



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Present * = (via video conference)

Trustees: Mary Ann Martin (Committee Chairperson), Kevin MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Loretta Durst, Mike Ayotte, Joshua Glover, Jenny Leahy, Kathleen Tanguay.

Administration: Jeannie Armstrong, Joan Carragher, Jonathan Di Ianni, Isabel Grace, Stephen O'Sullivan, Julie Selby, Sheila Piggott.

Guests: Madelyn Gaskell, (Student Trustee), Siobhán Marie * (Senior Student Trustee)

Regrets:

Recorder: Amy McLeod

A. Call to Order:

1. Mary Ann Martin led the Committee-of-the-Whole open session with an opening prayer.
2. Mary Ann Martin, acknowledged that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabeg.
3. Approval of Open Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Joshua Glover, that the Open Meeting Agenda be accepted.

Carried.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole – Open Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Motion: Moved by Jenny Leahy, seconded by Kathleen Tanguay, that the Draft Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Open Meeting, held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions / Presentations:

1. Clarington Boundary Review Update

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, provided an update to the committee on the boundary review in Clarington. Isabel reviewed the current state of the Clarington Catholic schools as well as projected enrolment towards 2030. The plan is to continue to pursue a new Clarington Catholic school in Bowmanville.. Senior team is looking at all possibilities to alleviate accommodation pressures in the meantime including review and possible temporary adjustment of catchment areas to balance out school capacities, specifically St. Joseph CES and St. Elizabeth CES. Isabel and Julie Selby met with the parent councils for both schools to commence discussions and answer any questions. A parent survey has also gone out to the school communities to gather feedback. There will be ongoing work to review and analyze data gathered which will assist the Board on deciding best options for the school community in the interim. The committee asked questions and Isabel answered.

Motion: Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Mike Ayotte, that the Committee-of-the-Whole accept the report.

Carried.

C. Information Items:

1. School by School Enrolment October 31, 2022

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, reviewed enrolment data for each school gathered in October of this year. The figures help the Board determine the trajectory of enrolment for the coming years which assists in planning for those capacities. The Board is looking at capability of expansions at some schools as well as space for portable additions. Recently, for St. Joseph CES in Douro a business case to replace portables with a classroom addition was put forward to the Ministry and was approved. Construction is underway. Other schools may be eligible for similar expansions in the coming years. Committee asked questions and Isabel answered.

Motion: Moved by Joshua Glover, seconded by Mike Ayotte, that the Committee-of-the-Whole accept the report.

Carried.

2. Financial Terms and Information

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, provided the committee with a historical perspective of Board funding. Isabel highlighted the funding formula for school boards as well as an overview of the Board budget process. The evolution of funding has created greater equalities amongst public and Catholic Boards. Isabel also shared Financial terms to ensure the newly elected trustees were aware of the Board funding and finances. Isabel highlighted Ministry reports and significant reporting dates. The committee asked questions and Isabel answered.

Motion: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Loretta Durst, that the Committee-of-the-Whole accept the report.

Carried.

D. Old Business:

There was no old business.

E. New Business:

There was no new business.

F. Next Meeting:

1. January 16, 2023
6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

Isabel Grace led the Closing Prayer.

2. Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Mike Ayotte, seconded by Kathleen Tanguay, that the Committee-of-the-Whole Open Meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

Mary Ann Martin
Committee Chairperson

Isabel Grace
Superintendent of Business and Finance

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