

Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD held Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

PRESENT:

Trustees - Mmes. Linda Ainsworth, Eveline Fisher (Student Trustee), and Michelle Griepsma.

Messrs. Dave Bernier, Braden Leal, and Kevin MacKenzie.

Administration – Mmes. Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, and Dawn Michie

Messrs. Galen Eagle, Tim Moloney, Michael Nasello and Fr. Paul Massel.

Recorder – Mrs. Michelle Kennedy.

Regrets – Ms. Calahndra Brake (Student Trustee), Mrs. Helen McCarthy, and Mr. Emmanuel Pinto

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

Mrs. Michelle Griepsma, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

1. **Examen**

The Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma, asked Father Paul Massel to lead all who were present through the Examen.

2. **Opening Prayer**

Following the Examen, Father Paul led the opening prayer.

3. **Acknowledgement**

Michelle Griepsma, Board Chairperson, acknowledged that the Board Meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe.

4. **Singing of the National Anthem**

The National Anthem was sung.

5. **Approval of the Agenda.**

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal

that Trustees Helen McCarthy and Emmanuel Pinto be excused from the regular board meeting, open session.

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Agenda be approved as amended with the following changes:

- a) Superintendent Dawn Michie will present items C.4 and C.5 on behalf of Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School;
- b) Change in order of the items in section 'C. Presentations' to be presented in the following order: C.5, C.4, C.3, C.1, and C.2.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2019, be approved as corrected.

Carried.

8. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

Michelle Griepsma reported additional information discovered about the program for the OAPCE Conference, for which funding for participation was approved at the February Board meeting. Participation in the event now involves the requirement of an additional night of accommodation for participants. At this time there are three parents interested in attending and one CPEC member. David Bernier and Michelle Griepsma are scheduled to attend as trustees. It has been confirmed that due to the number of participants, there will be adequate budget to support the participation, including the additional night of accommodation.

It was noted that Max Eisen, Holocaust survivor, who recently spoke to students at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, is finalist in the CBC 'Canada Reads' book competition.

B. Reports from the Director of Education and Student Trustee(s):

1. Report from the Director of Education.

Michael Nasello gave the Director's Report, including the following highlights:

- Welcomed the students and staff visitors from Gitsxan First Nation, British Columbia and will be travelling with them as they visit the sacred grounds of the Petroglyphs with the elders of Curve Lake First Nation.
- Expressed gratitude for the staff who took time away from their March Break to accompany students to international destinations to provide amazing learning experiences.
- Bishop Gary Gordon spoke at the Peterborough secondary schools and the Lenten Mission was a great success. Thanks to Bishop Miehm for bring him to our Diocese.
- Math Olympics were hosted here at the Board Office last week. Thanks to the Math team of Sandra Connolly, Sarah Taylor, Mike Mooney and Natalie Bullock for their work with the event.
- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be held on March 27 and all Grade 10 students will take part.
- Holy Week is April 15-19. Chrism Mass is at St. Peters-in-Chains Cathedral on April 15 at 7 p.m.
- A friendly wager has been made with Anne O'Brien, Director of Durham Catholic DSB on the outcome of the hockey playoff series between the Oshawa Generals and the Peterborough Petes. The terms are that the director whose team is unsuccessful in the hockey playoff series will wear the jersey of the opponent's team. With half of the board supporting the Oshawa Generals, and half supporting the Petes, it will be a win-win situation.
- Recent announcements from the Ministry of Education which affect the Ontario Autism Program, the ban of cell phones in the classroom and the funding and class sizes will present some uncertainty and anxiety throughout our board. Further details are expected for implementation in the fall and more changes are possible pending outcomes of collective bargaining. A call for patience, calm, collaboration, generosity and respectful relationships has been made to PVNC staff for these times of uncertainty.
- Extended appreciation, support and gratitude to the staff members of PVNC for their hard work and dedication.

At the conclusion of his report, Michael Nasello invited questions from the trustees.

2. Report from the Student Trustees

Eveline Fisher, Student Trustee, gave a report to the Board of the activities which are taking place in secondary schools throughout the system:

- At the beginning of the Lenten season, each of the high schools celebrated with Ash Wednesday Mass or assembly.
- Father Paul Massel visited Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School and invited students to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their chapel.
- Bishop Gary Gordon, from Victoria, British Columbia spoke to the students of St. Peter and Holy Cross and brought a message of God's love, the environment and his personal experiences.
- A '40 Days of Giving' event is happening at St. Peter where students are encouraged to set aside one thing they no longer use for each of the days of lent. The collection of gently used clothing, toys and books will be collected and donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
- During March break there were various excursions to different parts of the world including students from Holy Cross and St. Peter travelling to Spain, St. Stephen students travelling to France and a ski trip to Vermont by students from St. Stephen and Holy Trinity. Students from Holy Cross travelled to South Africa where they participated in scientific students and learned about environmental conservation.
- Down Syndrome Awareness Day was recognized by students across the system who wore mismatched socks on March 21st.
- St. Thomas Aquinas hosted a Development and Peace Day where other PVNC secondary students attended to learn about Development and Peace initiatives.
- Holy Cross is currently hosting students who travelled from the Gitksan First Nation in northwestern British Columbia. The host students from Holy Cross are looking forward to travelling to BC to stay for a week in May of this year.
- March 22 was World Water Day and the student trustees gave a presentation at a 'Lunch and Learn' event at the Board Office on their 'Ban the Bottle' initiative. The presentation was recorded and will be shared with the Eco-School clubs at each school.

Eveline then invited and answered questions at the conclusion of the report.

3. Report from the Manager of Communications, Galen Eagle

Manager of Communications, Galen Eagle reviewed his monthly electronic newsletter of system achievements and highlighted the following stories:

- A newly created video which promotes the Student Council Liaison Committee was viewed. This video will be used in the secondary schools to promote and recruit candidates for the Student Council Liaison Committee. Once on the SCLC, junior representatives can vie for the position of Student Trustee. Applications are now being taken at each school to determine the junior representatives for the 2019-2020 school year.
- A St. Peter co-op student whose placement this semester is with the Peterborough Petes Hockey club has written a rally song for their play-off run.
- Robotics competitions were held at St. Peter for Peterborough City and County Schools and City of Kawartha Lakes schools and at St. Stephen for schools in Northumberland and Clarington. The finalists from each of these competitions met at the Catholic Education Centre on March 7. Photo highlights from these events were shared.

C. Presentations:

5. R.A. Proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to Italy, March 11-19, 2020.

Natalie Bittner, Vice-principal and Christine Clarke, Teacher from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School were joined by Sherry Davis, Principal and Reginald Hartwick, Teacher from St. Peter Catholic Secondary School to present and answer questions about the proposed excursion to Italy during March Break, 2020. Natalie Bittner was present in place of James Brake, Principal at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary, who was not able to be present at the meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Braden Leal

that the proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and St. Peter Catholic Secondary School student excursion to Italy, from March 11, 2020 to March 19, 2020, be approved in principle and that the trip will include mandatory insurance for all travelers. Such insurance must cover school board or principal rulings for cancellation of the trip.

Carried.

4. Mathematics Strategies Presentation.

Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant and Mike Mooney, Itinerant Math Teacher were joined by Dawn Michie, Superintendent of Learning to give a presentation about Mathematics Strategies employed in classrooms at PVNC. The presentation gave

examples of strategies that are incorporated into daily 'number talks'. The approach to student learning and advancement in Mathematics in this board has stayed consistent in that the focus has remained on advancing fluency. The group answered questions from the trustees.

3. R.A. Proposed St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to RKY Camp, May 1-3, 2019.

Superintendent of Schools, Tim Moloney presented the information regarding the proposed trip to RKY Camp in May, 2019 to be taken by students from St. Mary Catholic Secondary School working towards their Duke of Edinburgh medals. Because this trip is a repeating excursion, Mr. Moloney was not joined by the teacher, Yvette Paldy-McCartney. Tim Moloney responded to questions from the trustees.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Braden Leal

that the proposed St. Mary Catholic Secondary School student excursion to RKY Camp, Parham, Ontario from May 1, 2019 to May 3, 2019 be approved in principle and that the trip activities meet OPHEA guidelines for Outdoor Education.

Carried.

1. R.A. Proposed Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to Camp Northern Lights, May 15-16, 2019.

Dawn Michie, Superintendent of Schools presented the details of the proposed excursion to Camp Northern Lights. It was noted that was a repeat excursion and therefore the Principal and teacher did not attend the presentation. Ms. Michie responded to questions about the excursion from the trustees.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that the proposed Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School student excursion to Camp Northern Lights, Haliburton, ON, from May 15, 2019 to May 16, 2019 be approved in principle; and, that the trip activities meet OPHEA guidelines for Outdoor Education.

Carried

2. R.A. Proposed Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to Algonquin Park, June 3-6, 2019.

Dawn Michie, Superintendent of Schools presented the details of the proposed repeat excursion to Algonquin Park. It was noted that this trip and the trip to Camp Northern Lights were for partial fulfillment of courses PAD3O and PAD4O.

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the proposed Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School student excursion to Algonquin Provincial Park from June 3, 2019, to June 6, 2019 be approved in principle; and, that the trip activities meet OPHEA guidelines for Outdoor Education.

Carried.

D. Programs and Services:

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Open Session Report.

Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma, gave an update on information shared with trustees from OCSTA. Ms. Griepsma asked if the request for consultation from the College of Psychologists was fulfilled by the board. This will be investigated.

Trustees were requested to review the OCSTA Annual General Meeting package, including the package of resolutions in advance of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting scheduled for April 8, 2019.

There was discussion on the trustees' attendance at the AGM and the ability to vote by proxy if not attending.

2. Annual Freedom of Information Report to the Information Privacy Commissioner.

Galen Eagle, Manager of Communications, presented background information on the Annual Freedom of Information Report that is submitted to the Information Privacy Commissioner each year by March 1st. Mr. Eagle shared general information which was given in the report from PVNC for 2018 and included the number of information requests, the time required to complete the requests and the general topics of interest. Trustees were invited to ask questions about the report.

3. R.A. Process for Voting on Recommended Actions from Policy Development Committee.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education, brought forward a proposal to use a standard motion for the approval of the recommended actions from the Policy Development Committee. The rationale for doing so is to simplify the process, recognizing that the

composition of the Policy Development Committee is the same as the Board of Trustees and that debate and discussion has already taken place at the Policy Development Committee meeting by the same group of people.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that in receiving and approving recommendations from the Policy Committee, the Board proceed with the following standard motion:

“that the Board accept and approve the report and recommendations of the Policy Development Committee of [date] for publication and implementation.”.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

1. R.A. Recommended Actions from the Policy Development Committee Meeting, March 25, 2019.

It was noted that the new process going forward would include the inclusion of the full report of recommended actions approved at the Policy Development Committee in a 'Report to the Board' format and include the standard motion as a recommended action.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Board accept and approve the report and recommendations of the Policy Development Committee of March 25, 2019, for publication and implementation.

Carried.

H. Old Business:

Michelle Griepsma reported that a silent auction item for the OCSTA Toonies for Tuition has been secured. A 3D Virtual Viewer has been donated and will be passed along to the OCSTA to be included in the auction.

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report.

Michelle Griepsma, Chairperson of the Board reminded trustees to bring forward any matters of concern that they may have so they may be considered at Chairperson's Committee for inclusion on the Board Meeting agenda.

Trustees were also reminded of the upcoming events in May, specifically Catholic Education Week, the Catholic Student Leadership Awards Ceremony on May 8, 2019, and the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee and Catholic School Council Appreciation Event on May 15, 2019.

2. Correspondence Received from Durham Region.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education directed the trustees' attention the copy of a letter received from Durham Region, addressed to the Minister of Transportation supporting Bill 174 and calling for further enforcement of school bus stop arm infractions.

3. Trustees' Committee Reports:

The draft minutes from the following committee meeting was shared ahead of the Board Meeting. There were no comments or questions with respect to this report.

a. Special Education Advisory Committee, February 21, 2019.

L. Future Meetings:

1. Board Standing Committee Meetings:

- a. Chairperson's Committee, April 8, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
- b. Committee-of-the-Whole, April 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Board Meeting Open Session, April 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m. (In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)
- d. Policy Development Committee, May 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

2. Other Committee Meetings:

- a. STSCO Governance Committee Meeting, March 27, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
- b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Meeting, April 1, 2019
- c. French as a Second Language Committee, April 3, 2019
- d. Student Council Liaison Committee, April 23, 2019, 4:15 p.m.
- e. Special Education Advisory Committee, April 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- f. Faith and Equity Committee Advisory Meeting, May 2, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- g. Accessibility for All Committee Meeting, May 14, 2019.

- h. First Nation, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, June 4, 2019
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting – TBA

3. Board Events:

The list of future board events was reviewed by the Trustees.

- a. OCSTA 2018-2019 AGM and Conference, Toronto, April 25-27, 2019.
- b. Catholic Education Week, May 5-10, 2019.
- c. Catholic Student Leadership Awards, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, May 8, 2019.
- d. CPEC and Catholic School Council Appreciation Event, St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, May 15, 2019.
- e. CCSTA 2018-2019 AGM and Conference, Canmore, AB, May 30-June 1, 2019.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the in-camera session, as follows:

- A. Call to Order:
 - 1. Opening Prayer
 - 2. Approval of Agenda as presented.
 - 3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest: None were declared
 - 4. Approval of Minutes: Motion carried to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Regular In-camera meeting and motion carried to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Special In-camera meeting.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-camera Session Report.
 - 2. Update on Property Matter.
- E. Human Resources
 - 1. Update on Announcement from the Minister of Education.
 - 2. Update on Human Resources Matters.
- F. Other Urgent Matter:
- G. Old Business:
 - 1. Follow up to Parent Concern.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 - 2. Motion to convene in Open Session at 6:32 p.m.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer.

At the request of the Board Chairperson, Linda Ainsworth led the closing prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal
that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Carried.

Michelle Griepsma
Board Chairperson

Michael Nasello
Director of Education, Secretary-Treasurer
per M.K.