International Education.

Mr. Wilson presented the Welcoming and Supporting International Students During COVID-19 report.

Mr. Wilson answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board maintain its long-standing commitment to its International Education Program by continuing to welcome and support our international students during the COVID-19 pandemic, in compliance with the guidelines outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Federal Government of Canada.

CARRIED

7. Accountability Financial Report 2020-2021 as of September 30, 2020

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Accountability Financial Report 2020-2021.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

8. Monthly Updates

Trustee Moody left the meeting at this time.

8.1 Student Trustees' Update

Jade Bilodeau and Luca DiPietro, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

8.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

Director Cipriano

- Pleased to state the completion of a successful first octomester.
- Excited to announce that construction has begun at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School.
- Director Cipriano noted he has been able to visit a majority of the Niagara Catholic sites and departments and is pleased to report the high level of expertise in all sites and departments.

9. **Consent Agenda Item A6.4 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Controller Euale answered questions of Trustees.

D. INFORMATION

1. **Trustee Information**

Chair Fera shared a caption from the Young Authors Award booklet he received from the Catholic Teachers Association.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Director Cipriano discussed the possibility of holding partial virtual meetings in the future.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

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 8:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 15, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 15, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

THAT the October 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 13, 2020.**

Approved on **November 10, 2020.**

Dino Sicoli
Vice-Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer