



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 7, 2019**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON.

In Chair Daly's absence, Superintendent Forsyth-Sells called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and chaired the meeting.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells led opening prayer with a Lenten reflection.

2. Roll Call: Guest John Crocco, Director of Education

Parent Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Shonna Daly	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet		√	
Andrea MacKay	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham		√	
Rebecca Williams	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
Kim Hedden	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Heather McCluckie	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Chris Kouroushis	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marilyn Fabiano	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	√		
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines		√	
Angela Lorenzo	St. Catharines		√	
Carrie Vernelli	Welland	√		
AJ McLaughlin	Welland	√		
Leone Strilec	Development and Peace	√		
Shelley Gilbert	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	√		
Anna Racine	SEAC Representative	√		
Fr. Peter Rowe	Bishop/Diocesan Representative		√	
Camille Peddle	Secondary Student Senate Representative		√	
Trustees				
Leanne Prince	Trustee	√		
Dino Sicoli	Vice-Chair of the Board		√	

The following staff was in attendance:

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, Kim Kuchar, Elementary Principal, Brad Johnstone, Secondary Principal, and Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary.

Regrets sent: Shonna Daly, Kate Hingston, Angela Lorenzo, Andrea MacKay, Fr. Peter Rowe and Dino Sicoli

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Rebecca Williams

Seconded by: Heather McCluckie

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 7, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No disclosures of conflict of interest were declared with any item on the agenda.

5. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019

Moved by: Kim Hedden

Seconded by: AJ McLaughlin

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 10, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

Niagara Catholic 2019-2020 System Priorities and Budget-*John Crocco, Director of Education*
John Crocco presented and reviewed the design of the Board's 2019-2020 System Priorities and Budget. The 2019-2020 balanced budget is designed to align with and to achieve the Board approved System Priorities 2019-2020 and accomplish the expectations of Niagara Catholic's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. John Crocco invited NCPIC members to provide feedback and/or submit a measurable action verb System Priority to Superintendent Forsyth-Sells no later than April 23, 2019.

C. 2018-2019 NCPIC GOALS

No recommendations were received-deferred to the May 2, 2019 meeting.

D. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

FAITH FORMATION-*Josie Rocca*

Josie thanked all those who attended at the NCPIC/Catholic School Council Chairs/Co-Chairs and Members Faith Formation on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Josie reported that all those in attendance provided positive feedback.

E. POLICY

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that policy feedback templates were provided to all members prior to the meeting to support the policies being vetted. Open discussion occurred and feedback was provided for the policies currently being vetted. NCPIC members were asked to forward any additional feedback one day prior to the due date to Yvonne Anderson for submission on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

Feedback due March 19, 2019

- Employee Hiring and Selection (Teachers) Policy (203.1)
- French Immersion Policy – Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy (301.1)

Feedback due April 11, 2019

- Safe Schools Policy (302.6)
- Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4)
- Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5)
- Financial Investment Policy (NEW)
- Corporate Cards, Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy (600.4)

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Regrets sent

G. DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

1. Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Update
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells shared that an email was received from Annalisa Crudo-Perri, OAPCE President on March 6, 2019 stating that membership invoices will be distributed to participating school boards in the next few weeks for the 2019-2020 OAPCE membership. OAPCE would like Niagara Catholic to continue their membership and support of OAPCE. Further discussion will take place once the invoice has been received.
2. Niagara Foundation Annual Benefit Gala-Saturday, March 30, 2019
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells encouraged the NCPIC members to attend the Niagara Foundation Annual Benefit Gala on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Club Roma at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available on the Niagara Catholic website.
3. NCPIC Financial Report
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported on the NCPIC finances for information.

H. COMMUNITY REPORTS

1. Development and Peace-Leone Strilec

Leone reported that:

- in the absence of Rebecca Rathbone, Elena Luna acting SW Animator led the Share Lent Launch on held Saturday, February 23, 2019. Ten parishes sent representatives.

- the Ontario Regional Assembly will take place May 3-5, 2019 at Niagara College in Welland. Notre Dame College School will host a dinner and entertainment evening on Saturday, May 4, 2019. If anyone is interested in volunteering at, or attending this event please contact Leone at iltld220@gmail.com.
- she presented at the Niagara Catholic Professional Activity Day on February 15, 2019. As a result of the presentation, several teachers showed interest in Development and Peace social justice activities.

2. Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Shelley Gilbert

Shelley reported that:

- the St. Vincent de Paul Trivia Night will be held on May 31, 2019 at St. Alfred Church and that the proceeds will support sending kids to summer camp. Tickets are \$20.00 each.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a meet and greet with the Regional President for all members, volunteers and spiritual advisors on April 27, 2019.
- St. Vincent de Paul will once again support the filling of two containers to be sent to Naujaat Nunavut.
- she and a student from Blessed Trinity Paige Nevestuk, participated in the first Niagara Region sitting volleyball tournament at the Parasport games and that her team won the silver medal.

I. SEAC REPORT-Anna Racine

Anna reported that:

- the February 6, 2019 SEAC meeting in partnership with the Pathways event Club Italia was rescheduled to May 1, 2019 due to inclement weather.
- at the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education presented the Student Support Services report for information. Superintendent Rocca introduced Anna Racine and Kristin Baker, Niagara Catholic parent representatives. Ms. Racine and Ms. Baker highlighted Student Support Services from the perspective of a parent of a special needs child.
- John Crocco, Director of Education presented the Niagara Catholic 2019-2020 System Priorities and Budget presentation at the SEAC Meeting on March 6, 2019.

J. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-Fr. Peter Rowe

- Nil Report-regrets sent.

K. STUDENT SENATE REPORT-Camille Peddle

- Student Senate is currently preparing for the annual Catholic Youth Day in Ottawa.
- Ten members of the Student Senate will be attending a conference on May 7 and 8, 2019 organized by Development and Peace with the theme “*Share the Story of Refugees*”.
- Student Senate have been receiving applications for the 2018-2019 Student Senate Scholarships with a focus on leadership and student involvement. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be presented to the 2018-2019 graduating class. Applications for consideration must be received no later than March 29, 2019.

L. STAFF REPORTS-*Kim Kuchar and Brad Johnstone*

Good news and updates from the elementary and secondary schools were provided for information.

M. TRUSTEE REPORTS- *Leanne Prince*

- Trustee Prince thanked Trustee Burtnik for her many years of service and support on the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee as the Trustee representative.
- Trustee Prince reported that the many talents of Niagara Catholic students were demonstrated at the 16th Annual Niagara Catholic Technological Skills Completion held on March 7, 2019. This event highlighted a variety of job options for students after secondary school.
- Trustee Prince stated that, with the uncertainty of the current government, parents/guardians need to stay strong and stand together to continue to support Catholic education and the future of Catholic education.

AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Mental Health Presentation
- Meeting Start Time-6:30 p.m.

O. NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

P. CLOSING PRAYER: Superintendent Forsyth-Sells led the closing prayer.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Shelley Gilbert

Seconded by: Kim Hedden

THAT the March 7, 2019 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
