



**MINUTES OF THE  
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. held virtually, and in-person in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON

Co-Chair Vernelli called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**The September 8, 2022 meeting of the NCPIC was an information session as quorum was not present.**

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

Fr. Paul MacNeil led the Land Acknowledgment and the Opening Prayer.

**2. Roll Call:**

<b>Parent Members</b>	<b>Geographical Area</b>	<b>Present In-person</b>	<b>Present Electronically</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chris Kouroushis	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet			√	
Diana Zlomislic	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet			√	
Lindsey Spanik	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln				√
Todd Ulbinas	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln		√		
Alexandria Attree	Merritton/Thorold			√	
Mary-Kate O'Hara Skubel	Merritton/Thorold			√	
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake				√
Marilyn Fabiano	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake			√	
Olivia O'Reilly-Romanoff	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√		
Luciano Robazza	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√		
Jeremy Harb	St. Catharines		√		
George Roussos	St. Catharines			√	
Melanie Oakes-Flegg	Welland/Pelham			√	
Carrie Vernelli	Welland/Pelham	√			
Shelley Gilbert	Society of St. Vincent de Paul			√	
Fr. Paul MacNeil	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	√			
Allan Buri	Secondary Student Senate Representative			√	
<b>Trustees</b>					
Leanne Prince	Trustee	√			
Dan Moody	Trustee/Vice-Chair of the Board				√

The following staff attended:

**Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, Superintendent of Education, **Joe Tornabuono**, Elementary Principal, **Josie Rocca**, Support Staff, and **Yvonne Anderson**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant.

Regrets: Allan Buri, Jane Farah-Smith, Shelley Gilbert, Mary-Kate O'Hara Skubel, George Roussos, Kevin Timmins and Diana Zlomislic.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 8, 2022 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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

**5. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2022**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 11, 2022 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that Danielle Black, Coordinator of Library Information Centres, requested to make a brief presentation to the NCPIC at the November meeting, to provide information on the direction of the library program and gather feedback from the NCPIC members.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, requested suggestions for presentation at future NCPIC meetings.

- Deferred to the November meeting.

**C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Faith Formation**

- Nil Report

**2. Goals/Parent Engagement Events**

- Co-Chair Vernelli stated that one of the goals should be to follow through on school visits with Catholic School Councils. Further discussion will take place at the November meeting.

**D. POLICY**

- No policies are currently being vetted.

**E. CO-CHAIR REPORTS**

- Nil Reports

**F. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

1. Update-Review of the Student Transportation Policy (500.2)  
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported, as a follow-up to the inquiry at the NCPIC Meeting of May 11, 2022, the Student Transportation Policy is scheduled for vetting in 2024 as part of the Niagara Catholic cyclical review.
2. 2021-2022 Catholic School Council and Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Reports  
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that all members of the NCPIC were emailed a copy the 2021-2022 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for review.

The 2021-2022 Catholic School Council and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Reports will be presented for information at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 13, 2022.

3. Niagara Catholic Theological Theme 2022-2026  
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells shared that the Niagara Catholic Theological Themes for 2022-2026 are in alignment with the strategic direction of the Board and is titled "*Called By Name*". The theological themes will continue to direct us through daily prayers, faith formation, faith-centered events, journey retreat programs, class visits and student engagement and reflection.

2022-2023 - "Called By Name: You are Mine  
2023-2024 - "Called By Name: Hear My Voice  
2024-2025 - "Called By Name: Follow Me  
2025-2026 - "Called By Name: Go and Make Disciples

4. 2022-2023 NCPIC Membership  
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported at the Board Meeting of March 22, 2022 the Board approved the proposed Trustee redistribution to align with Niagara Catholic Family of Schools.

As a result of the changes, parent/guardian representations for:

- St. Catharines will now include Niagara-on-the-Lake; and
- Welland will now include Pelham geographical areas.

Interested parents/guardians are to complete and submit the parent/guardian nomination form to [yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com](mailto:yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com), *no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, October 7, 2022.*

**2022-2023 Meeting Dates:**

- November 3, 2022 (first meeting of the 2022-2023 membership)
- January 12, 2023
- March 2, 2023
- May 4, 2023
- September 2023 (TBD)

5. 2022-2023 OAPCE Membership

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that as approved at the NCPIC Meeting of November 4, 2021, Niagara Catholic has renewed the 2022-2023 OAPCE Membership (56 x \$70 per school=\$3920.00).

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells shared that Diane Zlomislic has resigned as a parent member of the NCPIC and as the OAPCE Regional Director for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. As a result, at the NCPIC meeting of November 3, 2022 an election will take place to fill the (1 year) vacancy for the 2022-2023 school year.

6. NCPIC Financial Report

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that the Ministry of Education has provided funds to all Parent Involvement Committees to support parent engagement. The opening balance for the NCPIC is 9285.44.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells also reported that the Ministry of Education also provided funds to school boards through the GSN to support parent engagement. Niagara Catholic has received \$30,500 to support parent engagement projects for the 2022-2023 school year.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

Director Cipriano shared that enrolment has increased throughout our Niagara Catholic schools. All members of the Senior Team were visiting schools on the first day of school. Staff, students and families were smiling and happy to be back in person.

**G. COMMUNITY REPORT**

- Nil Report

**H. ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (OAPCE)**

- Nil Report

**I. SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) REPORT**

- Nil Report

**J. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT**

- Nil Report

**K. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**

- Nil Report

**L. STAFF REPORTS**

Elementary Principal, Tornabuono provided elementary school updates.

**M. TRUSTEE REPORT**

- Trustee Prince welcomed new and returning students, staff and families to the new school year and is grateful that the 2022-2023 school year reflects the 2019 version of education.
- Trustee Prince reported that the Board has dissolved the Policy Review Committee and has added Policy as a standing agenda item for Committee of the Whole Meetings. The purpose of this change is to reach a greater audience through our live streaming and increased engagement by all members, including the Niagara Catholic Student Trustees.

**N. NEW BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**O. NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

**P. CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Paul MacNeil led the closing prayer.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

**THAT** the September 8, 2022 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

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