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Chair and Vice-Chair of Niagara Catholic Elected at Annual Organizational Meeting

The Niagara Catholic District School Board held its Annual Organizational Meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on December 1, 2020.

Larry Huibers, elected in 2018 as a trustee for St. Catharines, was elected as Chair for 2021. Dan Moody, elected in 2018 as a trustee for Niagara Falls, was elected Vice-Chair. In each case, the vote was settled by drawing straws.

During his remarks, Chair Huibers remarked on the importance of the role of trustees within our school communities.

“As trustees for the Niagara Catholic District School Board, we have walked many paths. Some met at the same place, some did not. The purpose of our different paths is as varied as the unique skills and attributes we have. Our role of trustees is not to be the same, but to be unique and willing to share the gift of our experience and commitment to Catholic education. Through open, honest dialogue, our differences become the strength of the Board. We are witness to this when we look at the diversity of each table we support, be it students, staff, clergy or community. All of us that make up Niagara Catholic have an opportunity and an obligation to continue to respect diversity, to support all our students, their families, all staff and the Church community. Together, this is the essence of Niagara Catholic.”

Vice-Chair Moody said he looks forward to his new role.

My intentions as Vice-Chair are simply as follows,” he said. “I am here to support the students and staff, that’s what we’re supposed to do, and I’m going to make sure that it’s going to get done. You know, I can tell you, but I’ve got to show you, and you’ll see it and I base my reputation on that.”

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano congratulated Chair Huibers and Vice-Chair Moody on their election.

“Although it has only been three months since I joined Niagara Catholic, I have been impressed with the way in which everyone has worked together in the best interests of students and staff, in particular as we ride the second wave of COVID-19,” said Mr. Cipriano.

“Congratulations to Larry Huibers on being elected as Chair for 2021, and Dan Moody on his election as Vice-Chair. I am confident that they will continue to build upon the foundation laid by the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair and provide strong, compassionate leadership in 2021.

Thank you to trustees Fera and Sicoli for their leadership during what has been a very challenging year in education. Your experience and confidence steadied the waters for students, staff and families, and on behalf of students and staff, we are grateful for all you have done in service to Niagara Catholic.”

Read Chair Huibers’ remarks [here](#).

Read Vice-Chair Moody’s remarks [here](#).