

Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

PRESENT:

Trustees - Mmes. Linda Ainsworth, Calahndra Brake (Student Trustee), Ruth Ciraulo, Eveline Fisher (Student Trustee), Michelle Griepsma, Helen McCarthy (via telephone),
Messrs. Dave Bernier, Dan Demers.

Administration - Mmes. Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Isabel Grace, Dawn Michie
Messrs. Galen Eagle, Sean Heuchert, Tim Moloney, Michael Nasello.

Regrets – Ms. Christine Dunn.

Recorder – Mrs. Michelle Kennedy.

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

Mrs. Michelle Griepsma, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. by welcoming guests and attending principal representatives, James Brake and Bridget McCann Girard.

1. Examen

Michelle Griepsma led the Board of Trustees through the examen.

2. Opening Prayer

The Chairperson requested that Mr. David Bernier lead the opening prayer.

3. Acknowledgement

Mrs. Michelle Griepsma acknowledged that the Board Meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe.

4. Singing of the National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung.

MOTION: Moved by David Bernier, seconded by Dan Demers

that trustee, Christine Dunn, be excused from the regular board meeting, open session.

Carried.

5. Approval of the Agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Ruth Ciraulo

that the Agenda be approved.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Ruth Ciraulo, seconded by Dave Bernier

that the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

8. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising out of the Minutes.

9. Swearing in of Student Trustee, Eveline Fisher

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello, along with Vice-Chairperson, David Bernier and Board Chairperson, Michelle Griepsma, led a short swearing-in ceremony for Eveline Fisher to officially begin her duties as Junior Student Trustee for PVNC. Eveline recited a pledge and was welcomed to the Board with a presentation of a board pin.

B. Reports from the Director of Education and Student Trustee(s):

1. Report from the Director of Education.

Michael Nasello gave the Director's Report which accounted the beginnings of the school year, including the following:

- Thanksgiving for the life of Peter Roach, who passed away on August 17, 2018, and the contributions made to PVNC.
- Attendance at a retreat in L'Arche, France with Jean Vanier where knowledge of learning communities for persons and attitudes towards abilities and

disabilities was gained.

- Awaiting for expected changes to Government funding, and curriculum reviews and revisions.
- Service as education lead for the Peterborough United Way campaign.
- Student and administration participation in We Day in Toronto.
- OCSTA Regional meetings took place in Ottawa.
- Rowan's Law Day which recognizes the impact of concussion on student health and well-being.
- Grade Five implementation of Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ
- Partnership with the Diocese for Sacramental Preparation continues; planning meetings are taking place with school and parishes.
- Professional Activity day will take place on September 28, 2018. Many learning opportunities are planned for staff.

At the conclusion, Michael Nasello invited questions. There were none.

2. Report from the Student Trustees

Calahndra Brake, Senior Student Trustee gave a report to the Board of the activities which are taking place in secondary schools throughout the system.

Link Crews at each secondary school have hosted Grade 9 orientations and other activities. Other Grade 9 welcome activities included an evening for parents and students at St. Stephen and Holy Trinity and Grade 9 dances.

Student Council activities have begun and they have been active in assisting with the first Mass of the year at St. Thomas Aquinas, Holy Cross and St. Stephen. Planning of many more activities throughout the year is underway and grade representatives have been elected.

Orange Shirt Day is being recognized in a number of the schools, including St. Peter, Holy Trinity and St. Mary. Food Drives are also taking place at numerous schools and St. Mary CSS, was successful to collect over 900 pounds of food for a local shelter. St. Stephen held a club recruiting day and St. Thomas Aquinas participated in the Lindsay Fair Parade and Holy Cross is trying to establish a 'Meditation Monday' each week.

Student Council Liaison Committee has begun to plan 'Voices that Listen' retreat, which will be focused on celebrating how small groups can make a large impact.

Calahndra invited and answered questions.

3. Report from the Manager of Communications, Galen Eagle

Galen Eagle, Manager of Communications gave his report on the system achievements at the beginning of the school year and the introduction of the student trustees on the website and in the newsletter.

Galen highlighted upcoming events such as the new website launch on October 1, which will feature a fresh clean look with larger visuals and better menu navigation. October marks the launch of the United Way campaign which is facilitated by the Communications Department.

Michael Nasello requested that the trustees join him in congratulating Galen Eagle who was recently announced as a Bravo Award winner. The accomplishment will be celebrated at the Gala dinner in Toronto on October 29, 2018.

C. Presentations:

1. R.A.: Proposed St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay, Excursion to Silent Lake.

In the absence of Superintendent Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent Joan Carragher gave a brief presentation and explanation of the St. Thomas Aquinas proposed hiking excursion to Silent Lake. It was noted that this activity was part of a culminating activity for a dual-credit course with Fleming College.

MOTION: Moved by Dave Bernier, seconded by Dan Demers

that the proposed St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School student excursion to Silent Lake, Ontario from October 2, 2018 to October 4, 2018 be approved in principle and that it meets OPHEA guidelines for Outdoor Education.

Carried.

2. Summer Learning Update

Tim Moloney, Superintendent of Learning, Lisa Cole, Principal of Continuing Education, Christina Maschas-Hammond, English as a Second Language teacher, Bridget McCann Girard, Summer School Principal, Sarah Taylor, Principal of Camp Aim, Alex Duketow, Learning Consultant were all present to give the Trustees an update on all of the learning programs that took place over the summer months. Each took a turn speaking to their area of expertise.

The presentation highlighted that there were over 700 students who participated in summer school programs in many forms for students in all divisions.

At the completion of their presentation, the group answered questions from the trustees.

3. EQAO Results

A presentation which reviewed the most recent results from the EQAO testing conducted during the 2017-18 school year was presented by Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant, Sarah Taylor, Learning Consultant and Dawn Michie, Superintendent of Learning/Program K-12. Following the review of results, consideration was expressed about the direction of teacher learning with respect to making improvements to reach provincial standards in the area of Mathematics.

The presenters invited questions and comments from the Board. There was a lengthy discussion about the success of other programs and the further focus on learning for teachers.

4. Mental Health and Well-being Update

Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Educational Psychologist introduced Jennifer Angelo, Mental Health Lead. Jennifer Angelo joined the Board in June. They gave a presentation of what has taken place with respect to Mental Health and Well-being at PVNC over the last year, which included a review of priorities and action plan for the coming year. The presenters then answered questions from the trustees.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Dan Demers

That the meeting curfew of 9:30 p.m. be extended to 10:00 p.m.

Carried

5. Update on Curriculum Changes

Michael Nasello briefly addressed the course being taken by PVNC in response to the Government's recent directives regarding the Fundamentals of Mathematics and the Physical Education and Health curriculum. The board continues to follow its Mathematics strategy and will follow recent direction with respect to the Fundamentals. In addition, the board continues to follow 'Fully Alive' as developed by ICE.

6. Renewing the Promise

It was determined that this presentation would be deferred to the October Board Meeting. Michael Nasello handed out copies of the document and he invited all present to attend the Faith Day on October 26, 2018 at the Catholic Education Centre.

MOTION: Moved by Ruth Ciraulo, seconded by Dan Demers

that item C.6, 'Renewing the Promise' presentation be deferred to the October 23, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, Open Session.

Carried.

D. Programs and Services:

1. R.A.: Approval of the School Level Identification, Placement and Review Committees, 2018-2019

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Ruth Ciraulo

That the Board approve the school level Identification, Placement and Review Committees list for the 2018-2019 school year.

Carried.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Open Session Report. Mrs. Michelle Griepsma, Board Chairperson

Mrs. Michelle Griepsma gave a brief report to the Board from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. The Google drive has been updated with materials.

There was a brief discussion about the Regional meeting recently held in Ottawa.

F. Human Resources: No items

G. Policy Development: No items

H. Old Business: No items

I. New Business:

1. Letter of Commendation from parents at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School.

A letter which was received by Trustee, David Bernier was reviewed. Ms. Tanguay, teacher at St. Anthony was commended by parents, whose child met many successes through the year.

J. Bring Forward:

1. Trustee Reports from June 26, 2018 Board Meeting:

- a. Ontario College of Teachers – Inspiring Public Confidence, May 31, 2018.

Linda Ainsworth presented a written report about the Inspiring Public Confidence Conference. It will be scanned and put into the Google Drive for review.

- b. Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association AGM, Kelowna, BC, June 7-9, 2018.

Linda presented a written report about the Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting held in Kelowna. It will be scanned and put into the Google Drive for review.

- c. Durham College Centre for Success, Completion Ceremony, June 14, 2018.

- d. Fleming College Centre for Success, Completion Ceremony, June 19, 2018.

It was noted that the ceremonies for the Centre for Success were well done and moving events that celebrate the completion of secondary school for some of our Board's most challenged students. It was requested that PVNC staff and College staff be commended for their commitment and work.

2. Trustee Committee Reports from June 26, 2018 Meeting

The draft minutes from the following meetings were shared ahead of the Board Meeting. There were no questions about these minutes.

- a. Special Education Advisory Committee – May 17, 2018.
- b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee – June 4, 2018.
- c. First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Advisory Committee – June 5, 2018.
- d. Faith and Equity Committee – April 26, 2018.

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report.

Michelle Griepsma reported that the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association is seeing a host location for the CCSTA AGM and Conference for the Spring of 2020.

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and the Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir is exploring the idea of hosting the event at the Deerhurst Resort or in Collingwood.

There was discussion as to whether the Board would be in a position to assist in the co-hosting duties that would be required with this type of national event. Michelle Griepsma will seek more information on the matter.

2. Trustee Reports:

a. OCSTA Regional Meetings, Ottawa, September 19, 2018.

3. Trustees' Committee Reports:

Linda Ainsworth reported on her attendance at the New Trustee Orientation, which was held at the Catholic Education Centre on Monday, September 24, 2018. It was a good opportunity to share insights and wisdom. Another session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee, Dan Demers reported that a consultation meeting was held on Monday, September 24, 2018, at the Catholic Education Centre regarding the Holy Cross Field and Track Project. There were staff members present, as well as attendees from Holy Cross staff, residents of the condos next door and from the general public.

Residents were given the opportunity to place their concerns and, overall the session was appreciated by the attendees.

a. Special Education Advisory Committee, June 21, 2018.

b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, September 17, 2018.

c. First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Advisory Committee, September 18, 2018.

4. Toonies for Tuition

It was reported that Friday, November 30, 2018, will be a system-wide fundraising day in PVNC schools for 'Toonies for Tuition' which is a Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association (CCSTA) initiative.

L. Future Meetings:

1. Board Standing Committee Meetings:

a. Policy Development Meeting, October 2, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

b. Governance Committee Meeting, October 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

c. Regular Board Meeting, October 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

2. Other Committee Meetings:

a. Special Education Advisory Committee, September 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

b. STSCO Governance Committee Meeting, October 3, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

c. Faith and Equity Committee Advisory Meeting, October 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

d. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Meeting, October 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

- e. Accessibility for All Committee, October 16, 2018, 1:15 p.m.
- f. Student Council Liaison Committee, October 23, 2018, 4:15 p.m.
- g. Audit Committee, November 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
- h. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, November 21, 2018, 4:30 p.m.
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting – TBA

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the In-camera Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Ruth Ciraulo

That the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the in-camera session, as follows:

A. Call to Order:

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- 4. The minutes of the June 26, 2018 Regular In-camera Meeting were approved.
The minutes of the June 26, 2018 Special In-camera Meeting were approved.
The minutes of the August 7, 2018 Special In-camera Meeting were approved.
The minutes of the September 5, 2018 Special In-camera Meeting were approved.

D. Business, Finance and Governance:

- 1. OCSTA In-Camera Session Report
- 2. OAPCE Membership

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer.

The Chairperson, Mrs. Michelle Griepsma, requested Mr. Dan Demers lead the group in Closing Prayer.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Dan Demers, seconded by David Bernier
that the meeting adjourn at 9:53 p.m.

Carried.

M. Griepsma
Board Chairperson

M. Nasello
Director of Education
per M.K.