



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, by Google Meet.

PRESENT:

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

Administration – Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Pepe Garieri, Isabel Grace, Father Paul Massel, Tim Moloney, Michael Nasello, and Stephen O’Sullivan.

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma, called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Helen McCarthy

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 David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth
that the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved.

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto
that the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Special Meeting be approved.

Carried.

8. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education reported that on July 21, 2020, Ministry approval for the Board's revised 2020-2021 School Year Calendar was received. The revised calendar included an additional PA day prior to Labour Day, the removal of a PA day in April, 2021 and the addition of a board designated holiday immediately prior to the March break. Communication will be sent out to the public with the 'From the Boardroom' report and posted on the board's website.

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

C. Presentations:

D. Programs and Services:

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. 2020-2021 Budget Presentation.

Superintendent of Business and Finance, Isabel Grace, gave a comprehensive report to the trustees regarding the 2020-2021 Draft Budget information. The report was detailed to explain the components of funding and requirements of the Board to achieve a

compliant budget in accordance with the Education Act. Also explained were the inflationary costs and program pressures in addition to risk of unknown expenses as a result of response to COVID-19.

Following her presentation, Isabel Grace answered questions from the trustees.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie
that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Operating Expenses Budget, in the amount of \$198,069,834 as presented.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

1. Thought Exchange Survey Presentation.

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello, presented the results of the recent Family Survey conducted using Thoughtexchange software. The illustration of the results included a word cloud that gave statistics on the frequency of the most commonly used words by participants. In all there was an extraordinary level of participation with over 6,300 participants who exchanged over 7,300 thoughts and gave over 237,000 ratings of comments. It was noted that the survey results are available to review on the board website.

An overview of the Staff Survey, also conducted using Thoughtexchange was also presented to the trustees. Participation levels of staff were also remarkable with 787 participants and over 1,400 thoughts and over 41,500 ratings of comments. Concerns, questions and thoughts that were expressed in the seven themes of monitoring student health, cleaning and health and safety, online learning, personal protective equipment, model of program delivery, staff support and well-being and mental health and well-being.

The information gathered in the surveys will enhance the development and preparation for the communication of the return to school plan in September.

2. Re-opening Update.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education summarized in a power point presentation the

development, to date, of the return to school plan for PVNC. The three approaches to return with full attendance, with modified attendance, and with learning at home were reviewed for both secondary and elementary students. There was discussion about the anticipated enhanced cleaning protocols, personal protective equipment, transportation and technology requirements. The final decision on the model that will be used will depend on further information from the Ministry including allowable parameters and input from Public Health regarding protocols.

3. Ministry Child Care Survey, PVNC Response.

Pepe Garieri, Superintendent of Learning informed the trustees of a recent opportunity to give response to a Child Care Survey conducted by the Ministry of Education. There are two online surveys: one for parents and one for child care providers and they were created as a means to conduct the required review of the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 within five years of its coming into force. Mr. Garieri gave details of the response from PVNC that was prepared with Kerri Riel, Early Years and Child Care Programs Supervisor and Michael Nasello, Director of Education. Suggestions included changes to requirements for the number of Registered Early Childhood Educators in a program and the requirements for inspection and certification of recreational programs.

4. Ontario Human Rights Commission Letter.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education, noted the eight-page letter that was received from the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The letter, that was sent to all boards and copied to all unions and trustees' associations, is a notification that school boards have a legal obligation to meet the needs of students with special education needs. The letter also noted the expectations of school boards and outlined steps to take to put resources and commitments in place to meet the needs of children who are special learners.

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting

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

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the July 21, 2020, in-camera session, as follows:

- A. Call to Order:
 1. Opening Prayer
 2. Motion for the Approval of agenda.
 3. No conflicts of interest declared.
 4. Motion for the approval of the minutes from the June 23, 2020 Regular In-camera meeting with corrections.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 1. Property Matter.
- E. Human Resources:

1. CUPE Education Worker Protection Fund.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 1. Closing Prayer.
 2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

The Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma called on Trustee Braden Leal who concluded the open meeting with prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal seconded by Emmanuel Pinto
that the open session meeting adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Carried.

Michelle Griepsma
Board Chairperson

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