



MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. *Opening Prayer*

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Huibers

2. *Roll Call*

Chair Fera 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				
Jade Bilodeau		✓		
Luca DiPietro		✓		

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

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Fera, Huibers and Moody with Item F8.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Trustee Moody informed the Board that he had a conflict of interest with Item F4.3 of the May 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole and he had excused himself in this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting

5.1 April 28, 2020

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 May 5, 2020

Deferred to June Board Meeting

5.3 May 6, 2020

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 6, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Item F4.2 of the In-Camera Agenda be held.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 12, 2020, as presented.

6.1.1 Advocacy Expenditures Policy (100.9)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Advocacy Expenditures Policy (100.9), as presented.

6.1.2 Attendance Area Policy (301.3)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Attendance Area Policy (301.3), as presented

6.1.3 St Charles Catholic/Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools Renaming Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the consolidated schools of St. Charles Catholic and Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools be named Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School, as recommended by the Committee at its May 7, 2020 meeting.

6.1.4 Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2020-2021, as amended.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of March 4, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2020, as presented.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of March 5, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 5, 2020, as presented for information

6.4 National and Provincial Medalists 2020

Presented for information.

6.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6 and F7

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning From Home

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home update.

Director Crocco confirmed with the Board that the following question will be sent to all students, staff and parents through Thoughtexchange for feedback on how we have progressed during the COVID-19 school closure. A summary of the feedback will be shared with the Board which will assist in informing future planning for the continuity in learning and the reopening of schools. “During the current school closures, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has implemented a continuity of learning plan through remote access by students and staff. What are your thoughts on what has worked well and what do we need to improve on as we plan together for the future?”

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

2. Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021 Update

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided an update on the Ministry of Education Funding 2020-2021.

Members of Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

3. Financial Report as at April 30, 2020

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1. Continued delivery of the Board’s Continuity In Distance Education Plan and the expectation for staff to be in contact with students in a synchronous manner.
2. Enrolment and Staffing being done virtually.
3. Reopening Task Force, will share the report with the Board when completed.
4. Working on the Budget for 2020-2021.
5. Invitation to participate in the Thoughtexchange by students, parents and staff.

Director Crocco indicated we will continue to keep the Board updated with information and facts which as we know, provide clarity in all decision making.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.3 for the information or questions of Trustees.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 12, 2020

4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2020

4.3 OCSTA Memorandum – Toonies for Tuition 2020 Fundraising Results

Director Crocco highlighted the Memorandum from OCSTA and acknowledged the leadership of Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro on their leadership in spearheading the Toonies for Tuition 2020 fundraising campaign and to all students and staff that contributed to the campaign.

Director Crocco noted that as winners of this year's campaign with a total of \$13,923 raised for Toonies for Tuition Niagara Catholic will be presented with the Ontario Campaign trophy.

Chair Fera echoed Director Crocco's sentiments.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 April 28 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 April 28, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 May 12, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Chair Fera having left the meeting, vice chair Sicoli chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F8.3.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the May 26, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 26, 2020**.

Approved on **June 23, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer