



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in the Boardroom at 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

PRESENT:

Trustees – Linda Ainsworth, David Bernier, Michelle Griepsma (Chair), Braden Leal, Kevin MacKenzie, Helen McCarthy and Emmanuel Pinto.

Administration – Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Isabel Grace, Dawn Michie, Tim Moloney, and Michael Nasello.

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance, including those giving presentations on the agenda and the principal representatives, Jennifer DeMaeyer from St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, Ennismore and Mark Collins from St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Douro.

1. Examen

Michael Nasello, Director of Education, led everyone in a daily examen.

2. Opening Prayer

Following the examen, Michael Nasello opened the meeting with prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Michelle Griepsma, Board Chairperson, respectfully acknowledged that the Board Meeting was taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

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 the Agenda be approved.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

7. Approval of the Minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Braden Leal
that the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting be
approved with corrections.

Carried.

8. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

B. Reports from the Office of the Director and Student Trustees:

1. Report from the Director of Education, Michael Nasello.

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

- We enter this new year and new decade with renewed hope, faith and love.
- A full-day walkout is planned by OECTA members for Tuesday, February 4.
- An outcome of the current labour sanctions has been the decision to cancel the January Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment. Information updates about the plans for a June assessment will be shared with trustees and parents when they are known.
- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is currently scheduled for March 31st. At present, labour sanctions include work on EQAO activities and Directors of Education and Ministry of Education officials are reviewing the situation.
- Planned excursions to overseas destinations scheduled in the near future are being monitored with requirements for cancellation in the insurance policies in

mind. Cancellations will only be considered as a last resort, however commitment to student safety and supervision are of utmost importance.

- Information about the recent outbreak of the Wuhan Novel Coronavirus from the Chief Medical Officer for Ontario, Dr. David Williams, was shared with all student families and staff members. The focus of the communication is to engage in good health practices and to stay home when ill.
- We continue to work with the local public health units in Peterborough, Durham Region and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge, which collectively support all of our schools.
- This week marks the end of the semester and secondary students are writing exams. Elementary students are engaged in meaningful learning and co-curricular activities.
- Thank you to our dedicated teaching, support staff and administrators. Catholic Education is alive and well.
- On January 29th the Principals, Priests and Chaplaincy Leaders will welcome His Excellency, Bishop Miehm and gather for an afternoon of discussion and fellowship.
- The board took part in consultations with the Minister of Finance. Thanks are extended to Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business for her representation.
- The 75th anniversary of the liberation of Jews and other prisoners from Concentration Camps was commemorated on January 27th with International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- Bell “Let’s Talk” Day is January 29th. It is an annual event to promote openness in communicating about mental health.
- Plans are underway for Lobby Day at Queen’s Park on March 30, 2020. This day is an event to meet with MPPs and inform them of the value of Catholic Education to Ontario.

Following his presentation, Michael Nasello invited questions from the trustees.

2. Report from the Student Trustees, Eveline Fisher and Josh Hill.

On behalf of Josh Hill, Junior Student Trustee, and Eveline Fisher, Senior Student Trustee, Michael Nasello, Director of Education, gave a report to the Board of the activities which are taking place in secondary schools throughout the system:

- Students resumed classes and activities on January 6th. January is a busy and stressful time but students are excelling through another exam season.
- Ski clubs at St. Mary and Holy Trinity have students from grades 9-12 getting out to enjoy the snow.

- Holy Trinity student cabinet participated in a trip to the St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen to give back to the community.
- Students have endured a one-day strike and the end of semester moratorium on school activities has allowed students to focus on their studies.
- The Catholic Board Cabinet of the Ontario Student Trustee Association remains determined to make our boards as environmentally friendly as possible, but has also begun to work on their second pillar of focus which is “Faith in Action”. This pillar will focus on social justice, specifically the “Toonies for Tuition” campaign.
- Look forward to working together with students in our schools who are extremely passionate for the environment and towards positive changes in our schools. This is the best way to move forward with climate advocacy.
- We pray for guidance in our tasks ahead.

3. Report from the Manager of Communications, Galen Eagle.

Galen Eagle, Manager of Communications shared the system achievements and highlighted the following events and other stories from across the Board:

- A new kindergarten promotional video was viewed. Galen Eagle explained the advertising campaign that was developed for kindergarten registration and the use of online advertising. Different advertising methods are used strategically in different regions of the board to attain the most economical and greatest reach.
- A St. Mary Campbellford student, Gordie Gilders, was cast as a young Wayne Gretzky for a Tim Horton’s commercial that was viewed throughout the holiday season.
- The total collection of the United Way campaign of the four areas covered by the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board topped \$60,000. The money raised was through special events and payroll contributions.
- The recent wildfires in Australia have prompted students from St. Anthony to raise money through a bake sale that raised \$1,300 to aid fire victims.

C. Presentations:

1. Proposed St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Girls’ Rugby Excursion to Scotland, March 12-20, 2021.

James Brake, Principal and Shawn Carmichael, Teacher, gave a presentation of their proposed excursion. Following their presentation, Mr. Brake and Mr. Carmichael answered questions from the trustees.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Braden Leal
that the proposed St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Girls' Rugby excursion to Scotland, from March 12, 2021 to March 20, 2021, 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.

D. Programs and Services:

1. R.A. Approval of Member Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Helen McCarthy
that Sandra Scott, of the Down Syndrome Association, be approved as a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remaining term of December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2022.

Carried.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

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

The Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma reported on OCSTA updates as follows:

- all information and memoranda that have come to her from OCSTA has been sent on to trustees.
- gratitude extended to the superintendents for providing background information for the sharing sessions at the OCSTA Trustees' Seminar in Toronto.

2. Trustees' Report, Ontario Catholic Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Seminar, January 17-18, 2020.

Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma reported that the workshop summaries from the OCSTA Trustees' Seminar are now posted on the OCSTA website under the member portal for those who could not be in attendance. Michelle

Griepsma extended thanks to Michael Nasello and the students who accompanied him on the presentation on the Holocaust Education Program. There were many positive comments and praise from participants from other boards about their inspiring presentation.

Trustee Linda Ainsworth reported on her attendance at the workshops entitled “Exploring the Topic of Gender in Catholic Education” by Dr. Moira McQueen and “The Time of Your Life...Make it Your Best Friend, Never Your Foe” by Bob Koehler and Associates Inc. Trustee Helen McCarthy also reported on her attendance at the “Gender in Catholic Education” workshop. David Bernier shared his report on the excellent presentation on Holocaust Education Program at PVNC which proudly included alumni and current students.

3. STSCO Governance Committee Meeting, Open Session Report.

Michelle Griepsma, Board Chairperson, reported that the minutes from the previous STSCO Governance meeting have been shared with trustees through their Google Drive.

It was reported that there has been a review of operations by STSCO staff to identify efficiencies and suggested ways of streamlining processes to enhance operations. These suggestions will be reviewed and possibly adopted in the coming months.

4. R.A. Recommended Action from the Committee-of-the-Whole: In-Year Deficit Plan.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that the Board approve the In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan as submitted with the 2019-2020 Revised Estimates document set.

Carried.

5. R.A. School Year Calendar, 2020-2021.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal

that the proposed Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2020-2021 (Option B) be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, as required.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report

The Board Chair, Michelle Griepsma reported on her participation in the Peterborough Family Literacy Day. Gratitude was extended to participants from PVNC who also attended and participated.

Mary Flagler, wife of former PVNC trustee, Frank Flagler passed away on January 8, 2020. A Mass Card was sent on behalf of the PVNC Community.

On January 24, Michelle Griepsma attended a meeting where School Boards were invited to participate in Budget Consultations with the Minister of Finance.

The trustees were alerted of a survey that has been wide-spread by email from a person named Jack Lucas. This survey has been sent independent of any approved research or association with the OCSTA.

On February 6, 2020 there will be a viewing of a documentary about the Community Garden in the City of Kawartha Lakes. The viewing will take place at Fleming College Frost Campus and is a fundraiser in support of the Community Garden.

Trustees were reminded to please continue to be cautious about any suspicious emails and to contact Computer Services should you be in question about any questionable correspondence.

2. Trustees' Committees Reports

a. Special Education Advisory Committee, January 16, 2020.

Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Special Education gave a brief report of meeting highlights.

3. Correspondence from the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington re: National School Bus Safety Week and Stop Arm Cameras.

The correspondence that was received from Clarington was reviewed by the trustees.

Trustee Kevin MacKenzie shared information that he gathered from the recent Municipality of Clarington meeting that he attended. There was discussion about safety information and how it is shared with students.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting

- a. Board Meeting Open Session, February 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

2. Board Standing Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.)

- a. Policy Development Committee, February 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- b. Chairperson's Committee, February 10, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
- c. Committee-of-the-Whole, February 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

3. Other Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.):

- a. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Meeting, February 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg)
- b. Accessibility for All Committee Meeting, February 4, 2020, 1:15 p.m. – **It was noted by Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Special Education, that this meeting may be postponed.**
- c. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee Meeting, February 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- d. Special Education Advisory Committee, February 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- e. Student Council Liaison Committee, February 25, 2020, 4:15 p.m.
- f. First Nation, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, March 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- g. STSCO Governance Committee Meeting, March 25, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
- h. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, April 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting, TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. Toonies for Tuition – Board-wide Fundraising Day, April 23, 2020.
- b. St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School 25th Anniversary Celebration, April 28, 2020.
- c. OCSTA 2019-2020 AGM and Conference, Ottawa, April 30-May 2, 2020.
- d. Catholic Education Week, May 3-9, 2020.

- e. Catholic Student Leadership Awards, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, May 6, 2020.
- f. CPEC Parent Engagement Event, Craig Kielburger, “The World Needs Your Kid: How to Raise Children Who Care and Contribute”, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, May 20, 2020.
- g. CCSTA 2019-2020 AGM and Conference, Collingwood, ON, June 4-6, 2020.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the January 28, 2020, regular in-camera session, as follows:

- A. Call to Order: The in-camera meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
 - 1. Opening Prayer
 - 2. Approval of agenda as presented.
 - 3. There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.
 - 4. Approval of Minutes: Motions carried to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 Regular In-camera meeting
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-camera Session Report
 - 2. STSCO In-camera Session Report
 - 3. Approval of recommended actions from the January 15, 2020 STSCO Governance Committee Meeting, In-camera session:
 - a) that the Boards approve a temporary exception to the 25% bus route share limit set out under board policy until June 30, 2020, in order to permit consideration of approval of the transfer of all Campeau Bus Lines bus routing to First Student.
 - b) that subject to a temporary route share limit policy exception being supported, the school board approve the transfer of all Campeau Bus Lines bus routes effective March 1, 2020, subject to the contract extension terms already in place for First Student through to the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Human Resources:
 - 1. Update on OECTA Labour Disruption.
- F. Other Urgent Matter:

1. Approval of a recommended action from the Expulsion Committee meeting held on January 28, 2020.
- I.
 1. Closing Prayer
 2. Motion to convene in Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

The Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma closed the meeting with prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto
that the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried.

Michelle Griepsma
Board Chairperson

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