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The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough, and virtually, by Google Meet.

## PRESENT:

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

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

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

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## **A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:**

The Board Chairperson Braden Leal called the online meeting to order at 6:30 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 Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Loretta Durst  
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 March 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Linda Ainsworth  
that the minutes of the March 22, 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:

- The Director of Education wished everyone a Happy Easter season.
- Congratulations were extended to His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm on his anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. Thanks were extended to Superintendent Jeannie Armstrong who attend Bishop Miehm's celebration mass.
- On April 8, PVNCCDSB celebrated a board wide Faith Day with guest speaker Bishop Paul Andre Durocher, from Ottawa. It was a day of synodal discussions and faith formation with all staff throughout PVNCCDSB.
- The Everyday Heroes program has been up and running for three weeks and has experienced lots of response with nominations received for staff positions throughout the board.
- With the lifting of COVID restrictions, there have been many Professional Development sessions planned by our learning consultants.
- A Special Education Additional Qualification course has been offered for administrators and led by principals Shelley Adair and Christine Brodie. There are 12 principals and vice-principals taking part in this course on evenings and weekends.
- A two-day Environmental Symposium involving approximately 6,500 students in classrooms from PVNCCDSB and KPRDSB was held virtually and centered

around Earth Day activities.

- Attendance continues to be monitored with respect to COVID-19. Absenteeism is reported to public health units when student and teacher absences in a school reach the 30 per cent threshold. To date there have been no school closures to report.
- Plans are underway in all of our schools and everyone is very much looking forward to in person graduations and proms this year.
- Thanks were extended to trustees who were able to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting and Conference held in Ottawa.
- At the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario annual gala dinner, Gerard van den Wildenberg posthumously received their prestigious Principal of the Year award. Superintendents and Gerard's family were present to celebrate this honour.
- At the recent Ontario Catholic Supervisory Association Annual General Meeting and Conference, retirees from across the province were honoured for their service as superintendents in Catholic boards and included Michael Nasello, Tim Moloney, and Dawn Michie. As well, newly appointed superintendents were commissioned to their roles and included Superintendents Stephen O'Sullivan, Jeannie Armstrong, Sheila Piggott, Jonathan Di Ianni, and Julie Selby.

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:

- The newly appointed Junior Student Council Liaison representatives from each school joined the monthly Student Council Liaison Committee meeting on April 26: These students will form the Student Council Liaison Committee for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year.
- Congratulations were extended to Madelyn Gaskell, who was chosen to join me at the Board table as the Junior Student Trustee for 2022-2023.
- The Voices that Accompany: Being Well Mental handbook has been completed and has been posted to the Student Voice page on the Board website.
- The final session of the Voices that Accompany retreat took place on April 14<sup>th</sup> when Asante Haughton spoke to student leaders about leadership, community and the importance of diversity.

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

Marie was thanked representing the board well at the recent Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association AGM and Conference.

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 from the PVNC Inspires newsletter:

- Grade 4 St. Anthony Catholic Elementary student, Sarah Patterson was honoured to throw out the first pitch at the Toronto Blue Jays game held on April 25. Sarah has been participating in two programs through Jays Care Foundation that are facilitated by her teacher, Allison Jaques. The programs, 'Girls at Bat' and 'Challenger Baseball' encouraging girls and differently abled students to gain confidence and skills through participation.
- Gerard van den Wildenberg was posthumously awarded 'Principal of the Year' by the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) at its annual gala event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Catholic Education Week will be celebrated during the week of May 1-6 with the theme, Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together. One of the week's highlights is the Catholic Student Leadership awards ceremony that takes place in-person at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on May 4 and will recognize student leaders from each school.
- PVNCCDSB students are heading to the Canada-wide Science Fair being held in New Brunswick. The students qualified through the Peterborough Regional Science Fair, held virtually.
- The Everyday Hero Award was launched during the month of April and so far there have been 10 board employees given the award. who. The winners, representing many different employee groups and positions were nominated by other PVNCCDSB employees to recognize their outstanding work on a daily basis.

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

**C. Presentations:**

1. R.A. Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Excursion to Guatemala, March 22-April 2, 2023.

Superintendent of Learning Jonathan Di Ianni introduced Sherry Davis, Principal, Holy

Cross Catholic Secondary School and Chris Clarke, Guidance Teacher, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. Ms. Davis and Mr. Clarke gave an outline of the excursion and the measures being taken to ensure student and staff safety and explained the benefits, religious experience and outcomes for the students who participate in the excursion to Guatemala. The presenters answered questions from the trustees.

**MOTION:** Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie that the proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to Guatemala, Central America, from March 22, 2023 to April 1, 2023, be approved in principle and that the trip will include mandatory insurance for all travelers. Such insurance must cover school board or principal rulings for cancellation of the trip.

Carried.

2. Proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough, and St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough, Student Excursion to Italy, March 9-17, 2023

Superintendent of Learning Jonathan Di Ianni introduced Sherry Davis, Principal, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Christine Clarke, Teacher, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Shannon Brady, Principal, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, and Robin Clement, Teacher, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School. The team of presenters reviewed the excursion details and noted that the same trip was planned and approved to take place in March, 2020, when it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the presentation, the presenters answered the trustees' questions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by David Bernier that the proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to Italy, from March 9-17, 2023, be approved in principle and that the trip will include mandatory insurance for all travelers. Such insurance must cover school board or principal rulings for cancellation of the trip.

Carried.

3. Expanding Technology: Updates on Board Technology Initiatives.

Sheila Piggott, Superintendent of Learning and Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology gave a PowerPoint presentation to update the Board of Trustees on the

Expanding Technology Initiatives at PVNCCDSB. The presentation included an overview of the planning, consultations and survey data that has been gathered. The next step will be the use of the data to inform the future direction of the use and investment in technology and its use in classrooms throughout the board. Goals relating to the strategic priorities have been chosen as a focus. At the conclusion of the presentation, the presenters answered questions from the Trustees.

4. Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Updates on Board Student Success Initiatives.

Jonathan Di Ianni, Superintendent of Learning introduced the presenters Alex Duketow, Learning Consultant and Lisa Cole, Principal of Continuing, Adult, and Experiential Learning, who provided an update on Student Success Initiatives.

Alex Duketow reviewed the Specialist High Skills Major Programs (SHSM) already existing in each of the secondary schools, and the newly introduced SHSM programs that will be providing enhanced opportunities for students. The Dual Credit Program was explained, which benefits students by enabling them to complete their high school credits at a Centre for Success with a College partner to PVNCCDSB.

Lisa Cole provided an overview of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and the Adult Education Program, where adults can have work experience assessed as part of their credit completion for their secondary diploma. Summer Learning programs, including Camp AIM, eLearning credit recovery and credit upgrades, Transitions to Secondary and the Focus on Youth program were also reviewed and explained. At the conclusion of the presentation, the presenters answered questions from the Trustees.

**D. Programs and Services:**

**E. Business, Finance and Governance:**

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

Board Chairperson Braden Leal invited those who had attended the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting and Conference, held in Ottawa from April 21-23, 2022 to share their experiences.

Trustees David Bernier and Loretta Durst gave their impressions of the guest speakers, workshops and liturgical celebrations. There were a few hundred attendees present from across Ontario which provided an excellent opportunity to network in person once again. The business seminar presentation featured a cyber-security expert and a presentation from an economist about the impact of the current economic climate on school boards. A highlight of the conference was Dr. Jean Clinton who spoke about resiliency and empathy in education. Trustees who were not able to attend were encouraged to access the recordings on the OCSTA website.

Student Trustee, Siobhan Marie expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend the conference and meet other student trustees and experience a large conference with high-caliber speakers.

In her regional report, Trustee Linda Ainsworth noted that the highlights from the recent Board of Directors meeting were sent out to the trustees. It was reported that a new Catholic trustee handbook is being developed emphasizing its distinct role and responsibility. It was also reported that the distinction of Catholic e-learning courses has been recognized and that programming will be taught by Catholic teachers.

Board Chairperson Braden Leal noted that municipalities will be hosting information sessions regarding the upcoming municipal elections to provide information about running for public office.

2. STSCO Governance Committee, Open Session Report, March 30, 2022.

Board Chairperson Braden Leal reported on STSCO budget updates from the March 30, 2022 meeting. It was noted that even with the removal of vaccination status requirements, some drivers have not returned to their routes and the service providers continue to experience driver shortages. Work is being done to review bell-times which could support double runs, and thus reduce the number of drivers required. At schools where there will be minor changes to start times in September 2022, letters will be sent to parents to communicate the changes.

Braden Leal, Board Chairperson read a report that was shared at the STSCO meeting commending drivers of PVNCCDSB routes. From Hamilton Bus Line, Francis mitigated a very serious collision and protected the passengers by exercising safe driving skills and will receive a police commendation for his heroic actions. Joe, a driver from First Student, was recognized as being a kind, caring, and concerned driver who provides top-notch service to his students.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by David Bernier  
that the board meeting curfew of 9:30 p.m. be extended to  
10:15 p.m.

Carried.

3. Election of Policy Development Committee Chairperson.

An election took place to appoint a chairperson of the Policy Development Committee due to the vacancy left by the resignation of former trustee, Emmanuel Pinto.

Due to the need to have an electronic vote, the assistance of individuals to act as tellers to distribute, collect electronic ballots and report the results was deemed necessary.

**MOTION:** Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Loretta Durst  
that Michelle Kennedy act as electronic teller.

Carried.

Two superintendents were also required oversee and verify the results of the electronic vote.

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

Carried.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin  
that Jonathan Di Ianni be appointed as a superintendent teller  
to oversee the electronic vote.

Carried.

A nomination form was sent via email to the trustees.

Nominees

Kevin MacKenzie

Kevin MacKenzie was acclaimed the Chairperson of the Policy Development Committee for the remainder of the one-year term, ending November 14, 2022.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by David Bernier  
that the ballots be destroyed.

Carried.

4. R.A. Trustee Professional Development, Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) Annual General Meeting and Conference (Virtual), June 2-3, 2022.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by David Bernier  
that trustees, if wishing to do so, be authorized to attend the  
Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA)



Annual General Meeting and Conference, being held virtually,  
June 2-3, 2022.

Carried.

5. R.A. Student Trustee Professional Development, Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual General Meeting and Conference, May 26-29, 2022.

**MOTION:** Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Linda Ainsworth  
  
that the student trustees, be authorized to attend the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual General Meeting and Conference, being held in Toronto, ON, May 26-29, 2022.

Carried.

**F. Human Resources:**

**G. Policy Development:**

1. Recommended Actions from the Policy Development Committee, March 29, 2022.

**MOTION:** Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by David Bernier  
  
that the Board receive the report and recommendations from the Policy Development Committee dated March 29, 2022, for publication and implementation.

Carried.

**H. Old Business:**

1. Pride Flag

Braden Leal, Board Chairperson stated that each trustee would be allotted three minutes to present their opinion with respect to the presented motion. As the mover of the motion, Kevin MacKenzie was given the opportunity to speak first and was followed by the other trustees, including the student trustee, who were each granted three minutes to address the meeting. A request of the Chairperson to have the vote recorded was granted.

**MOTION:** Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Loretta Durst  
that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Director of Education to fly the pride flag at school board facilities during the month of June, to further the promotion of an environment of inclusion, diversity and equity in our community.

Votes in favour:

Kevin MacKenzie  
Loretta Durst  
Braden Leal  
Siobhan Marie (Student Trustee)

Votes in opposition:

Linda Ainsworth  
David Bernier

Carried.

**I. New Business:**

**J. Bring Forward:**

**K. Information Items:**

1. Chairperson's Report

Board Chairperson, Braden Leal reported that, although he greatly looked forward to it, he regretfully was not able to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting and Conference this year and thanked the trustees who were able to attend and represent the board.

The Chairperson of the Board also noted the good news that planning is underway for spring proms and graduations and they will return as in person events.

2. Committee Chairperson's Report:

- a. Special Education Advisory Committee, March 24, 2022, and April 21, 2022.
- b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, March 28, 2022, and April 19, 2022.

Board Vice-chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie reported that the Sandra Connolly and Peter Bagnall were present at the meeting to give a presentation on the student census data and the student synodal discussions.

**L. Future Meetings and Events:**1. Board Meeting

- a. Regular Board Meeting Open Session, May 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)
- b. Special Board Meeting, In-camera Session, May 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. R.A. Cancellation of Committee-of-the-Whole, May 9, 2022.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie  
that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, scheduled for May  
9, 2022, be cancelled.

Carried.

- b. Chairperson's Committee, April 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- c. Policy Development Committee, March 29, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. Accessibility for All Committee, May 5, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
- b. Special STSCO Governance Committee, May 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
- c. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, May 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- d. Special Education Advisory Committee, May 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- e. Student Council Liaison Committee, May 24, 2022, 4:15 p.m.
- f. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, May 30, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- g. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, June 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
- h. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, TBA.
- i. Audit Committee, TBA.
- j. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL), TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. Catholic Education Week, May 2-6, 2022.
- b. Catholic Education Week, Province-wide Mass, May 4, 2022. 10:00 a.m. (virtual

- event)
- c. Catholic Student Leadership Awards, May 4, 2022, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.
  - d. Catholic Parent Engagement Event, May 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.
  - e. Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) Annual General Meeting and Convention, June 2-3, 2022. (virtual event).
  - f. Secondary School Graduation Ceremonies, June 29, 2022.

**M. Conclusion:**

1. Report from the In-camera Meetings.

- a. Report from the March 30, 2022, Special Board Meeting, Double In-camera Session.

**MOTION:** Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Linda Ainsworth

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the March 30, 2022, double 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.

B. Presentations:

1. Confidential Report. Motions were approved that Helen McCarthy breached the trustee code of conduct and receive a letter of censure.

I. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer.
2. Motion to adjourn.

Carried.

- b. Report from the April 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, In-camera Session.

**MOTION:** Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by David Bernier

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the April 26, 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. Minutes from the March 22, 2022 Regular In-camera meeting and the March 30, 2022 Special Double In-camera meeting were approved.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
  2. STSCO Governance Committee, In-camera Report.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
1. Closing Prayer.
  2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Trustee David Bernier led the closing prayer to end the meeting.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Loretta Durst  
that the open session meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Carried.

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Braden Leal  
Board Chairperson

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