



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, November 23, 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), Loretta Durst, Braden Leal, Kevin MacKenzie, Siobhan Marie (Student Trustee), Helen McCarthy, 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 6:37 p.m. and welcomed principal representatives Natalie Bittner from St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough and Derek Abrams from St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Norwood.

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

1. Examen and Opening Prayer

Father Paul Massel, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator, led everyone in a daily examen and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. 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.

3. Singing of the National Anthem

The national anthem was sung, led by Trustee Linda Ainsworth.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Braden Leal that the Agenda be approved with the addition of item E.3 c) December 6, 2021, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Carried.

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no of conflicts of interest declared.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Braden Leal that the minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance of the newly appointed Trustee for the City of Kawartha Lakes, Loretta Durst.

Chairperson David Bernier requested that Loretta Durst make her declaration as a member of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board and give her Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Following the signing of the oath documents, Father Paul Massel said a blessing to commission Loretta Durst to her work as a PVNCCDSB trustee and a board crucifix pin was presented to her by Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

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:

- We keep in our prayers a family with children from the St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School. The family was in a car accident in which the father passed away and the children suffered injuries and continue to require medical care.
- November is a month of remembrance and we keep in our prayers those who have suffered loss in the last year. The annual board mass of remembrance was held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Thanks to the team of organizers to and to trustee Linda Ainsworth for her representation of the Board of Trustees.
- Trustee Loretta Durst was welcomed and Joan Carragher took the opportunity to introduce the supervisory officers, and explained their various portfolios.
- Vaccination clinics are planned at some board locations in the near future. the Board will not be arranging any vaccinations for PVNCCDSB students. Parents wishing to have their children vaccinated are now able to make arrangements and book appointments on their own.
- Rapid antigen kits will be sent home with all students during the week of December 13-17. The kits contain five tests for every child in grades K-12 and participation is not required for students to return to school in January.
- Confirmation of screening assessments for students will once again be required following the Christmas break. For 10 days following the break, families will be asked to complete the self-screening before coming to school each day.
- In February, 2022, our board will return to a regular semester schedule in secondary schools.
- Currently there are 12 active COVID-19 cases in our schools. Thanks were given to Jonathan Di Ianni, Superintendent and Board COVID lead and Galen Eagle, Communications Manager for their management of the cases.
- Thank you to Superintendent Sheila Piggott for her involvement and organization of Remembrance Services and the No Stone Left Alone initiative bringing a personal act of remembrance and participation in ceremonies at cemeteries across Canada.
- The board retirement dinner was held on November 12 at the Peterborough Curling Club. Trustees were thanked for their attendance at the event and the appreciation was expressed for the efforts of the event organizers.
- Acts of kindness were acknowledged throughout the system during the week of November 15-19 for the focus on Safe and Caring Schools week.
- Visits have been made and are planned to all of the First Nation communities within the board with Superintendent Jeannie Armstrong. Work continues to deepen our relationships with our First Nation partners and our path to reconciliation.
- The board has reached 75% of its United Way goal of \$65,000. The campaign

continues to December 6.

- Destreaming of all Grade 9 courses has been announced by the Ministry and more information will be shared as we work toward a smooth transition for students and educators.
- A Professional Activity day is planned for November 26 that will focus on anti-black racism, anti-sex trafficking, and Catholic school improvement planning.
- Toonies for Tuition collection day is Thursday, November 25th to support students in Canada who do not have publicly funded Catholic schools.
- We look forward to Advent and the season of waiting and preparation with many celebrations in our schools.
- All are invited to the Board Annual Meeting and Mass on Wednesday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

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

2. Report from the Student Trustee, Siobhan Marie.

Student Trustee Siobhan Marie gave the Student Trustee report which included the following highlights:

- Welcome to Loretta Durst, newly appointed trustee for the City of Kawartha Lakes.
- Welcomed Braden Leal, Vice-chairperson and trustee representative to his first Student Council Liaison Committee meeting today.
- Students participated in a Women in Trades event that provided information about opportunities available for post-secondary learning in the skilled trades.
- The new outdoor learning area built by Holy Cross Catholic Secondary students at the Catholic Education Centre was celebrated and blessed.
- Many sports achievements were celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Secondary school this month and the Student Administrative Council enjoyed a team retreat.
- Students from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary Schools were given the opportunity to give blood at a donor clinic and obtain volunteer hours counting towards their graduation requirement.
- A knitting club was established at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School to provide an opportunity to learn a new skill.
- Thanked everyone for their continued support of student leadership.

Siobhan Marie invited questions and comments at the conclusion of her report. Trustees thanked her for her leadership and commended her for her solo leadership work as student trustee.

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:

- PVNCCDSB Student participation in No Stone Left Alone ceremonies in preparation for Remembrance Day.
- The Board's United Way Campaign has reached 75% of its goal. This year's campaign has largely been a virtual campaign, but there have been more in person events happening in our schools.
- Safe and Caring Schools week, November 15-19 raised awareness about things all of us need to do to demonstrate care for each other.
- Loretta Durst was chosen as Trustee for the City of Kawartha Lakes on November 15 replacing long-serving trustee, Michelle Griepsma, who resigned in October of this year.
- The official opening of "The Gathering Place", the outdoor learning and meeting place at the Catholic Education Centre.
- Retirement ceremony held on November 12 to honour our 63 board employees who entered into retirement during the 2020-2021 year.

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

C. Presentations:

1. Board Action Plan, Indigenous Education.

Jeannie Armstrong, Superintendent of Learning introduced Michael Mooney, Learning Consultant who gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board which detailed the projects and learning taking place in PVNCCDSB schools with respect to the Board's Indigenous Education Action Plan.

The pillars of the plan, which are supporting students, supporting educators, engagement and awareness and using data to support student achievement encircle the goals of supporting Indigenous students and building system and educator capacity. Examples and evidence of work in the classrooms and with educators to show progress towards the goals were given.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the trustees asked questions of Michael Mooney.

2. De-streaming Grade Nine Courses.

Superintendents Jeannie Armstrong, Jonathan Di Ianni, and Sheila Piggott presented a preliminary plan to prepare for the Ministry of Education's mandate to destream Grade 9 courses for the fall of 2022. The Ministry goals for outcomes for destreaming courses were reviewed. It is anticipated that opportunities for all students will be improved by removing pathway restrictions.

The presenters explained the timelines of the implementation plan, which will include extensive professional learning for secondary school teachers.

The trustees asked questions of the presenters at the conclusion of the presentation.

D. Programs and Services:

1. Approval of the School Level Identification, Placement and Review Committees for 2021-2022.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto

that the board approve the Identification, Placement and Review committees as listed for the 2021-2022 school year.

Carried.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

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

David Bernier, Chairperson of the Board reminded the trustees that the presentation by Peter Lauwers has been moved to November 29, 2021. David Bernier also highlighted some of the memoranda that were sent out by the OCSTA office, including the Statistics Canada statistics release on religion, the Pope's planned pilgrimage to Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' reflections for advent.

2. STSCO Governance Committee Report.

David Bernier, Chairperson of the Board gave a verbal report from the open session of the STSCO Governance Committee meeting held on October 27, 2021. Of particular note was the volume of calls fielded during late August and early September with respect to the startup of the school year. In addition, there was a high volume of calls regarding routing and driver shortages.

3. Recommended Actions from the Committee-of-the-Whole, November 8, 2021.

- a. **MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that, in accordance with regulation 444/98, the board approve administration to respond to the Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board that the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board is not interested in leasing King George Public School.

Carried.

- b. **MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Braden Leal

that the board receive the Financial Variances and Transfers of Accumulated Surplus report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and that the board approve the noted Transfers of Accumulated Surplus noted in the report.

Carried.

- c. **MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Emmanuel Pinto

that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting scheduled for December 6, 2021, be cancelled.

Carried.

4. Recommended Action from the Audit Committee, November 11, 2021: 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

- MOTION:** Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the 2020-2021 audited financial statements be adopted as presented.

Carried.

5. Trustee Professional Development, Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Catholic Trustees Seminar, January 14-15, 2022.

- MOTION:** Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Helen McCarthy

that trustees wishing to do so, be authorized to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Catholic Trustees

Seminar, January 14-15, 2022, in Toronto, Ontario.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

1. Recommended Actions from the Policy Development Committee Meeting, November 2, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Braden Leal
that the Board receive the report and recommendations from the
Policy Development Committee dated November 2, 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 own reflections on the past year in the approach to the annual board meeting and noted the significant challenges due to the pandemic and the slow return to normal but also the celebrations and community engagement in the strategic planning process. David Bernier encouraged everyone to practice self-care for their own mental health.

David Bernier noted that the trustees have completed the annual evaluation of the Director of Education, Joan Carragher and took the opportunity reflect publicly on her first year and her ability to meet the significant challenges providing excellent leadership to the system. Mr. Bernier congratulated Joan on her successful first year in the Director's Office.

2. Committee Chairperson's Report:

- a) Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, November 1, 2021.

Trustee Kevin MacKenzie reported that the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee has two new members and the committee is working on securing a guest speaker for the event in May, 2022.

- b) French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, November 10, 2021.

Trustee Linda Ainsworth noted meeting date changes and gave highlights from their recent meeting.

- c) Special Education Advisory Committee, November 18, 2021.

Emmanuel Pinto reported that he has submitted his resignation to the Special Education Advisory Committee. Helen McCarthy reported that a presentation was given by Special Education consultants that explained universal design for learning.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting

- a. Education Development Charges, Joint Public Meeting with KPRDSB, November 29, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (virtual meeting)
- b. Board Annual Meeting and Mass, December 1, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Catholic Education Centre.
- c. Board Meeting Open Session, December 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

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

- a. Chairperson's Committee, December 6, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
- b. Committee-of-the-Whole, December 6, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Policy Development Committee, February 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, December 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
- b. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL), December 7, 2021.
- c. Student Council Liaison Committee, December 14, 2021, 4:15 p.m.
- d. STSCO Governance Committee, January 12, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
- e. Special Education Advisory Committee, January 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- f. Accessibility for All Committee, February 3, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

- g. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, February 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- h. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, February 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- i. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, April 27, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
- j. Audit Committee, TBA

4. Board Events:

- a. Catholic Leadership Development Series - Session #2, November 25, 2021
- b. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Catholic Trustees Seminar, January 14-15, 2022.
- c. Catholic Leadership Development Series – Session #3, April 21, 2022.
- d. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting, Ottawa, ON, April 28-30, 2022.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the November 23, 2021, in-camera session, as follows:

- A. Call to Order:
 - 1. Opening Prayer
 - 2. Motion for the Approval of agenda with addition of item H.1, Notice of Liability.
 - 3. No conflicts of interest declared.
 - 4. Motion for the approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2021 Regular In-camera meeting, the October 26 Special Double In-camera meeting, and the November 15, 2021 Special In-camera meeting were approved.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
 - 2. STSCO Governance Committee, In-camera Session Report.
 - 3. Motion to accept the Audit Committee 2020-2021 Annual Report.
 - 4. Capital Building Project Update.
- H. 1. Notice of Liability.
- I. Convening in Open Session:

1. Closing Prayer.
2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Trustee Braden Leal led the closing prayer to end the meeting.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Braden Leal
that the open session meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carried.

David Bernier
Board Chairperson

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