



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough, and virtually, by Google Meet.

Present:

Trustees – Mike Ayotte, Loretta Durst, Joshua Glover, Jenny Leahy, Kevin MacKenzie (Chairperson), Siobhan Marie (Senior Student Trustee), Mary Ann Martin, and Kathleen Tanguay.

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

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

Regrets:

Madelyn Gaskell (Junior Student Trustee).

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson Kevin MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Principal representative Trevor Poechman and Vice-principal representative Jill Barker, from St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School were welcomed by the Board Chairperson, along with the other in-person guests and those who had joined online.

1. Examen and Opening Prayer

Father Paul Massel, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator, was invited by the board chairperson to lead a daily examen and open the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Kevin MacKenzie, 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 sung.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mike Ayotte, seconded by Jenny Leahy
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 February 28, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Mary Ann Martin
that the minutes of the February 28, 2023, Regular Board
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, Director of Education, presented the Report from the Director of Education, which included the following points:

- Prayers offered for the St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School community who mourn the loss of a sibling of one of their students.
- The board mourns the loss of Nicole Fortin, beloved teacher at St. Anne Catholic Elementary School. We pray for Nicole's family and for the students and staff in their grief.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Stewart, former employee of PVNCCDSB who retired in 1997 as the long-serving Supervisor of Transportation and Purchasing.
- The board prays for Jack Doris and his grieving family. Mr. Doris was Peterborough's longest serving city council member who started his political career as a trustee for this board in 1966.

- Pray for healing in Nashville and acknowledge the tragedy of lives lost due to gun violence at an elementary school.
- Archbishop Francis 'Frank' Leo was installed as the new Archbishop of Toronto and succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins.
- Thank you to trustees who have travelled to the school locations throughout the month of March to see our wonderful facilities and the learning happening within them. Gratitude was extended to the staff and students who have received the trustees and welcomed them into their school communities.
- Following March Break, teachers have returned to various professional development opportunities in Aspiring Leaders, Math, Special Education, and 'The Third Path'.
- Conducted a consultation with elementary and separately with secondary students to discover their thoughts and attitudes towards the 'Fully Alive' Family Life program. Their feedback will be reported to the Institute for Catholic Education and will inform the renewal of the program that is being undertaken.

Joan Carragher invited and answered questions from the trustees at the conclusion of the report.

2. Report from the Student Trustees.

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

- There has been an abundance of student-led initiatives and activities that have taken place in the month of March.
- Progress reports went home last week and many parent-teacher conferences have taken place to ensure student success in the last months of the school year.
- Some students from St. Peter Catholic Secondary School participated in the Kawartha Engineering competition and others attended an environmental symposium at Algonquin Park. Students studying French have registered for the DELPH, an exam that certifies their proficiency.
- Athletic endeavours continue in the preparation for Track and Field, Badminton, Hockey and Basketball, and Baseball.
- Students represented St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School at the East Central Farm show promoting programs at the school.
- Bee-keeping initiatives have begun at Holy Trinity CSS and St. Stephen CSS.
- World Down Syndrome Day was celebrated at many schools with the theme "Rock your Socks."

- Many Lenten activities have taken place to benefit various local and global charitable causes, including a fundraiser to celebrate International Women’s Day at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School where proceeds from cookie sales benefited Cornerstone Family Violence Protection Centre.
- At the Student Council Liaison Committee Meeting, Benjamin, the board’s Equity Advisor, Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Board Psychologist, and Jennifer Angelo, Mental Health Lead, led the committee in a discussion about the importance of mental health and supporting students’ health and well-being from a student leadership perspective.
- Next month, the committee looks forward to the upcoming junior student liaison elections which will lead to a new Junior Student Trustee for the coming school year.

Siobhan Marie responded to questions from the trustees at the conclusion of their report.

3. Report from the Communications Department.

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

- PVNC Catholic Blood Donor team was created in response to the Canadian Blood Services call to replenish stores weakened through the winter months by illness and winter storms. All staff are invited to join the team as PVNC Catholic becomes a ‘Partner for Life’.
- Gabriella deHaas, student from St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, has been recognized by the prestigious Loran Scholars Foundation for her community involvement and leadership to advocate for Indigenous education and reconciliation in her school community.
- “Great Big Crunch” was celebrated at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School to recognize the Student Nutrition Program as an integral part of the school day that greatly contributes to student health and well-being.
- Good Shepherd CES welcomed educators from the Netherlands to study deep learning projects in their classrooms. The group of 30 educators from Helmond, Netherlands visited the school as one of several stops across Ontario to see how deep learning is put into practice.
- Everyday Heroes continue to be celebrated as staff members are nominated for their everyday actions that uplift and make their workplaces better places to be.

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

C. Presentations:

1. R.A. St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School Student International Excursion to France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany, March 7-15, 2024.

Julie Selby, Superintendent of Learning introduced Trevor Poechman, Principal at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School and stated her support of this excursion. Mr. Poechman gave a brief overview of the proposed excursion and invited Angela Richardson, Teacher at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, to review the excursion details and highlighted the curriculum connections.

MOTION: Moved by Mike Ayotte, seconded by Kathleen Tanguay that the proposed St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany, from March 7-15, 2024, 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. Delegation: St Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Boundary.

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie introduced and invited Stacey Irwin, Parent from St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School to come forward to give her fifteen-minute delegation to the Board of Trustees on the proposed solutions to alleviate student population at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School.

Stacey Irwin reviewed the options that are being investigated for possible implementation in September, 2023. The options include moving Grade 8 students to a temporary campus at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School or transporting students who live north of Concession 3 to St. Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Courtice. Positive and negative aspects were noted for both of the options and other alternative considerations were requested with respect to 'co-horting' students to lessen numbers on the playground, waiting to see the effects of the new public school and consideration of school boundaries for all Clarington Catholic elementary schools.

At the conclusion of the presentation, trustees were able to ask clarifying questions. Ms. Irwin was commended for bringing her concerns forward and assured that the trustees would be reviewing the information provided very carefully in the process of the decision making.

3. Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Indigenous Education.

Julie Selby, Superintendent of Learning, introduced Jacqueline Gorveatt, Learning Consultant, and Michael Mooney, Learning Consultant who presented a comprehensive overview of the Indigenous Education program and initiatives being undertaken at PVNC Catholic. The presentation included examples of the programs and classroom work and the Indigenous teachings and practices that serve as a foundation to the learning. Future professional development, administrative procedure development, initiatives and goals for the Indigenous education program were also presented.

At the end of the presentation, the superintendent and learning consultants answered questions from the trustees.

4. Nurturing Mental Health and Well-being.

Superintendent of Special Education, Jeannie Armstrong, introduced Board Psychologist, Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds and Board Mental Health Leads Jennifer Angelo and Mandy Hamu who delivered a presentation on Mental Health and Well-being entitled, "Walking the Third Path" and how the initiatives directly relate to the board's strategic direction, vision and mission. The presentation included an overall review of the Being Well Strategic plan, the concept of the Third Path and how it can be incorporated into the plan.

The presenters invited questions from the trustees at conclusion of their presentation.

D. Programs and Services:

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

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

The Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie, reported that PVNCCDSB has been invited by OCSTA to host their Fall Eastern Regional Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2023. Boards from Eastern Ontario will be invited to day-long meetings at the Catholic Education Centre.

Kevin MacKenzie noted the recent memorandum that was sent by the OCSTA from President Pat Daly, in response to the provincial budget that was presented in the legislature on March 23, 2023..

2. R.A. Trustee Professional Development, Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) Annual General Meeting and Conference, June 1-3, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Mary Ann Martin
that trustees wishing to do so, be authorized to attend the
Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) Annual

General Meeting and Conference, June 1-3, 2023, in Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie reported that the Board of Trustees met on March 20th and accepted the resignation of Joan Carragher, Director of Education, effective August 31, 2023.

Kevin MacKenzie remarked that the staff and students of PVNCCDSB have been extremely fortunate to have had Joan Carragher as part of their community during the majority of her 33-year career, serving as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, superintendent and then director of education. He noted that when she was hired in December, 2020, she led the board through extremely challenging times and led the process to the current strategic direction. Mr. MacKenzie thanked Ms. Carragher for her unwavering commitment and wished her well-deserved time off with her family.

Joan Carragher, Director of Education responded and noted that the job posting will be made public in the next day. She stated that she has followed Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve and she will continue with her unwavering commitment and prayers for the trustees as they make their way through the recruitment process.

2. Committee Chairperson's Report:

a. First Nation Métis and Inuit Committee, March 7, 2023.

Trustee Mike Ayotte reported that the committee is well-represented and represents a great deal of diversity which brings many voices to the table and noted that the Land Acknowledgement that was presented at the committee was memorable.

Trustee Ayotte also highlighted the various initiatives and activities that took place at the committee meeting. He reported that an Indigenous Student Conference will be held on May 25th. The development of an Indigenous Education Administrative Procedure is anticipated in the fall of 2023 and the hiring of an Indigenous language teacher is underway.

b. Special Education Advisory Committee, March 23, 2023.

Trustee Kathleen Tanguay reported that the committee received information about Special Education Resource Teachers and the literacy assessments that they conduct. It was noted that catch-up funding will be discontinued and the Ministry funding for next year through the Grants for Student Needs has not been given to boards as of yet. Teacher Erin Bibby gave a presentation regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder and services available to students at the conclusion of secondary school. A presentation on Destreaming by Sheila Piggott, Superintendent of Learning and Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant was also heard.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meetings:

- a. Regular Board Meeting Open Session, April 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

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

- a. Chairperson's Committee, April 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
b. Committee-of-the-Whole, April 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
c. Policy Development Committee, April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. STSCO Governance, March 29, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, April 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
c. Student Council Liaison Committee, April 25, 2023, 4:15 p.m.
d. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, April 26, 2023, 4:30 p.m.
e. Special Education Advisory Committee, April 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
f. Accessibility for All Committee, May 4, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
g. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, May 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
h. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, June 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL), TBA.
- j. Audit Committee, TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. Catholic Leadership Development Series, Session #3, April 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
- b. 2023 OCSTA Annual General Meeting & Conference, April 27-29, 2023, Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.
- c. St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Norwood, 50th Anniversary, April 29, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – Doors Open, 3:00 p.m. – Greetings, 5:00 p.m. – Mass.
- d. Catholic Education Week, April 30 – May 6, 2023.
- e. Catholic Education Week Provincial Mass, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto and live-streamed, May 3, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
- f. Catholic Student Leadership Awards Ceremony, May 3, 2023, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, 6:30 p.m.
- g. OCSTA – Human Rights Program for Catholic School Board Leaders – “Ableism”, May 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- h. OCSTA – Human Rights Program for Catholic School Board Leaders – “Anti Hate”, May 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- i. Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting, June 1-3, 2023, Saskatoon, SK.
- j. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, Guest Speaker Event – Kevin Cameron, June 13, 2023, *location to be confirmed*.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the Regular Board Meeting, In-camera Session, March 28, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Kathleen Tanguay

that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the Regular Board Meeting in-camera session, held on March 28, 2023, 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. Approval of the February 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting In-

camera minutes and the Approval of the March 20, 2023
Special Board Meeting Double In-camera minutes.

- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
- E. Human Resources:
 - 1. Staffing Updates

Convened in Double In-camera Session.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 - 1. Closing Prayer.
 - 2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie led the closing prayer to end the meeting.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Joshua Glover, seconded by Mary Ann Martin
that the open session meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Carried.

Kevin MacKenzie
Board Chairperson

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