



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough, Ontario.

PRESENT:

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

Administration – Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Galen Eagle, 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 6:34 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 by Trustee Linda Ainsworth.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, 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 Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal
that the minutes of the July 21, 2020 Special Meeting be
approved.

Carried.

8. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

C. Presentations:

1. School Re-opening Plan Update and Summary of Return to School Survey Data.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education updated the Trustees on the progression of the School Re-opening Plan to date and the results of the Return to School Survey that was sent out to parents on August 13. Mr. Nasello informed the trustees on the format of the in-person and virtual programming determined to date and the aspects that have yet to be determined prior to the beginning of the school year. Senior Administration is awaiting information from the Public Health authorities regarding outbreak management and its communication and contingencies should a child become ill at school. The board will be working with union partners to develop understandings of changed working environments. Following his presentation, the Director answered questions from the trustees.

D. Programs and Services:

1. Child Care Centres and Programs Update.

Kerri Riel, Early Years and Child Care Program Supervisor, updated the trustees on the

operations of Early Years at PVNC and the planned return to learning. An overview of the child care operations during the pandemic was reviewed. Complete re-opening of child care, including before and after care, will take place on September 1st with newly established guidelines and enhanced health and safety protocols. EarlyON programs will also resume for registered families on September 1st. Ms Riel invited and answered questions from the trustees.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. 2020-2021 Budget Update on Reserve Fund.

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance provided background information relating to the expected negative financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic to the Board's operating expenses. Additional funding announced by the Ministry to assist with anticipated exceptional expenses was also reviewed. It is expected that there will not be enough additional funding to cover all of the additional pandemic-related expenses.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the Board authorize Administration to exceed the 2020-2021 approved budget for expenses related to re-opening during the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby increasing the in-year deficit to a maximum of 2% of operating expenses.

Carried.

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

Board Chairperson Michelle Griepsma reported that information about the OCSTA discussion topics for the regional meetings would be forthcoming and reviewed at the September Committee of the Whole meeting.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting

- a. 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. Clarington Education Development Charges, Virtual Joint Meeting with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, September 10, 2020, time to TBD.
- b. OCSTA Fall Regional Virtual Meeting, September 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
- c. Secondary School Graduation Ceremonies for Class of 2020, Thursday, October 8, 2020. (Format to be determined.)
- d. PVNC Retirement Celebration, November 6, 2020. (Virtual Event)

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by David Bernier

that the meeting convene in closed session at 8:49 p.m.

Carried.

The meeting re-convened in open session at 9:02 p.m. to discuss a matter that was moved from closed session under 'Other Urgent Matter' to open session under 'New Business' as item I.1, We Activities Report.

I. New Business:

1. We Activities Report

Michael Nasello, Director of Education, reviewed the activities and involvement of PVNC Catholic Schools with the WE organization and a contracted speaking engagement with Craig Keilburger, paid for with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grant. There was discussion about the frequency and types of student WE activities and the Ministry's suspension of ties to the WE Organization was noted.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Board authorize the Director to cancel the contract with WE for the speaking engagement on May 19, 2021.

Carried.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the August 25, 2020, in-camera session, as follows:

A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Motion for the Approval of agenda with addition of item E.2, Staffing Update.
3. No conflicts of interest declared.
4. Motions for the approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2020 Special In-camera meeting and the August 6, 2020 Special In-camera meeting.

D. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
2. OCSTA Legal Opinion
- E. Human Resources:
 1. CUPE Grievance Matter.
 2. Staffing Update.
- F. Other Urgent Matter:

Motion to move agenda item F.1 We Activities Report to Open Session.
- 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 David Bernier 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 9:35 p.m.

Carried.

Michelle Griepsma
Board Chairperson

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