



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 10, 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 Huibers

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Sicoli noted that Trustee Moody was excused and Trustee Turner joined electronically.

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	✓			
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 Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Huibers and Fera with Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Fera requested Item A6.3 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C4 of the agenda.

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 25, 2020**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 25, 2020, as presented.

**6.2 Approval of Policies**

**6.2.1 Naming of a Board Facility, Designate Area or Chapel Policy (100.15)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Naming of a Board Facility, Designate Area or Chapel Policy (100.15), as presented.

**6.2.2 Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6), as presented.

**6.2.3 Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7), as presented.

**6.2.4 Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11), as presented.

**6.2.5 Sexual Misconduct Policy (201.13)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Sexual Misconduct Policy (201.13), as presented.

**6.2.6 Student Use of Guide Dogs & Service Animals Policy (NEW)**

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Student Use of Guide Dogs & Service Animals Policy (NEW), as presented.

**6.3 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee**

Moved to Section C4

**6.4 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

**6.5 Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

**6.6 In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Speak Out! Showcase 2020**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education presented background information on Speak Out! Showcase 2020 and introduced the speakers who presented their award winning speeches to the Committee of the Whole.

Team 1: Olivia Tehrani, St. Mark Catholic Elementary School  
Topic: *Children's Rights*

Team 2: Elisha Amer, Loretto Catholic Elementary School  
Topic: *Self-Love*

Team 3: Luca Giancola, Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School  
Topic: *Making a Difference*

Vice-Chair Sicoli congratulated the students on their award winning speeches. Vice-Chair Sicoli, along with Director Crocco presented the students with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" pins.

## C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020 Update

Director Crocco and members of Senior Administrative Council presented the Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020/2020-2021 Update including continued updates on the COVID-19 school closure and the preparation, communication and prevention in our schools for students and staff.

### 2. Niagara Student Transportation Services

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented background information on Niagara Student Transportation Services and introduced Lori Ziraldo, Executive Director of NSTS.

Ms. Ziraldo presented the Niagara Student Transportation Services report for Trustee information.

Ms. Ziraldo answered questions of Trustees.

### 3. Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020 as of February 29, 2020

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Accountability Financial Report 2019-2020.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

### 4. Consent Agenda Item A6.3

#### 4.1 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee

Discussion took place regarding the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee report.

Director Crocco and Superintendent Farrell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee report for information.

**CARRIED**

### 5. Monthly Updates

#### 5.1 Student Trustees' Update

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

#### 5.2 Senior Staff Good News Update

Senior Staff highlights included:

### **Superintendent Baldasaro**

- The 17th Annual Niagara Catholic Technological Skills Competition Awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Centre Court in the Seaway Mall, Welland. Approximately 250 Niagara Catholic secondary student competitors, staff and guests participated in the ceremony that included a keynote address, recognition of community partners and sponsors, recognition of students receiving post-secondary scholarships and bursaries, recognition of the "Friend of Technology" award recipient and recognition of the bronze, silver and gold medal student recipients for each technological category.

### **Superintendent Farrell**

- Connor Murphy, former Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School student class of 2011 sang the Canadian National Anthem at the Toronto Maple Leafs game on Saturday, February 22 and Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- Thomas Mete, Grade 10 student at Lakeshore Catholic High School along with three other students from Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Denis Morris Catholic High School and Saint Paul Catholic High School where selected from hundreds of applicants to participate in caucus meetings at Queen's Park and then spend a full day in the Legislature role playing MPP's.
- Lakeshore Catholic High School student Elijah Lovegrove made history as an author by contributing his bio along with 125 authors in *Magnetic Entrepreneur*. The book has made International Bestseller in five categories on Amazon and has achieved a new Guinness World Record.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D1.4 to D1.5 for the information or questions of Trustees.

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 25, 2020**

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – March 2020**

#### **1.3 March Break – March 16-20, 2020**

#### **1.4 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education's Annual Benefit Gala – April 17, 2020**

#### **1.5 CCSTA AGM and Conference – June 4-6, 2020**

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- 1.1 Continued implementation of System Priorities 2019-2020.
- 1.2 Designing of the System Priorities and Budget for 2020-2021.

## **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 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:42 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 March 10, 2020.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Huibers

**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 February 11, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Moved by Trustee Huibers

**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 February 11, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

**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 Burkholder

**THAT** the March 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 10, 2020.**

Approved on **April 14, 2020.**

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Dino Sicoli  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer