



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough, Ontario.

PRESENT:

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

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:

At the request of the Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma, the Board Vice-chairperson, David Bernier, was asked to assume the role of Chairperson for the meeting and called to order at 6:35 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

David Bernier 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 by Trustee Linda Ainsworth.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Helen McCarthy
that the Agenda be approved with the addition of item E.3, Follow
up to Ventilation Discussion from Committee of the Whole
Meeting.

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 Helen McCarthy
that the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Special Meeting be
approved.

Carried.

8. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

9. Swearing in of Student Trustee, Eli McColl.

The swearing-in ceremony for the Junior Student Trustee, Eli McColl, was officiated by the Director of Education, Michael Nasello, Vice-Chairperson, David Bernier, and Trustee, Linda Ainsworth. A pledge of commitment to the service of Catholic Education and fellow students was given by Eli and he was welcomed to the Board with a prayer and blessing by Father Paul Massel. Josh was then presented with a board pin from Michael Nasello.

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

1. Report from the Director of Education.

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

- We have successfully begun the 2020-2021 school year with a great deal of preparation, deliberation, consultation and collaboration.

- The board's primary focus remains the health and safety of every staff member and every student.
- Enrolment for this year is slightly lower than projected due to a higher than expected number of students now engaging in homeschooling.
- New protocols and routines have been incorporated into all of our 36 schools
- There are 2,300 students and over 90 staff in the new St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Virtual School that is now up and running. Virtual visits have been made to a number of online classrooms to experience a wide variety of activities.
- Grateful for everything that all staff continue to do to ensure success in both our physical and virtual classrooms. Thanks to the senior team of superintendents, principals, vice-principals who worked over the summer to be ready for the fall opening. The teacher consultant staff have been working tirelessly to support teachers in professional development and teachers continue to develop creative ways of teaching students.
- Fall events are being planned and we look forward to the Graduation of the class of 2020 and our Annual Retirement Celebration.
- Close collaboration and communication continues with our three local public health agencies.
- Continue to participate in weekly teleconferences with the Directors of Education and the Deputy Minister of Education and weekly teleconferences with the Boards' Chairpersons and the Minister of Education.
- Bishop Daniel Miehm will celebrate an Opening Mass for the school year which will be recorded and available for sharing with students in classrooms and online, for those who are learning remotely. Bishop Miehm's support and prayers are greatly appreciated as is Father Paul Massel for organizing and facilitating this celebration.

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

2. Report from the Student Trustees.

Student Trustees Josh Hill and Eli McColl gave the Student Trustee report:

- September can be naturally stressful and with new challenges of opening during a pandemic, the schools opened on a positive note.
- All grades were fully back to school by September 15 and we are now in our second week back.
- health and safety remains a primary concern universally for families and schools are effectively reducing contact between students and continue with proper

sanitation methods.

- At the Student Council Liaison Committee meeting held today, questions posed by students were heavily discussed to ensure student and family concerns are being heard.
- This year's student voice retreat was discussed and a decision to change the format into four separate afterschool segments was made. This way, students will remain at school and also be engaged with the virtual retreat.
- We continue supporting staff and students and pray for safety and guidance in our tasks ahead.
- Thank you to everyone at the Board who worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure our safe return to school that was as welcoming as possible. You have made a huge difference to students.

Following the report, Josh Hill and Eli McColl answered questions from the trustees.

3. Report from the Manager of Communications.

Galen Eagle, Manager of Communications reported that a full system achievement report to the Trustees would return in the October Board Meeting. The month of September has allowed students, staff and principals to settle into their new learning environments and there will be many good news stories to share in the future.

Secondary School virtual graduations for the class of 2020 will be celebrated on Thursday, October 8th. Galen will be working with Trustees to record congratulatory messages to the graduates.

The annual retirement celebration will take place on November 20th also as a virtual event. Plans are underway to have a blend of live and recorded elements for a unique experience for the retirees from the past school year.

C. Presentations:

1. Summer Learning Update.

Superintendent of Learning Tim Moloney introduced Lisa Cole, Principal of Continuing, Adult and Experiential Learning, Lisa Gemmiti-Folz, Principal and Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Special Education, who then gave an update on the Summer Learning that took place in July and August, 2020.

Lisa Cole reviewed all of the programs that were offered, including credit recovery, upgrading and expanded elearning courses offered at Virtual Summer School, LINK Coop, Virtual Camp Aim, Ojibwe Language and Cultural Virtual Program, Virtual ESL, and Focus on Youth. Laurie Corrigan and Lisa Gemmiti-Folz then reviewed the

continuity of Wellbeing and Special Education Learning programs that took place. Their review informed about the models of delivery and the personnel that were employed to bring special education supports to students. The Summer Transitions program was also reviewed and a video depicting the activities was shared with the positive outcomes from families.

2. Report on the Re-opening of Schools.

Director of Education, Michael Nasello gave a report on the Board's Re-opening Plan and results of the parental survey under the full attendance model. The presentation included information about practices which have already implemented as well as aspects of the plan yet to be determined and requiring more information in the areas of elementary schedules, secondary schedules, teaching and learning, remote learning at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Virtual School, cleaning protocols, transportation, health and safety, and technology.

Following his comprehensive report, Michael Nasello invited and answered questions from the trustees.

D. Programs and Services:

1. New Mathematics Curriculum.

Pepe Garieri, Superintendent of Learning, introduced Sarah Taylor, Science Technology Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Consultant who gave an informative presentation on the new Mathematics curriculum. Sarah conveyed the reasons for the changes to the curriculum which include response to recent research understanding how students learn and explained that the changes bring consistencies to the curriculum and the expectations. She then reviewed the changes to the structure of the curriculum, highlighting that there are now six strands for reporting instead of five, which include an overarching group of skills that focuses on social-emotional learning skills and mathematical processes. Following the report, Sara Taylor answered questions from the committee.

2. Approval of the School Level Identification, Placement and Review Committees, 2020-2021.

The list of the schools' committees was reviewed as presented in a hand-out.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto that the Board approve the Identification, Placement and Review Committees as listed, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) Open Session Report.

Board Vice-chairperson, David Bernier, reported on behalf of Michelle Griepsma that information from the OCSTA has been passed along to trustees. The Fall Regional Meeting will take place on September 23, 2020 virtually by zoom meeting. Linda Ainsworth will have more to report as the regional representative.

2. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual Membership Fees, FACE Levy and Central Bargaining Fees.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Helen McCarthy

that the payment of the 2020-2021 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association membership fees and FACE Levy 2020-2021 in the amount of \$65,765.76 be approved;

and,

that the payment for the 2020-2021 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association GSN Funding for Central Bargaining fees in the amount of \$43,017.00 be approved.

Carried.

3. Follow up to Ventilation Discussion from Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The action being taken by senior administration with regards to ventilation in PVNC schools was discussed by the trustees. It was proposed that the board communicate to parents the measures and work being done with respect to ventilation thus far. It was noted that the report from the engineer that will detail specifics is not yet ready and it would be advantageous to have comprehensive information before sending any communication out. Senior Administration agreed to compile a list of frequently asked questions and answers and post these on the board website.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Board accept senior administration's plan to communicate to parents through the board website outlining the progress of steps being taken to address air quality in schools.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report

Michelle Griepsma, Chairperson of the Board reported that the search for the new Director of Education is ongoing. The trustees are working with Promeus, a recruiting and search firm. The posting will be open until the beginning of October.

2. OCSTA Regional Report.

The OCSTA will be holding its eastern regional meeting on September 23rd. Thanks were extended to the senior team for contributing to the report put forth from our board for distribution to the other participants in the meeting. There are six boards in the eastern region that will be participating: Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB, Ottawa Catholic DSB, Renfrew Catholic DSB, Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic DSB, Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario and PVNC.

3. Committee Chairperson's Report:

a. First Nations Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, September 15, 2020.

No report given.

b. Special Education Advisory Committee, September 17, 2020.

No report given.

4. Letter of Gratitude from Father Vic Valles and Education Officials in the Philippines.

A letter of gratitude and accompanying certificate and photograph from education officials from the Philippines was brought to the trustees' attention by Michael Nasello, Director of Education. This appreciation was in response to a donation of decommissioned computer equipment from our board.

5. Correspondence from Marc Kielburger.

With the permission from the Chairperson, Michael Nasello, Director of Education read a letter from Marc Kielburger thanking the board for their participation and engagement with WE over the years.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting

- a. Board Meeting Open Session, October 27, 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, October 13, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
- b. Committee-of-the-Whole, October 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Policy Development Committee, October 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, September 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- b. STSCO Governance Committee, October 7, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
- c. Special Education Advisory Committee, October 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- d. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, October 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- e. Student Council Liaison Committee, October 27, 2020, 4:15 p.m.
- f. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, November 25, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
- g. First Nation Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, December 8, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- h. Audit Committee, October 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee, TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. OCSTA Fall Regional Virtual Meeting, September 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
- b. OCSTA 90th Anniversary Speaker Series, Dr. Mark McGowan, September 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (virtual presentation, registration required.)
- c. National Catholic Health Care Week, October 4-10, 2020.
- d. Secondary School Graduation Ceremonies for Class of 2020, Thursday, October 8, 2020. (Virtual Event)
- e. PVNC Retirement Celebration, November 20, 2020. (Virtual Event)

f. Board Annual Meeting, Mass and Social, December 1, 2020.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Helen McCarthy
that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising
from the September 22, 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. Motions for the approval of the minutes from August 25, 2020 Special In-camera meeting.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
 - 2. STSCO Governance Committee, In-camera Session Report.
 - 3. Approval of the recommended actions from the STSCO Governance Committee.
 - 4. OCSTA Legal Insurance for Trustees.
- E. Human Resources:
 - 1. CUPE Correspondence.
 - 2. Human Resources Update
- 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 Kevin MacKenzie who concluded the open meeting with prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Linda Ainsworth
that the open session meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Carried.

Michelle Griepsma
Board Chairperson

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