



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street W, Peterborough and by Google Meet.

PRESENT:

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

Administration – Jeannie Armstrong, Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Jonathan Di Ianni, Galen Eagle, Isabel Grace, Father Paul Massel, 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 Laura Carson from St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School and Tammy Rutter from St. John Paul II Catholic Elementary School and St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay.

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

1. Examen
2. Opening Prayer

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

O Canada was sung, led by Trustee Linda Ainsworth.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Braden Leal that the Agenda be approved with the renaming of item E.1 to Election of Temporary Vice-chairperson and the addition of item E.4, Letter to Minister of Education Regarding Mandatory Vaccination.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no of conflicts of interest declared.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Ainsworth that the minutes of the September 28, 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 is mourning the loss of Gerard van den Wildenberg, principal at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School. Board Chairperson, David Bernier was in attendance at the funeral Mass on Saturday, October 23, 2021 to represent the Board. Gratitude was extended to the crisis response that was put in place to assist the staff and students at St. Elizabeth CES.
- Re-branding is underway in the wake of the approval of the new Strategic

Priorities for the Board. New images are being distributed to all schools and the Catholic Education Centre for use in print and electronic communications.

- Appreciation was extended for the ongoing support as the school year is well underway and to the Senior Administration team who have made many visits to schools this fall.
- Numerous events were held on the first Truth and Reconciliation Day, recognized on September 30.
- A virtual Mass for Thanksgiving, celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm was recorded and shared with the schools.
- In-person professional development has resumed when possible and there have been a number of meetings and learning sessions held throughout the month demonstrating the commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.
- Today the principals and vice-principals and senior administration welcomed expert Kevin Cameron, from the North American Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response and took part in Traumatic Events System Training.
- The COVID-19 case numbers remain low with only two active cases in the board and no schools in outbreak. Preparations will soon be underway to collaborate with Health Units to prepare for the expected mass immunization clinics for 5-11 year olds.

Following her presentation, Joan Carragher invited questions and comments from the trustees.

2. Report from the Student Trustees, Eli McColl and Siobhan Marie.

Student Trustees Eli McColl and Siobhan Marie gave the Student Trustee report which included the following highlights:

- Leadership has been demonstrated in our secondary schools with many events taking place this month.
- Students and staff at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School have raised \$30,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School was very successful in their Terry Fox campaign to surpass their fundraising goal to raise over \$11,000
- There have been many environmental initiatives in the schools to encourage reusable water bottles and encourage environmental health. Construction classes at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School have constructed gardens around the school to encourage recognition of nature and environmental space.
- The Student Council Liaison Committee is looking forward to their first in-person meeting and retreat since the onset of the pandemic at Ganaraska Forest Centre.

- Faith and Equity will be a focus of the SCLC committee members this year.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School has implemented a Respecting Differences club to encourage respectful appreciation and interaction recognizing diversity and inclusion.
- A Model United Nations has been founded at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School to allow students to experience global problem-solving, respectful conversation and debate in a model that simulates the United Nations.
- St. Peter Catholic Secondary School participated in a KAIROS Blanket Exercise to which is an impactful representation of the relationship between colonizers and Canada's First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.
- Regretfully, the junior student liaison representative from St. Peter Catholic Secondary School has stepped down. Another representative from St. Peter CSS will be selected to join the committee.

At the end of the report, Eli McColl, announced his resignation as Senior Trustee, citing a need to focus on commitments to his studies, his family and his own mental health. Eli stated that he will continue his work with the Student Council Liaison Committee as the senior representative for Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. He thanked the trustees for their support in his time as student trustee and remarked that Siobhan Marie will continue do an excellent job as student trustee.

Eli McColl was thanked by the trustees for his leadership and commended for recognizing priorities with maturity and integrity. The trustee expressed their well wishes for his future endeavours.

The Director of Education, Joan Carragher explained the process for the replacement of the senior student trustee and the process will be complete by the November Board Meeting.

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:

- Shea Kerin's journey to recovery and return to St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School.
- United Way campaign launch at PVNCCDSB
- The first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30, 2021.
- Celebration of the opening of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School sports and recreation facility on October 5, 2021.
- Resignation of Kawartha Lakes Trustee, Michelle Griepsma, recognizing her 11

years of service to PVNCCDSB.

- St. John CES Grade 8 students organized a soccer tournament for their school.
- Collaboration with the Diocese to communicate the pastoral planning process. All staff received a survey link and all families of students in grades 7 through 12 also received the survey link.

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

C. Presentations:

1. Traumatic Events System Training – PVNCCDSB Update

Joan Carragher, Director of Education introduced Kevin Cameron, Executive Director of the North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, by reading his extensive biography detailing his expertise in the area of trauma response and threat assessment training. Mr. Cameron was invited to give a presentation about the Traumatic Events System Training and Violent Threat Risk Assessment training being conducted at PVNCCDSB. Mr. Cameron explained the importance of the training and the socio-emotional effects of the pandemic on students and adults alike. Following his presentation, the trustees were invited to ask questions.

2. Being Well Strategy Renewal

Superintendent of Special Education, Laurie Corrigan introduced the trustees to the team presenting the Being Well Strategy Renewal which included Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Board Psychologist, Jennifer Angelo, Mental Health Lead, Mandy Hamu, Mental Health Lead and Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology. The group gave a power point presentation that introduced the updated Being Well Strategy and the consultation and development process that was engaged in its creation. The next steps in the launch of the plan were discussed and the Being Well Portal was demonstrated. Following the presentation, the group invited and answered questions from the trustees.

D. Programs and Services:

1. Student Data Census Update.

Jeannie Armstrong, Superintendent of Learning and Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant and MISA Lead gave a PowerPoint presentation about the student data census survey that was open for response from October 1 through to October 25. A large amount of data has been collected and will be analyzed over the coming months and results will be shared. The data will be used to identify and address systemic

barriers and establish system goals focusing on equitable student learning experiences.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. Election of Temporary Vice-chairperson

David Bernier, Board Chairperson explained the process for the election of the position of Board Vice-chairperson, left vacant due to the resignation of Michelle Griepsma. The elected Vice-chairperson will serve in the role until the end of the term on November 30, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Linda Ainsworth
that Michelle Kennedy act as the electronic teller.

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto
that Jeannie Armstrong be appointed as a superintendent teller to
oversee the electronic vote.

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie
that Laurie Corrigan be appointed as a superintendent teller to
oversee the electronic vote.

Carried.

An electronic nomination form was sent by email to the trustees and the result was reported. Braden Leal was nominated and acclaimed as Vice Chairperson for the board.

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

Chairperson David Bernier reported that memoranda from the OCSTA continue to be shared with trustees as they are received.

Linda Ainsworth reminded trustees of the next virtual event in the Catholic Education Speaker series on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 7 pm. Justice Peter Lauwers will give a presentation entitled "Education Strategy in the Light of Experience and What Works". Trustees were reminded that the presentations are recorded and available in the trustee portal on the OCSTA website.

It was reported that the annual 'Toonies for Tuition' campaign is held in November to

support students in other provinces where Catholic schools are not publicly funded. It was noted that the PVNCCDSB day for collection is November 25, 2021.

3. Recommended Action from the Committee-of-the-Whole, October 12, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth
that the Board approve Honoraria for Board members as outlined in the report for the period December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022, be approved.

Carried.

4. Letter to Minister of Education Regarding Mandatory Vaccination.

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Braden Leal
that the board send a letter to the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce in support of mandatory COVID-19 vaccination that is similar to the letter sent by a number of Catholic District School Boards, and, that it will include considerations to support staff shortages that are being experienced by boards across the province.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

1. Recommended Actions from the Policy Development Committee Meeting, October 5, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie
that the Board receive the report and recommendations from the Policy Development Committee dated October 5, 2021, for publication and implementation.

Carried.

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

Board Chairperson, David Bernier expressed his condolences to the PVNCCDSB community on the loss of principal, Gerard van den Wildenberg, noting the very large impact felt by all who have worked with him and especially his colleagues. Mr. Bernier commented on the support given to Gerard's family from the board and noted that a team converged on the school to accompany the staff and students at a time when they needed it. The support given is a testament of how well we work together in the needs of others.

2. Committee Chairperson's Report:

a) Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, October 4, 2021.

Trustee Kevin MacKenzie reported that the selection of the Chairperson for CPEC was deferred to the next meeting, to be held on November 1, 2021. It was noted that the Parents Reaching Out Grant allotment has doubled from last year.

b) Accessibility for All Committee, October 14, 2021.

c) Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, October 14, 2021.

Kevin MacKenzie reported that a territorial recognition was given by Peter Bagnall and suggested that it be given at the next board meeting.

d) Special Education Advisory Committee, October 16, 2021.

David Bernier reported that he attended the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting and read a statement in response to the letter received from SEAC addressed to the board.

L. Future Meetings and Events:1. Board Meeting

- a. Board Meeting Open Session, November 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

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

- a. Policy Development Committee, October 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Committee-of-the-Whole, October 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - c. Chairperson's Committee, October 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
3. Other Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.):
- a. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, October 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Audit Committee, October 6, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - c. STSCO Governance Committee, October 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
 - d. Accessibility for All Committee, October 14, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
 - e. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, October 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - f. Special Education Advisory Committee, October 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - g. Student Council Liaison Committee, October 26, 2021, 4:15 p.m.
 - h. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, November 10, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
 - i. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, December 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - j. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL), TBA.

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance reported that a meeting has been scheduled for the Audit Committee on November 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Isabel Grace also reported that a virtual public meeting, to be held jointly with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, regarding Peterborough Education Development Charges on November 29, 2021, at 7 p.m. More details will be shared with trustees as soon as they are available.

4. Board Events:
- a. Catholic Leadership Development Series - Session #1, October 21, 2021
 - b. Catholic Leadership Development Series - Session #2, November 18, 2021
 - c. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Catholic Trustees Seminar, January 14-15, 2022.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth seconded by Emmanuel Pinto

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the October 26, 2021, 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, Principal/Vice-principal appointments.
 - 3. No conflicts of interest declared.
 - 4. Motion for the approval of the minutes from the September 28, 2021 Regular In-camera meeting and from the September 28, 2021 Special Double In-camera meeting were approved.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
- E. Human Resources:
 - 1. Human Resources Matter.
 - 2. Principal/Vice-principal Appointments.
- G. 1. Legal Matter – Explorica Trip Refunds – It was reported that all families impacted by trip cancellations in March, 2020 have received refunds.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 - 1. Closing Prayer.
 - 2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Trustee Emmanuel Pinto concluded the open meeting with prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal
that the open session meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Carried.

David Bernier
Board Chairperson

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