



Peterborough Victoria  
Northumberland and Clarington  
Catholic District School Board

## Vision

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# FROM THE Boardroom

At the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the Trustees:

### HEARD:

- Learning consultant Heather Michel and superintendent Dawn Michie updated trustees on the progress of the Board's Deep Learning program. Since launching the initiative about five years ago, 80% of PVNC schools are now participating in Deep Learning and there are 14 schools where 25% of all teaching staff are implementing Deep Learning in the classroom. The Board will be hosting a number of Deep Learning expos this year where students who have benefited from the approach will share their learning with educators interested in learning more about Deep Learning and Learning Support Services has initiated a webinar series to continue promoting Deep Learning board-wide.
- Senior student trustee Calahndra Brake and junior student trustee Eveline Fisher presented to the Board about concerns raised by PVNC students in response to recent education system changes announced by the Ontario government. Students have raised concerns about a number of issues including changes to the average high school class size and mandatory e-learning courses. Students will continue to exercise their student voice through letter-writing to local MPPs and the Minister of Education and by advocating through the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO), which will continue to dialogue with the government about the planned changes.

### APPROVED:

- the proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Wells of Hope student excursion to Guatemala, Central America, from April 15 to April 24, 2020, in principle.
- that the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board request that the provincial government delay changes to the Autism Plan in Ontario until the new school year in order to accommodate and transition the entrance of students into the education system AND that the provincial government be requested to fully fund additional supports for new and part-time students entering the school system as a result of changes to the Ontario Autism Plan.
- that the Chair of the Board send a letter to the Minister of Education and Minister of Training, Universities and Colleges that highlights the support for:
  - a) The provincial government to provision more resources for more non-repayable grants that supports students aspiring to enter post-secondary education to low- and middle-income students to ensure all Ontario students have equitable access to the education they desire,

- b) Devising a post-secondary education loan system which will support students and allow for practical repayment,
  - c) Engaging all education stakeholders, including students and parents, school boards and trustees' associations in consultation when making decisions regarding funding reforms, and
  - d) That the following stakeholders also receive a copy of the letter: the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Student Trustees' Association, parliamentary assistants to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Members of Provincial Parliament from Durham, Peterborough- Kawartha, Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, the education critics of the Ontario political parties and chairs and directors of Ontario provincial school boards.
- That the PVNC Director of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education highlighting the local impacts related to changes to class-size averages, e-learning, special education funding and autism, health and physical education curriculum, mathematics curriculum and funding cuts.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

Regular Board Meeting - In-Camera	May 28, 2019	6 p.m.	Boardroom
Regular Board Meeting - Open	May 28, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Committee of the Whole	May 13, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Policy Development Committee	May 21, 2019	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Boardroom
<b>OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>			
Accessibility for All Committee	May 14, 2019	1:15 p.m.	Boardroom
Audit Committee	TBD	6:30 p.m.	Seminar Room
Catholic Parent Engagement Committee	June 3, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Faith and Equity Advisory Committee	May 2, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Large Boardroom
First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Advisory Committee	June 4, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
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Special Education Advisory Committee	May 20, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
STSCO Governance Meeting	May 29, 2019	3:00 p.m.	STSCO Offices
Student Liaison Committee	May 28, 2019	4:15 p.m.	Seminar Room
Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting	TBD	3 p.m.	Seminar Room
<b>CONFERENCES AND EVENTS (chronological order)</b>			
Catholic Education Week	May 5-10, 2019		
Catholic Student Leadership Awards	May 8, 2019	7 p.m.	Holy Cross CSS, Peterborough
CPEC and Catholic School Council Appreciation Event	May 15, 2019	6 p.m.	St. Stephen CSS, Bowmanville
CCSTA 2018-2019 AGM and Conference	May 30-June 1, 2019		Canmore, Alberta

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