



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. by Google Meet.

PRESENT:

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

Administration – Jeannie Armstrong, Joan Carragher, Jonathan Di Ianni, Galen Eagle, Isabel Grace, Father Paul Massel, Stephen O'Sullivan, and Julie Selby.

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson Braden Leal called the online meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Examen and Opening Prayer

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

Braden Leal, Board Chairperson, respectfully acknowledged that the board meeting was taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

3. Singing of the National Anthem

The National Anthem was played.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by David Bernier
that the Agenda be approved.

Carried.

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the January 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Loretta Durst
that the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting be
approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising out of 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:

- Congratulations to Laurie Corrigan who began her role as Director of Education at the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario on February 22.
- Welcome and congratulations to Julie Selby, newly-appointed Superintendent of Learning, who has begun her work with the senior team and joins her first Board Meeting.
- Speakers and Activities have been taking place in our schools and at the Catholic Education Centre for Black History Month. Our principals welcomed guest speaker Asante Haughton, who talked about his personal experiences as a Jamaican-born person growing up in Toronto and focused on how educators can support anti-black racism.
- The Annual St. Joseph Dinner was attended in a virtual format on February 5th to support College and University campus ministry in Peterborough.
- Various construction projects continue to be on-going throughout the board including a classroom addition at St. Paul Catholic Elementary School in Lakefield, roof replacements at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Lindsay, and planning for parking lot improvements at St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Norwood.
- Additional HEPA filter units have been received and placed in our schools. Filter changes to existing units in schools are planned during March Break.

- Changes to COVID-19 restrictions have allowed the Catholic Education Centre to be re-opened and staff continue to follow protocols such as wearing masks and maintaining physical distance when possible.
- Thanks were extended to Kevin Hickey, Manager of Purchasing for his ongoing work in the receipt and distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests to students and staff and PPE which have been provided by the Ministry of Education.
- Much work has been done to keep students and staff safe and no schools have had to close any schools due to absenteeism as of yet.
- Vaccination clinics have been planned and held in 75% of our elementary schools and gratitude is extended to principals for helping to facilitate the vaccination of approximately 300 students in these clinics.
- The Ministry has released the Grant for Student Needs (GSNs) which is the funding information for the next school year. Resources have been directed to a learning recovery action plan with focus on five key areas: Measurement and Assessment; Strengthening numeracy and literacy skills; Focus on student resilience and mental well-being; Delivering comprehensive tutoring supports; and Modernizing education.

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:

- Students in many of the secondary schools participated in Sweater Day where the temperature was turned down a few degrees to recognize one way to mitigate climate change.
- Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School both held sock drives and donated to their respective local communities.
- St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School volleyball teams participated in a tournament this month for the first time since the onset of the pandemic.
- An online safety information session was held for parents and students at St. Stephen CSS.
- St Peter Catholic Secondary School students participated in a number of events including the 'Coldest Night of the Year' to recognize and raise funds for homelessness.
- The Amigos program at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School is a club that involves students interacting with students in LLS classrooms. There is an emphasis on diversity and inclusion while enjoying social activities such as snowshoeing at the Ganaraska Forest.

- Activities for Black History month and Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated
- The Student Council Liaison Committee welcomed Superintendent Jeannie Armstrong and Peter Bagnall who talked about equity projects and informed us that inclusive resources are being provided to schools. The SCLC also learned about the synodal discussions that will take place this year.
- The second session of the Voices that Accompany retreat took place with the themes of Being Well. Board Mental Health Leads Mandy Hamu and Jennifer Angelo were the keynote speakers and talked about the importance of student well-being and inspired student leaders with ideas of how to promote wellness in others and themselves. A second 'handbook' will be created and shared with students.

Siobhan Marie invited questions and comments at the conclusion of her report.

3. Report from the Manager of Communications.

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

- A story of inspiration from St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School student Katie Girard, who has shared her story of recovery from a life-threatening illness with her classmates.
- Students from St. Paul Catholic Elementary School took time to create cards and posters to thank the local fire department which responded on February 16th to a fire on the school property. The firefighters were thanked for their service and credited with protecting the school, as there was no damage to prevent classes from resuming the next day.
- An overview of various Black History Month learning activities showcasing the board's commitment to honouring Black Canadians during the month of February and throughout the year.
- Students and staff look forward to Pink Shirt Day on February 23, when there will be a focus on kindness and inclusiveness. The hash-tag theme for this year is #LiftEachOtherUp.

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

C. Presentations:

1. Delegation: Education Development Charges Proposed By-law, County of Peterborough and City of Peterborough.

Garnet Northey, President and Rebecca Schillemat, Executive Officer, of the Peterborough and the Kawarthas Home Builders Association were in attendance to bring forward a delegation in response to the Board's proposed Education Development Charges By-law for the County of Peterborough and City of Peterborough. Mr. Northey gave a 15-minute presentation citing various reasons the proposed by-law should be opposed at this time. Following the presentation, trustees had the opportunity to answer clarifying questions.

2. Board Strategic Priority – Inspiring Faith: Christian Meditation.

Superintendent Jeannie Armstrong introduced Peter Bagnall, Learning Consultant and Father Paul Massel, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator who gave a presentation about Christian Meditation and its use in PVNCCDSB schools. Their visual and interactive presentation explained what Christian Meditation is and explained how their department supports meditation practice through workshops, school visits and available resources.

The trustees were able to take part in a brief meditation and share their experiences. Father Paul Massel and Peter Bagnall answered questions following the presentation.

D. Programs and Services:

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

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

Braden Leal, Chairperson of the Board reported that all information received from the OCSTA was forwarded on to trustees for their information.

Linda Ainsworth reported that she attended the OCSTA board meeting on February 4, 2022. Trustees were encouraged to read the information that was shared with them from the meeting. Linda Ainsworth also reported that well-known speaker, David Wells, was giving an online presentation tonight conflicting with the PVNCCDSB Board Meeting. It is hoped that the presentation will be made available online through the OCSTA trustee portal to view after the fact.

There was discussion about direction of municipal property taxes and the default of taxes directed to English public following sale of property. Taxpayers are able to confirm their tax direction through the website voterlookup.ca. This information will be shared with parents in advance of the Municipal election scheduled for October 24, 2022.

2. School Year Calendar, 2022-2023.

Stephen O'Sullivan, Superintendent of Human Resource Services brought forward a revised school year calendar in response to a recent Ministry of Education request that school boards include a profession activity day on October 24, 2022, which will assist

with the staging of the Municipal elections scheduled on that day. The revised calendars were developed in consultation with coterminous boards.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Loretta Durst

that the motion passed at the January 25, 2022 Board Meeting approving the proposed Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2022-2023 (Option A) be rescinded; and that the proposed revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for 2022-2023, be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, as required.

Carried.

3. Trustee Professional Development, Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting and Conference, April 21-23, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that trustees and the student trustee, if wishing to do so, be authorized to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting and Conference, April 21-23, 2022, in Ottawa, Ontario.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

1. Staffing Update.

Superintendent of Human Resource Services, Stephen O'Sullivan reported on recent Principal and Vice-principal appointments, effective February 22, 2022. Krista McEwen is promoted from Teacher at Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School to Vice-principal at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and Heather Michel is promoted from Learning Consultant at the Catholic Education Centre to Vice-principal at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School. Vice-principal Sherri-Slade Brady is transferred from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School to St. Mary Catholic Secondary School.

Stephen O'Sullivan reported that Karen Procyk is assigned as acting principal at St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School from February 22 through to June 30, 2022.

G. Policy Development:

1. Recommended Action from the Policy Development Committee Meeting, February 1, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie that the Board receive the report and recommendations from the Policy Development Committee dated February 1, 2022, for publication and implementation.

Carried.

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report

Board Chairperson, Braden Leal expressed his thanks to Julie Selby for joining the senior administration team as a superintendent and extended his best wishes in her new role. Braden Leal noted that students have returned to regular semesters this month and extended his best wishes for their academic success in the coming months in their resilience to meet another change for them during the pandemic.

2. Committee Chairperson's Report:

- a) Accessibility for All Committee, February 3, 2022.

- b) Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, February 10, 2022.

Trustee Emmanuel Pinto commented on the various presentations that were heard at the recent Faith and Equity meeting.

- c) Special Education Advisory Committee, February 17, 2022.

Trustee Helen McCarthy sought clarification with respect to the mandate of the Provincial Parent Association advisory committee and bringing forward motions from provincial organizations to the board of trustees. It was clarified that only motions from the board's Special Education Advisory Committee would be brought the board of trustees.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meeting
 - a. Board Meeting Open Session, March 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)
2. Board Standing Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.)
 - a. Chairperson's Committee, March 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Committee-of-the-Whole, March 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 - c. Policy Development Committee, March 29, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
3. Other Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.):
 - a. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, February 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 - b. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, March 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 - c. Student Council Liaison Committee, March 22, 2022, 4:15 p.m.
 - d. Special Education Advisory Committee, March 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 - e. STSCO Governance Committee, March 30, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
 - f. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, April 27, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
 - g. Accessibility for All Committee, May 5, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
 - h. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, May 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 - i. Audit Committee, TBA
 - j. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL), TBA.
4. Board Events:
 - a. Catholic Leadership Development Series – Session #3, April 21, 2022.
 - b. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting, Ottawa, ON, April 21-23, 2022.
 - c. Catholic Education Week, May 2-6, 2022.
 - d. Catholic Education Week, Province-wide Mass, May 4, 2022. 10:30 a.m. (virtual event)
 - e. Catholic Student Leadership Awards, May 4, 2022, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the February 22, 2022, in-camera session, as follows:

- A. Call to Order:
 - 1. Opening Prayer
 - 2. Motion for the Approval of agenda.
 - 3. There were no conflicts of interest declared.
 - 4. Motion for the approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2022 Regular In-camera meeting.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
 - 2. 2022-2023 Capital Priorities Project.
 - 3. Recommended action: Capital Building Project.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 - 1. Closing Prayer.
 - 2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Trustee Loretta Durst led the closing prayer to end the meeting.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Emmanuel Pinto, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie

that the open session meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Carried.

Braden Leal
Board Chairperson

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