



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, held on Monday, July 6, 2020, by Google Meet.

PRESENT:

Trustees – Linda Ainsworth, Michelle Griepsma (Chair), Josh Hill (Student Trustee), Braden Leal, Kevin MacKenzie, Helen McCarthy and Emmanuel Pinto

Administration – Joan Carragher, Galen Eagle, Father Paul Massel, 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.

1. Examen

Father Paul Massel, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator, led everyone in a daily examen.

2. Opening Prayer

Following the examen, Father Paul opened the meeting with prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Michelle Griepsma, Board Chairperson, respectfully acknowledged that the Board Meeting was taking place on the 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 the addition of four items under

section K, Information Items.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

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

C. Presentations:

D. Programs and Services:

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. Revised School Year Calendar for 2020-2021.

Superintendent of Human Resources, Joan Carragher presented a report on the proposed revisions to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar which was approved by the trustees at the Regular Board Meeting in January 2020 but did not receive final approval from the Ministry. The changes are resulting from a communication received from the Ministry of Education on June 30 asking that school boards have three professional activity days prior to the beginning of the school year. To accommodate this request and following consultation with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, three changes were made to the calendars: an additional PA day was added prior to Labour Day, a PA day was removed from the calendar in April 2021 and a board designated holiday was added immediately prior to the March break.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto

that the proposed revised Elementary and Secondary 2020-2021 School Year Calendars 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. Meeting about Budget

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello reported that the Senior Administration team is nearing completion of the proposed 2020-2021 budget and as such it will be ready for presentation to the trustees for consideration of approval at the July 21 Special Board Meeting. Summary pages will be provided to trustees in advance to allow as much time as possible for review prior to the meeting.

2. Thought Exchange

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello shared information about the use of the Thought Exchange software with the survey that was sent out to parents on July 2nd. Since the opening of the survey there have been over four thousand participants who have engaged in over one hundred and forty thousand exchanges of thoughts and ideas. The purpose of the survey is to determine issues of priority and importance to parents in our system. These top concerns will help to shape the reopening plan for schools that is required to be complete by August 4. The survey closes on Monday, July 13 at 4 pm.

3. Concern about Gatherings

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello informed the trustees about responses received to the communication that was sent to all PVNC families regarding the non-observance of social distancing at gatherings at the end of June. It was noted that one of the responses could result in a follow up in the media.

4. Applied and Academic Streaming and Suspension of Students

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello clarified with the trustees that no communication or directives have been received from the Ministry of Education regarding the changes that were reported in the media on July 6. Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced that the government would be taking steps to remove the practice of streaming students into academic or applied courses for students in Grade 9. In addition, he announced that there is a plan to cease suspension of students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3.

L. Future Meetings and Events:1. Board Meetings

- a. Special Board Meeting Open Session, July 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)
- b. Special Board Meeting Open Session, August 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)
- c. Board Meeting Open Session, September 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

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

- a. Chairperson's Committee, September 14, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
- b. Committee-of-the-Whole, September 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Policy Development Committee, September 29, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. First Nation Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, September 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- b. Special Education Advisory Committee, September 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Student Council Liaison Committee, September 22, 2020, 4:15 p.m.
- d. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Meeting, September 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- e. STSCO Governance Committee Meeting, October 7, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
- f. Audit Committee Meeting, TBA
- g. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee Meeting, TBA
- h. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, TBA
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting, TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. Secondary School Graduation Ceremonies for Class of 2020, Thursday, October 8, 2020.

M. Conclusion:

The Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma called on Father Paul Massel who concluded the meeting with prayer.

1. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto
that the open session meeting adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Carried.

Michelle Griepsma
Board Chairperson

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