

The Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

Present

* = (via video conference)

Trustees:

Chair Martin, Trustee MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Trustee Durst, Trustee Ayotte, Trustee Glover, Trustee Tanguay, Trustee Leahy, Student Trustee Marie (Senior Student Trustee), Student Trustee Gaskell (Junior Student Trustee).

Administration:

Director Carragher, Superintendent Armstrong, Superintendent Heuchert, Superintendent O'Sullivan, Superintendent Di Ianni, Superintendent Piggott, Superintendent Selby.

Guests:

Mr. Eagle, Ms. Irwin, Ms. Sawula

Regrets:

Recorder:

Mrs. McLeod

A. **Call to Order:**

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Piggott led the committee in opening prayer.

2. Superintendent Heuchert 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.

Chair Martin proposed an amendment to the agenda that information item C1, Capital Projects, be deferred to the next committee meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Tanguay, that the Open Meeting Agenda be accepted with the proposed amendment.

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 Monday, February 13, 2023.

Trustee Glover requested an amendment be made to the February 13, 2023 Open meeting minutes.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Glover, seconded by Trustee Durst, that the Draft Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole – Open Meeting, held on Monday, February 13, 2023, be approved with the proposed amendment.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions / Presentations:

1. Annual FOI Reporting

Mr. Eagle, Communications Manager, presented to the committee an overview of the Freedom of Information (FOI) reporting, which is a Ministry requirement for the Board. Mr. Eagle provided a statistical review and also discussed the various requests the Board may receive. Mr. Eagle advised of limitations to fulfilling certain requests as well as legislative record retention. Mr. Eagle answered questions asked by the committee.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Trustee Tanguay, that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting accept the presentation.

Carried

C. Information Items:

1. Capital Projects

Agenda item was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

2. St. Elizabeth Boundary Update

Superintendent Heuchert discussed the School Community Parent meeting held earlier this month, acknowledging it was a great turnout of parents and the overwhelming positive response about the

school. Superintendent Heuchert provided the committee with a brief summary of feedback received highlighting that maintaining the status quo would not be considered given the capacity issues the school is facing. There was also a high response from the dedicated email address parents were provided to share their feedback, which Superintendent Heuchert also summarized. Some Trustees spoke to the feedback they received personally and shared their views on the parent meeting. Trustee Glover informed the committee that MPP Todd McCarthy has been informed of the school's situation and has agreed to a tour of the school. Superintendent Heuchert identified the next steps in the decision making process and what the Trustees can expect at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Ayotte, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting accept the report.

Carried

3. Recording of Board Meetings

Superintendent Heuchert presented to the committee an overview of findings collected both internally and provincially around recording of Boardroom and other committee meetings. This information was presented in response to the notice of motion that was put forward at the February Committee of the Whole In-Camera meeting. Superintendent Heuchert discussed various considerations if the Board chose to implement recordings. Some trustees shared their concerns and felt the Board and committee meetings were already transparent to the public by means of publicized agendas, meeting minutes and the option to attend an open meeting in person or virtually.

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

Carried

D. **Old Business:**

1. Notice of Motion brought forward from February 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Trustee Glover presented his motion to strengthen transparency and foster inclusiveness in Board meetings.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Glover, seconded by Chair Martin,

;Whereas, the Roman Catholic Church upholds the principles of transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness, and the Board of Trustees is responsible for upholding these principals in its decision making and operations; and

;Whereas, the Ontario Education Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provide guidance on government transparency and the Trustee Code of Conduct

sets expectations for ethics and integrity; and

;Whereas, promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion is crucial to creating a positive learning environment for all students, as outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code; and

;Whereas, the Board of Trustees has a strategic goal to expand technology and maximize resources, as well as to promote open communication, accountability, innovation, community involvement, and ethical decision-making.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees shall record and make publicly available all board meetings, in accordance with the Ontario Education Act and the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, and in keeping with Roman Catholic Doctrine and the Trustee Code of Conduct.

Motion Failed

E. New Business:

There was no new business.

F. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion:

1. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Trustee Glover, that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Carried

2. Closing Prayer

Superintendent Piggott led the committee in closing prayer.

Mary Ann Martin
Committee Chairperson
/am

Sean Heuchert
Superintendent of Business and Finance