



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. by Google Meet.

PRESENT:

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

Administration – Jeannie Armstrong, Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Galen Eagle, Isabel Grace, Darren Kahler, Father Paul Massel, Tim Moloney, Stephen O’Sullivan and Sheila Piggott.

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson David Bernier called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed principal representatives Michael DeMaeyer, Vice-principal at Monsignor O’Donoghue Catholic Elementary School and Tammy Rutter, Principal at St. John Paul II Catholic Elementary School. Mr. Bernier also welcomed delegation guests who will be giving presentations at the meeting and Catherine Whitnall from Kawartha Lakes This Week and the many other guests who joined to observe the meeting online.

David Bernier then asked Father Paul Massel to lead the Daily Examen and begin the meeting with prayer.

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 Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board’s geographic area and the people

attending the virtual Board Meeting, with all areas represented, was taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

4. Singing of the National Anthem

A recording of O'Canada by Monica Riccio, student at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, was played.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto that the Agenda be approved with the movement of item G.1, Proposed revision to Board Policy and Administrative Procedure #103, Display of Flags on Board Property to immediately follow Section C, Presentations.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no of conflicts of interest declared.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie that the minutes of the May 25, 2021 Regular 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:

1. Report from the Director of Education.

Joan Carragher gave the Director's Report, which included the following points:

- The PVNCCDSB community and in particular, St. Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School, mourns the loss of teacher Melissa George, who passed

away on June 16 following illness. Principal Ian Kruis, Superintendent Jeannie Armstrong and Board Chaplain and Faith Animator, Father Paul Massel were thanked for their support of the school community during this difficult time.

- The Ontario government has announced a plan to accelerate second dose eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination including education staff. Eligibility will depend on the type of first dose vaccine and when it was received. More information will be distributed as it becomes available and individuals are encouraged to visit the province's vaccine information website.
- June marks the end of the school year and we look forward to graduation ceremonies for Grades 8 and 12 students. Board office and school staff have worked diligently to deliver special graduation experiences for students.
- Students have been invited to schools to exchange equipment and technology for personal items and will be gifted by a wellness kit assembled by a team from Superintendent Laurie Corrigan's department.
- The end of the year also marks a time for celebrating retirements and there have been many virtual ceremonies to honour staff. We look forward to the board's retirement celebration in the fall of this year.
- On June 15, 142 staff members were acknowledged for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years of service to PVNCCDSB in an online service pin recognition ceremony. In all, there were over 2,550 years of service celebrated!
- The June 11 Professional Activity day was designated for student assessment and evaluation and the transition to the new student information system Edsembli was successful. Superintendent Sheila Piggott and IT Manager Sean Heuchert and their team were thanked for their persistence and hard work to get the new system in place.
- End of school year virtual Mass was celebrated by Bishop Miehm and was shared throughout the system. It was a beautiful celebration that focused on our connection to our natural environment.
- Monday, June 21 marked National Indigenous Day and many events were held throughout the system to honour and celebrate this day.
- Thank you to trustees David Bernier and Linda Ainsworth for their participation in the strategic planning process. The writing team has begun work to prepare for the presentation in September of outcomes from the numerous consultations from parents, staff, students and stakeholders.

Following her presentation, Joan Carragher answered questions from the trustees.

2. Report from the Student Trustees, Josh Hill and Eli McColl.

Student Trustees Josh Hill and Eli McColl gave the Student Trustee report which included the following highlights:

- At the end of the school year students have reflected on their ability to adapt and flourish to the best of their abilities and they are proud of what was accomplished this year.
- The Student Council Liaison Committee (SCLC) representatives reported to the student trustees on virtual social initiatives that have become vital to students when online school has become un-motivational and lonely. The school communities continue to give the message that they are not alone and always supports students.
- The SCLC actively supports the 2SLGBTQ+ community during pride month and student cabinets have written letters to trustees to express the student voice on this issue.
- Among the SCLC members there were a number of valedictorians this year. We wish our graduates well.
- Thank you for ongoing support for the importance of the students' voice and collaboration with the SCLC.
- Josh Hill made note that this would be his final report and he thanked trustees and advisors for their support at the board level and with his involvement with the provincial organization OSTA-AECO.

At the conclusion of the report, the student trustees answered questions from the trustees.

3. Report from the Manager of Communications.

The Manager of Communications, Galen Eagle shared system highlights from all areas of the board which included the following highlights:

- A summary of the major themes that have emerged as a result of the recent staff ThoughtExchange surveys was made available to the PVNC community. The data from all surveys and consultations is being reviewed and the process to draft the new Multi-year Strategic Plan is underway and will be revealed in September.
- The Peterborough Board of Health recognized retiring principal Mary Cozzarini for her 29 year-long commitment to local student nutrition program 'Food for Kids'.
- Ava Stewart, St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School student has earned a spot on the Canadian Olympic Artistic Gymnastics team. The grade 10 student will represent Canada in Japan when the Olympics are staged there in July.

- Grade 12 St. Peter Catholic Secondary School student Sandra Taskovic was a recipient of the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarship for Science, Technology and Mathematics valued at \$80,000. Ms Taskovic will attend the University of Alberta in the Honours Computer Science Program.
- The annual PVNCCDSB Math Olympics were moved online to a three week virtual format that involved students from Grades 3 to 8. The activities were engaging and the event was a success with thirty-seven classes participating from all areas of the board.
- Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School celebrated one of its alumni who recently was awarded a Juno award. Singer-songwriter, Sammy Jackson was awarded 2021 Vocal Jazz Album of the Year.
- Be Well kits were assembled by Board office staff for distribution to students at their schools through the last days of the school year.

At the conclusion of his report, Galen Eagle invited questions and comments from the trustees.

C. Presentations:

1. Presentation to Josh Hill, Senior Student Trustee

David Bernier, Board Chairperson and Joan Carragher, Director of Education formally acknowledged Josh Hill, Senior Student Trustee, in his last board meeting in his role. Both Mr. Bernier and Mrs. Carragher thanked Josh for his dedication and commitment to excellence in his work to represent the students of PVNCCDSB. It was noted that his representation went beyond the Student Council Liaison Committee and acknowledged work at the provincial level with OSTA-AECO. Josh Hill responded and thanked the trustees for their support over the last two years and congratulated Chevon Cadigan for her recent election as Junior Student Trustee and wished she and Eli McColl well as they continue the work of representing the student voice in the future.

2. Delegation – Pride Flag: Bryn McDonnell

David Bernier, Board Chairperson introduced the first delegation, Bryn McDonnell, a parent in the PVNCCDSB community. Bryn McDonnell gave a presentation in opposition to the display of the pride flag on board property. The verbal presentation was given within the fifteen-minute allotted time frame and was followed by a five-minute question period at which time trustees and student trustees asked for additional information or clarification on the presentation.

3. Delegation – Pride Flag: Sean Thompson

Sean Thompson, a former parent in the PVNCCDSB community, was introduced as the second delegation by Board Chairperson, David Bernier and gave a presentation in opposition to the display of the pride flag on board property. Mr. Thompson's verbal presentation was given within the fifteen-minute allotted time frame and was followed by a five-minute question period at which time trustees and student trustees asked for additional information or clarification on the presentation.

4. Delegation – Pride Flag: Wayne Cornack

Board Chairperson, David Bernier introduced the third delegation, Wayne Cornack, a grandparent in the Peterborough community. Mr. Cornack gave a presentation in favour to the display of the pride flag on board property. The verbal presentation was given within the fifteen-minute allotted time frame and was followed by a five-minute question period at which time trustees and student trustees asked for additional information or clarification on the presentation.

5. Delegation – Pride Flag: Nick Joseph

The final delegation was introduced by the Board Chairperson, David Bernier. Nick Joseph, a parent in the PVNCCDSB community, gave a presentation in opposition to the display of the pride flag on board property. The verbal presentation was given within the fifteen-minute allotted time frame and was followed by a five-minute question period at which time trustees asked for additional information or clarification on the presentation.

G. Policy Development:

1. Proposed revision to Board Policy and Administrative Procedure #103, Display of Flags on Board Property.

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Helen McCarthy

that the original motion presented in the board agenda package be amended as follows:

that That the PVNCCDSB Board Policy 103, Display of Flags on Board Property be updated as soon as possible to our new administrative procedure and policy structure. This update will include reference to a second flagpole that will be installed at each of the schools and the Catholic Education Centre as soon as possible. This flagpole will be referred to as the Social Justice Flagpole. This second flag pole will fly flags other than the Canadian flag and would include, but not limited to special purpose flags, such as the Autism Flag, Pride Flag,

and the Indigenous Flag and the flags of other groups that may feel marginalized in our community. These flags will be flown at the appropriate times of the year in accordance with the time when these groups are celebrated.

Motion failed.

Josh Hill, Senior Student Trustee, requested that his vote be recorded in favour of the motion.

The original motion was presented by Helen McCarthy. In accordance with board by-law procedure, David Bernier state that each trustees would be allotted three minutes to present their opinion on the motion prior to voting. As the mover, Helen McCarthy was given the opportunity of speaking first and was followed by all of the other trustees, including the student trustees, each given three minutes to speak. At the conclusion of the trustees' personal comments and reflections about the change of policy and the inclusion of the pride flag, Helen McCarthy gave a final three-minute presentation prior to the voting.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Braden Leal

That the PVNCCDSB Board Policy 103, Display of Flags on Board Property be updated as soon as possible to our new administrative procedure and policy structure. This update will include reference to a second flagpole that will be installed at each of the schools and the Catholic Education Centre as soon as possible. This second flag pole will fly flags other than the Canadian flag and includes but not limited to special purpose flags like the Autism flag and Pride flag and that the Pride flag be flown on these second flag poles annually during the month of June, as soon as possible.

Motion failed.

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the board meeting curfew of 9:30 p.m. be extended to 10:00 p.m.

Carried.

D. Programs and Services:

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

Chairperson David Bernier reported on communications received from the OCSTA during the month of June which included information on the government announcement to support access to French language education, the provincial Liberal party plan, future consultation on trustee codes of conduct and the announcement of the Math curriculum release. David Bernier also reported that the theme of “Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together” for the 2022 Catholic Education Week was announced.

2. Appointment of the Student Trustees.

MOTION: Moved by Michelle Griepsma, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that Chevon Cadigan, student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, be appointed the Junior Student Trustee for a one-year term, August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022;

and,

that Eli McColl, student at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, be appointed the Senior Student Trustee for a one-year term, August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Carried.

3. Recommended Action from the Committee-of-the-Whole, June 14, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Michelle Griepsma

that the Board approve the 2021-2022 Operating Expenses Budget, in the amount of \$200,622,556 as presented

Carried.

4. STSCO Governance Committee Report.

Chairperson David Bernier reported that an expenditure update was given at the June 2 STSCO Governance Committee meeting that included a number of adjustments due to changes in reporting and lowered fuel costs. It is expected that the Ministry of Education will likely claw back funds due to the routes not operating during the school shutdown as a result of the pandemic.

F. Human Resources:1. Joint Health and Safety Committee Semi-Annual Report.

Superintendent of Human Resource Services, Stephen O’Sullivan presented the semiannual report from the Joint Health and Safety Committee which highlighted the activities and accomplishments of the committee for the first half of the calendar year. It was noted that the report is in compliance with labour legislation. Stephen O’Sullivan thanked the co-chairs and the other members of the committee for their ongoing work to ensure the health and safety of all workers at PVNCCDSB. Work will continue to ensure that a safe return to school is a priority in September. At the conclusion of his report, Stephen invited questions from the trustees.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Joint Health and Safety Committee Semi-Annual Report to the Director of Education dated June, 2021, be received.

Carried.

H. Old Business:**I. New Business:****J. Bring Forward:****K. Information Items:**1. Chairperson’s Report

Board Chairperson, David Bernier expressed his sincere thanks to Joan Carragher, Director of Education and the Senior Administrative team for their extraordinary work to make the school year the best it could possibly be in the circumstances. Mr. Bernier extended his thanks to all the managers, supervisors and Catholic Education Centre staff and all teachers and supporting staff in schools who have delivered service to students that is second to none. Students and families have demonstrated exceptional resilience in the face of the pandemic.

David Bernier reflected on the last month of the school year and his role as a Catholic school board trustee and expressed his desire to listen to all stakeholders and weigh all factors in decision-making.

2. Committee Chairperson’s Report:

- a. Special Education Advisory Committee, May 27, 2021 and June 17, 2021.
- b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, May 31, 2021.
- c. First Nation, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, June 1, 2021.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting

- a. Board Meeting Open Session, September 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

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

- a. Committee-of-the-Whole, September 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- b. Chairperson's Committee, September 13, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
- c. Policy Development Committee, October 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. First Nation Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee, September 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- b. Special Education Advisory Committee, September 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Student Council Liaison Committee, September 28, 2021, 4:15 p.m.
- d. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, October 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- e. STSCO Governance Committee, October 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
- f. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, October 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- g. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, November 10, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
- h. Audit Committee, TBA.
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee, TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. Elementary Graduations, Week of June 21-25, 2021.
- b. Secondary Graduations, June 29, 2021.
- c. OCSTA Fall Regional Meeting, September 27, 2021.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the June 22, 2021, 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 May 25, 2021 Regular In-camera meeting.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
 - 2. STSCO In-Camera Report.
- E. Human Resource Services:
 - 1. Clarington School Matter, Update.
 - 2. Staffing Update.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 - 1. Closing Prayer.
 - 2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Board Vice-chairperson, Michelle Griepsma was asked to conclude the open meeting with prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the open session meeting be adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Carried.

David Bernier
Board Chairperson

Joan Carragher
Director of Education, Secretary-Treasurer
per M.K.