



Agenda

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 6, 2017
OPEN MEETING – 6:45-8:30 P.M.
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE – BOARDROOM

Chairperson: Ruth Ciraulo

Trustees who are unable to attend are asked to please notify
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A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Approval of Open Meeting Agenda.
3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Governance Committee held on February 13, 2017. Page 3
5. Business Arising from the Minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

C. Information Items:

1. Letter of Concern: OUAC fees. Page 7
2. Child Care in Our Schools: update.

D. Old Business:

E. New Business:

F. Next Meeting:

1. Monday, April 3, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer.
2. Adjournment.



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:50 p.m. in the Boardroom, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

PRESENT

Trustees: Mmes. Linda Ainsworth, Ruth Ciraulo (Chairperson), Christine Dunn,
Michelle Griepsma, Helen McCarthy.
Messrs. David Bernier, Daniel Demers, Zachary Smith (Student Trustee).

Administration: Mmes. Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Anne Marie Duncan, Isabel Grace,
Dawn Michie.
Messrs. Michael Nasello, Timothy Moloney.

Guests:

Regrets:

Recorder: Mrs. Andrea Bradley.

A. Call to Order:

Ruth Ciraulo called the meeting to order.

1. Opening Prayer.

Ruth Ciraulo asked Isabel Grace to lead the Opening Prayer.

2. Approval of Open Session Agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Daniel Demers, seconded by Linda Ainsworth, that the
Open Meeting Agenda be accepted.

Carried.

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3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Governance Committee – Open Session held on January 17, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Michelle Griepsma, seconded by Helen McCarthy, that the Minutes of the Governance Committee – Open Session, held on January 17, 2017, be approved as amended.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

C. Information Items:

1. 2016-17 Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being: monitoring progress.

Dawn Michie, Superintendent of Learning/K-12 Program, made a presentation to the Governance Committee outlining the ongoing progress of monitoring the Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Dawn explained that the plan was revised in February and spoke about some of the updated observations and reflections. The plan will be posted on the PVNCCDSB web site and shared with principals and the Ministry of Education. Dawn and Tim Moloney, Superintendent of Learning/Student Success, answered questions from Trustees. Michael Nasello, Director of Education, thanked the senior team for their work on the plan.

2. Executive compensation: update.

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, and Michael Nasello, Director of Education, spoke to the Governance Committee about a letter received from Patrick Daly, President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, on the subject of Executive Compensation Framework. Michael explained the four considerations: equity, flexibility, transparency and local autonomy. Isabel introduced a memo from Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister (Acting) from the Ministry of Education, regarding BPS Executive Compensation Framework. Isabel and Michael answered a number of questions.

D. Old Business:

E. New Business:

Helen McCarthy, City of Peterborough Trustee, expressed concern for students travelling to the United States on school trips with the possibility of not being allowed to cross the border. Michael Nasello, Director of Education, explained that a summary of all trips is being compiled and he will bring a report to the February 27 Board Meeting.

F. Next Meeting:

1. Monday, March 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer.

Ruth Ciraulo asked Isabel Grace to lead the closing prayer.

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2. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Daniel Demers, seconded Linda Ainsworth,
that the Governance Committee meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Carried.

Ruth Ciraulo
Chairperson
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Isabel Grace
Superintendent of Business

February 13, 2017

Dave Wallace, Executive Director
Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC)
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Re: Fees for OUAC Applications

This letter is in support of the correspondence received from the Peel District School Board dated December 2, 2016.

At a meeting of the Durham District School Board held on January 23, 2017, the Board expressed concern with the implementation of an additional \$50.00 fee to students who wish to make changes to their OUAC applications beginning with this year's cohort of applicants.

The Durham District School Board emphasizes the issues outlined by the Peel DSB as they relate to the financial commitment required on the part of both students and their families when applying to universities and the mental well-being among adolescents as they process the added pressure of making very important decisions about their pathways.

The added fee of \$50.00 to change choices of university is a financial burden for students and inequitable when compared to the fees charged when applying through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS).

On behalf of the Durham District School Board, I would urge OUAC to reevaluate the imposition of a \$50.00 change fee for the 2017-2018 applicants.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Michael Barrett, Chair
Durham District School Board

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cc: Ontario School Board Chairs
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December 2, 2016

Dave Wallace, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Wallace,

On behalf of the Peel District School Board and our 40,000+ secondary school students, I am writing to express our concern with the implementation of an additional \$50.00 fee to students who wish to make changes to their OUAC applications beginning with this year's cohort of applicants.

In Peel, we place a great deal of emphasis on student pathways. For those students who wish to attend university, I am sure you can appreciate the financial commitment required – on the part of both students and their families. In most cases, those students applying to university are seventeen (17) years old – a time in their lives when they continue to seek guidance from family members and are influenced by both peers and social media. In short, for many students, the high school years, and particularly their final year prior to attendance at university, can be a very stressful time. An increase in mental health issues among adolescents shows strong evidence of the added pressure that our society has placed on them. As a school system, we ask them to make very important decisions about pathways and their chosen fields of study at a very young age - - - and very early in their final high school year. It is not unusual for a student of this age to change their minds several times before finally settling on a chosen program at university – just like it is not unusual for working adults to change professions several times during their working years.

While we are aware that students still have the ability, free of charge, to change programs within the same university, the added fee of \$50.00 to change choices of university is, in the opinion of the Board, an unfair financial burden for students who are already struggling with the pending financial commitment of tuition. Further, because a similar fee does not apply to those students changing their choice of institutions at the college level through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS), I would suggest that students applying through OUAC are treated inequitably because of their choice of pathway.

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Trustees

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On behalf of the Peel District School Board, I would like to strongly urge OUAC to rethink the imposition of a \$50.00 "change fee" for 2017-2018 applicants. Students in the Province of Ontario are amongst the highest performing students in the world, and as a Board of Trustees, we are proud of our Peel graduates and believe they deserve every opportunity to pursue post-secondary studies without bearing the cost of added administration fees imposed by OUAC.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet McDougald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Janet McDougald
Chair

c. Ontario School Board Chairs
OPSBA