



# MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

## TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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 7:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sicoli.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Huibers

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that Superintendent Rocca was excused.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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 Huibers

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item F6 of the In-Camera session as this report relates to her family business.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Fera, Moody and Huibers with Item F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2019**

Trustee Burtnik noted an error in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 14, 2019. Trustee Burtnik declared a potential conflict of interest following the motion of item A4 which would be added to the May 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

Moved by Trustee Moody

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2019, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 28, 2019**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 28, 2019, as presented.

**6.2 Approval of Policies**

**6.2.1 Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2), as presented.

**6.2.2 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8), as presented.

**6.3 Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School Board 2018-2019**

Presented for information.

**6.4 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2019-2020**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$3,825.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards per eligible student, as presented.

**6.5 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2019 and Beyond*, as presented.

**6.6 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.7 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

**6.8 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Moody

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2019-2020 Introductions**

Director Crocco welcomed back Jade Bilodeau of Saint Paul Catholic High School and introduced Luca DiPietro of Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School as the Student Trustees for 2019-2020. Director Crocco provided background on Luca DePietro and welcomed them as Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2019-2020 Student Trustees.

**2. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2018-2019 Appreciation**

Through a Friendly Amendment B2 would be deferred to the June 18, 2019 Board meeting.

**3. National and Provincial Medalists**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, provided a brief presentation on National and Provincial competitions during the school season and introduced Ivana Galante, Consultant K-12: Business-Technology/Specialist High Skills Major/COOP/OYAP Student Success and Chris McLean, Consultant K-12 Health & PhysEd/NCAA Convenor. Ms. Galante and Mr. McLean introduced principals, teachers and coaches who presented background information on the students who were recognized.

Students were congratulated for the success and presented with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" or "Excellence in Athletics" pins.

## C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Update

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2018-2019 Update.

### 2. Original Estimates for the Annual Budget 2019-2020

Director Crocco presented background information on the Original Estimates for the Annual Budget 2019-2020.

Director Crocco acknowledged the leadership of Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services and Rosa Roca, Controller of Business & Financial Services and recognized Senior Staff for their hard work in presenting a balanced budget.

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Original Estimates for the Annual Budget 2019-2020.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Original Estimates for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Accountability Financial Report 2018-2019 as of May 31, 2019

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Accountability Financial Report 2018-2019 as of May 31, 2019.

It was requested that the Board send a letter of concern to the Government of Ontario regarding the change in funding for International Education in 2019-2020.

### 4. Monthly Updates

#### 4.1 Student Trustees' Update

Jade Bilodeau, Madison McKinney, Student Trustees and Luca DiPietro, Incoming Student Trustee, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate as well as a visual presentation of the Year in Review of the Student Senate.

#### 4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

##### **Superintendent Farrell**

- 48 students from Niagara Catholic District School Board returned from Europe after attending the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. The students attended the D-Day ceremony on June 6, 2019, and 12 of Niagara Catholic students were selected to participate in the ceremony. These students were part of a group of 309 students, each of the students represented one of the Canadian soldiers killed at Juno on June 6, 1944. They walked the beach and placed a flower in the fence for the soldier they had been assigned. Each student was given the dog tags of the soldier they represented. It was an emotional and beautiful ceremony.

- 26 Country Garden students have registered to attend grade 12 for the 2019-2020 school year.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 28, 2019**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 28, 2019 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – June 2019**

Director Crocco presented the June 2019 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

#### **1.3 Retirement and Service Recognition – June 20, 2019**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Retirement and Service Recognition on June 20, 2019 and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

#### **1.4 Elementary and Secondary Graduation Dates 2019**

Director Crocco presented the Elementary and Secondary Graduation Dates 2019.

#### **1.5 OCSTA Memorandum – Amendments to the Education Act and Education Development Charges (Bill 108)**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding Amendments to the Education Act and Education Development Charges.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Director Crocco indicated that in preparation for September 2019, staff would be focused on a number of initiatives including the System Priority 2018-2019 Final Report, various policies for revision, a potential revised Board Accommodation Plan and school and system level staffing, in addition to preparing for the start of a new school year.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**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 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:53 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2019.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Moody

**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 May 14, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Moody

**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 May 14, 2019, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Moody

**THAT** the June 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 11, 2019.**

Approved on **September 10, 2019.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer