



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 25, 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, Madelyn Gaskell (Junior Student Trustee), 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

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson Kevin MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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.

Kevin MacKenzie, Board Chairperson, welcomed principal representatives Laura Carson from St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School who was present online and Jen Wright, from St. John Catholic Elementary School who was present in the boardroom. Other attendees, including in-person guests and those online were also welcomed.

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 Loretta Durst, seconded by Mike Ayotte
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 28, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Jenny Leahy
that the minutes of the March 28, 2023, Regular Board
Meeting be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

Trustee Joshua Glover brought forward a motion in relation to item C.2, Delegation, St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Boundary.

MOTION: Moved by Joshua Glover, seconded by Loretta Durst
that beginning with the May 8, 2023 Committee-of-the-Whole
meeting open session and every Committee-of-the-Whole meeting
going forward, there be a standing item on the agenda to address
updates pertaining to the Clarington new school project.

Carried.

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:

- The Celebration of the Season of Easter continues with our renewed faith and new life in the resurrection.

- Students used their coding skills at the Board Robotics Competition that took place on March 30th at the Catholic Education Centre.
- Math Olympics were held for Junior and Intermediate students on April 4, 13, and 20.
- Attended the PVNCCDSB and KPRDSB student Environmental Symposium which was held on April 20th and virtually hosted 3,500 students in a day of learning about our natural world.
- The Board has received the Grants for Student Needs funding information from the Ministry of Education that details the board's revenue from the province and guides budget preparation for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Joel Sloggett, Chief Administrative Officer for the Student Transportation Consortium of Central Ontario (STSCO) celebrates his retirement and his last day of work on May 5th. Roy Werenga, has been hired as the new CAO of STSCO and will begin his role on May 8th
- The Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association recently held their Annual General Meeting and Conference in Collingwood where the senior team and fellow members honoured the retirement of Isabel Grace and the commissioning of Sean Heuchert as a new Supervisory Officer.
- Each year April 28th is noted as the National Day of Mourning to remember those who have lost their lives or suffered injury or illness in a work-related accident. All schools and the Catholic Education Centre will mark the day with flags at half-mast and with solemn reflection.
- April 28th will also be the system-wide faith day that will build community and accompaniment in all our schools with liturgies and virtual guest speaker Archbishop Donald Bolen.
- The community of St. Paul Catholic Elementary School looks forward to celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, April 29 with a gathering at the school and Mass at St. Paul Church with Bishop Daniel Miehm.
- Catholic Education Week festivities will take place during the first week of May with the theme, "We are Many, We are One" and focuses on the synodal process: listening to the Holy spirit and listening to each other.
- During Catholic Education Week we look forward to the Catholic Student Leadership awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 3rd.

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:

- The Student Council Liaison Committee held elections at the meeting held today. Claire Heitzner, Grade 10 student at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School has been elected the new Junior Student Trustee for next year.
- Students and staff will be celebrating Catholic Education Week during the first week of May with the theme “We are many, we are one”. A highlight is the Catholic Student Leadership Award ceremony on May 3rd which is attended by trustees and student trustees to celebrate students exemplifying qualities of the Catholic graduate expectations.
- In addition to attending Siobhan Marie, Senior Student Trustee and Madelyn Gaskell will be attending as award recipients.
- Spring weather has many students anticipating warmer weather events such as spring prom.
- The student trustees will be attending the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association’s Annual General Meeting and Conference with trustees and fellow student trustees from across the province in Toronto this weekend.

Student trustees Siobhan Marie and Madelyn Gaskell 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:

- Preparations are well underway to celebrate Catholic Education Week at the beginning of May and it is a highlight of the school year.
- Bishop Daniel Miehm’s video message was viewed. Bishop Miehm spoke about Catholic Education Week and its significance to inspire a recommitment to ensuring our Catholic Schools remain places of strong Catholic values that are welcoming to everyone.
- Through the eyes of the cross is an initiative that is being undertaken at all PVNC Catholic schools. Each school has a wooden cross and have been tasked to look through the cut out to reflect on how they view themselves through the image of Jesus and journal their experiences in pictures, art and writing. Each school’s cross will be on display at the Catholic Student Leadership awards ceremony on May 3rd.
- PVNCCDSB Math Olympics events have returned in person after a four-year hiatus. Events for intermediate and junior students took place on three separate

days and involved problem solving and teamwork and had an emphasis on the communication of their results.

- Outstanding achievements in Terry Fox Fundraising were reported. Four PVNC Catholic secondary schools were in the overall top 20 fundraising schools in Ontario for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

C. Presentations:

1. R.A. Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Student International Excursion to Switzerland and France, March 7-15, 2024.

Jonathan Di Ianni, Superintendent of Learning introduced Sherry Davis, Principal at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and stated his support of this excursion. Sherry gave an overview of the components of the trip, and its cultural and curriculum relevance. Teachers Natalie McDermott, Michelle Clay, and Stacy Higgins were introduced and provided more details with regards to the trip itinerary, safety plans and cost.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Jenny Leahy
that the proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to Switzerland and France, 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. R.A. St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Student International Excursion to New York City, USA, March 7-15, 2024.

Jonathan Di Ianni, Superintendent of Learning introduced Shannon Brady, Principal at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and stated his support of the proposed excursion. Ms. Brady introduced Adam Janssen who gave a detailed summary of the excursion.

MOTION: Moved by Joshua Glover, seconded by Mike Ayotte
that the proposed St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Student Excursion to New York City, USA, 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.

3. Delegation: Changes to Bell Times.

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie introduced Erika Hamm, parent from the Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School community to come forward for her presentation regarding changes to Bell Times at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School. The Chairperson explained that there would be a 15-minute time allotment for the presentation followed by a 5-minute allotment to give trustees the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. A package of prepared handouts was shared with each of the trustees, student trustees and the director of education.

Erika Hamm shared background information about driver shortages and the related disruptions causing difficulties for parents and their ability to balance work and child safety when routes have been cancelled. Route cancellation has been an on-going issue right up to and including a cancellation on April 25, 2023. The difficulties experienced as a result of changed bell times were also noted which have disruption to family time in the evening and extra-curricular activities scheduled in the evenings. Ms. Hamm referred to the feedback that was gathered from the parents at Notre Dame and provided in the handout package.

At the conclusion of the 15-minute presentation, the trustees ask about specifics relating to past, present and future proposed bell times, which were noted. It was requested that a link to an online article of relevance be sent to the trustees.

The Board Chairperson thanked Ms. Hamm for her delegation and the thorough presentation of information that was given to the trustees.

4. Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning: English as a Second Language, English Language Learners, and Multilingual Learners.

Julie Selby, Superintendent of Learning, introduced Adam White to bring updates and information about English as a Second Language, English Language Learners, and Multilingual Learners, which together form an area of growth in PVNC Catholic.

Adam White described the different aspects of the programs, partnerships with community groups, and the Steps to English proficiency assessment which serves as the starting point of intake of a student whose first language is not English. The ministry policies relating to supporting the students were highlighted and explained. It was noted that currently there are 269 students who are centrally supported as multilingual learners. Students in 30 PVNCCDSB schools are receiving supports as multilingual learners. There are 22 languages being represented at this time.

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

5. Protecting the Environment: Updates on PVNCCDSB Initiatives.

Superintendent of Learning, Sheila Piggott, gave background about the history of the environment initiatives at PVNC Catholic. An outcome of a student-led delegation in 2020 resulted in the board strengthening its commitment to and reporting of environmental initiatives. Learning Consultant Annie Corkery was introduced and gave a detailed presentation about the current projects and initiatives being incorporated into the classroom and other system events.

The goals for both system and school-based environmental initiatives for next year were introduced. Such initiatives include the new added Environmental Specialist High Skills Major at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, the reduction of single use plastics and improved recycling and composting programs. The strategies that will be incorporated to accomplish the goals were also reviewed.

The presenters invited and answered 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 OCSTA has provided a summary about the recently announced Ministry of Education Funding for 2023-2024 and Bill 98, The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023.

Trustees who are attending the OCSTA Annual General Meeting will have the opportunity to report on their experiences on the next board meeting agenda.

2. STSCO Governance Committee, Open Session Report, March 29, 2023.

Vice-chairperson Jenny Leahy gave a report on the STSCO Governance Committee meeting held on March 29, 2023. It was reported that with respect to budget, expenditures this year have resulted in a 1.1 percent overage at this point in the year. More will be reported at the next STSCO Governance Committee Meeting to be held on June 8th.

STSCO continues to work on strategies to mitigate the driver shortages throughout the board but especially in Northumberland and Clarington. A bus driver recruitment campaign will commence to encourage and entice potential drivers. Bell time changes

are also being considered.

3. Recommended Action from the Committee-of-the-Whole, April 11, 2023: St. Elizabeth Boundary and Program Review.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Joshua Glover
that the Board approve proceeding with transferring the St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Grade 8 program to St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried.

4. Student Trustee Professional Development, OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting and Conference, May 18-21, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Jenny Leahy, seconded by Mary Ann Martin
that student trustees wishing to do so, be authorized to attend the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual General Meeting and Conference, May 18-21, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

1. Recommended Actions from the Policy Development Committee Meetings, February 7, 2023, and April 18, 2023.

Director of Education, Joan Carragher noted that all of the edits and suggestions that were agreed upon at the April 18, 2023, Policy Development Committee have been incorporated. An additional change to Administrative Procedure #305 was also noted.

MOTION: Moved by Joshua Glover, seconded by Mike Ayotte
That a recorded vote be taken for the recommended action for agenda item G.1, Recommended Actions from the Policy Development Committee Meetings, February 7, 2023, and April 18, 2023.

Defeated.

MOTION: Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Joshua Glover
that the Board receive the reports and recommendations from the
Policy Development Committee meetings dated February 7, 2023,
and April 18, 2023, for publication and implementation.

Carried.

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie reported that the Grants for Student Needs documents were distributed by the Ministry of Education last week, noting increased funding from 2022-2023 allocations. In addition, funding for Program and Priorities Funding (PPF) will amount to approximately \$372 million for areas such as special education, math, reading and Indigenous education.

Kevin MacKenzie reported that he will be attending the Catholic Student Leadership Awards ceremony on May 3rd at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and looks forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week.

2. Committee Chairperson's Report:

a. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, April 17, 2023.

Trustee Joshua Glover reported on the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee meeting held on April 17, 2023. At the meeting the committee heard a presentation by Joel Slogget, CAO of STSCO regarding transportation and ongoing efforts to mitigate driver shortages. Superintendent Sean Heuchert gave a presentation about capital projects and how they are funded as well as stakeholder attendance at board meetings and committee meetings. Parents were able to ask questions and were informed about the process of new school buildings. Father Paul Massel also gave a presentation about the board's pastoral plan and its implementation and ongoing initiatives. Trustee Glover noted that guest speaker Kevin Cameron is scheduled to

speaking on June 13, 2023 at St. Catherine Elementary School.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meetings:

- a. Regular Board Meeting Open Session, May 23, 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, May 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Committee-of-the-Whole, May 8, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Policy Development Committee, May 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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

- a. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, April 26, 2023, 4:30 p.m.
- b. Special Education Advisory Committee, April 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
- c. Accessibility for All Committee, May 4, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
- d. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, May 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
- e. Student Council Liaison Committee, May 23, 2023, 4:15 p.m.
- f. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, June 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
- g. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, June 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
- h. STSCO Governance, June 8, 2023, 3:00 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, St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the Regular Board Meeting, In-camera Session, April 25, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Mary Ann Martin
that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising
from the Regular Board Meeting in-camera session, held on April
25, 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 March 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting In-camera minutes.
- D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 - 1. OCSTA In-Camera Report.
 - 2. STSCO Governance Committee, In-Camera Report.
- F. Other Urgent Matters
 - 1. Approval of a recommended action from the Expulsion Committee Meeting, April 11, 2023.
- I. Convening in Open Session:
 - 1. Closing Prayer.
 - 2. Motion to convene in Open Session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie invited Mike Ayotte to lead the closing prayer to end the meeting.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Loretta Durst
that the open session meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried.

Kevin MacKenzie
Board Chairperson

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