



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 21, 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 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Burtnik for Chair MacNeil.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Student Trustee Nico Tripodi

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Burtnik noted that Chair MacNeil was asked to be excused and Vice-Chair Burtnik to chair the Board Meeting.

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 Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of November 21, 2017, 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 of October 24, 2017

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 24, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Sicoli requested Items F6 and F7 be held. These items will be discussed In Camera.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 7, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of November 7, 2017, as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Staff Wellness Committee Meeting of May 30, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Staff Wellness Committee Meeting of May 30, 2017, as presented.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of September 7, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 7, 2017, as presented for information.

6.4 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 27, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 27, 2017, as presented.

6.5 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of October 4, 2017

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 4, 2017, as presented for information.

6.6 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee 2017-2018

Presented for information.

6.7 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7 and F8.1

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program and introduced Lisa Incaviglia, Principal of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Incaviglia showcased St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Vice-Chair Burtnik thanked Principal Incaviglia for the presentation.

2. Financial Reports

2.1 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2016-2017

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services introduced Mark Palumbi, CPA, CA Crawford, Smith and Swallow Chartered Accountants LLP.

Mr. Palumbi presented the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2016-2017.

Vice-Chair Burtnik suggested the motion be amended to the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2016-2017, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements 2016-2017, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

2.2 Financial Report as at October 31, 2017

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report as at October 31, 2017 for information.

Superintendent Vetrone and Senior Staff answered questions of Trustees.

3. Consent Agenda Item A6.1

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Student Trustee Nico Tripodi provided highlights from the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting that was held November 2 to November 5, 2017.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco noted a report on the continued implementation and expansion of French Immersion as well as Senior Staff recommendations to the Board for the Board response to the Revisions to the Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning Partnership Guidelines will be brought to the December Committee of the Whole Meeting. Superintendent Vetrone will bring forth the Revised Budget Estimates 2017-2018 at the December Board Meeting. In January 2018 the consultation process to design the 2018-2019 System Priorities and Budget will begin.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 7, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the November 7, 2017 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – December 2017

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – December, 2017 for Trustees information

4.3 OCSTA Information – November 3, 10 & 17, 2017

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Information of November 3, 10 & 17, 2017.

4.4 Ministry of Education Letter to Chairs – Independent Review of Student Assessment and Reporting

Director Crocco highlighted the letter from the Ministry of Education regarding Independent Review of Student Assessment and Reporting.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

4.5 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 5, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

4.6 December Committee of the Whole – December 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Committee of the Whole Meeting will follow the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

4.7 Annual Faith Formation for Priests, Trustees, Administrators & Chaplains – December 13, 2017

Director Crocco asked Trustees to confirm their attendance to the Annual Faith Formation for Priests, Trustees, Administrators and Chaplains of December 13, 2017 beginning 11:00 a.m. with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of November 21, 2017.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 October 24, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 November 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 October 24, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 November 7, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F8

CARRIED (Item F8.1)

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F8

CARRIED (Item F8.2)

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F8

CARRIED (Item F8.3)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the November 21, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **November 21, 2017**.

Approved on **December 19, 2017**.

Kathy Burtnik
Vice-Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer