

The Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom and by Google meet. (*)

PRESENT

Trustees: Chair Connolly (Committee Chairperson), Trustee MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Trustee Martin, Trustee Leahy, Trustee Durst, Trustee Tanguay, Trustee Heitzner (Senior Student Trustee)(*), Trustee Peios (Junior Student Trustee)(*).

Absent/Regrets: Superintendent Armstrong.

Administration: Director O'Sullivan, Superintendent Di Ianni, Superintendent Heuchert, Superintendent Selby(*), Superintendent Piggott, Superintendent Kahler, Galen Eagle (Manager of Communications)(*).

Guests:

Recorder: Mrs. Sarah Barker.

A. Call to Order

Trustee Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Di Ianni led the Committee of the Whole in Opening Prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Superintendent Heuchert respectfully acknowledged that the Committee of the Whole meeting is taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that the Committee of the Whole Open Agenda for Monday, February 10, 2025 be accepted.

Carried.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie , that the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting Minutes from Monday, January 13, 2025 be accepted.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Draft 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Darren Kahler, Superintendent, shared his presentation regarding the draft 2025-2026 school year calendar. There was review of the Ministry of Education guidelines in regards to start dates, end dates and professional activity days. PVNC Catholic makes efforts to align their calendar with neighbouring boards to simplify shared busing. PVNC Catholic has requested a modified start date of August 28, 2025 as a P.A. day.

The draft calendar was sent to the PVNC Catholic Engage platform for 2 weeks, and received over 500 responses. Most were satisfied with the draft calendar. There were discussions regarding starting school earlier in August, and adding another school break during the school year, possibly in November. There were concerns regarding air conditioning in classrooms.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board that the draft 2025-2026 school year calendar be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, as required.

Carried.

2. Interim Financial Report Q1

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, briefly went over the summary of revenues, as there has not been any changes since the revised estimates were presented in January. There was a summary of Q1, which represents 25% of our fiscal year, but is 41% of our 10 month school year.

There were discussions regarding labour costs, staff vacancies, transportation costs and the student to chromebook ratio in the schools.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Durst, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the report on the Interim Financial Report Q1.

Carried.

3. Northglen Boundary

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, shared a presentation regarding feedback for the proposed Northglen boundaries, received through the PVNC Engage platform. A modified out of boundary process was created for those living in the Brookhill, Concession Road 3 and Orono-Mosport areas. The offered legacy was slightly modified, after receiving community feedback.

There were discussions regarding the utilization numbers in the schools, and the expected time frames and capacities going forward.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the Northglen Boundary Report.

Carried.

C. Information Items:

1. Budget Review Process

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, shared the budget review process presentation.

There was discussion regarding the election expected on February 27, 2025, and the possibility of budget changes based on the outcome.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Durst, that the Committee of the Whole receive the Budget Process Review Report.

Carried.

2. Annual Freedom of Information Reporting (FOI)

Galen Eagle, Manager of Communications, shared the Annual Freedom of Information Reporting presentation. Every year a report from PVNC Catholic is submitted to the Information Privacy Commissioner Office regarding the freedom of information requests received. The presentation included the process and fees for FOI requests, as well as exemptions. PVNC Catholic had 5 requests in 2024.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Committee of the Whole receive the FOI Annual Reporting Report.

Carried.

3. Notre Dames CES Update

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, advised the Capital Priorities Submission for Notre Dame CES was denied. The Ministry was focusing on accommodation pressure and facility conditions. The net present value did not meet the criteria, and there is a need for a higher renewal cost. PVNC Catholic hired a third party organization to do an updated assessment of the renewal needs, as the previous data was 8 years old. The Ministry does not consider third party assessments, and has advised PVNC Catholic will be made a priority when doing their next facility assessments.

There were discussions regarding the options to meet the immediate needs of Notre Dame CES.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Tanguay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the Notre Dame CES Update.

Carried.

D. Old Business:

There were no old business items.

E. New Business

Stephen O'Sullivan, Director of Education, wanted to thank and acknowledge the conversations happening regarding the renaming of the PVNC Catholic School Board. There have been strong feelings relayed from the unions, staff and parents. There was a month long online consultation that resulted in 71% in support of the name change. PVNC Catholic will be moving forward with the name change.

There were concerns relating to costs and priorities, but students remain the top priority and no resources or classroom supports will be affected. This will be done in a phased approach, and is part of the Multi Year Strategic Planning. Fostering faith based learning for our students remains the top priority.

F. Next Meeting:

1. March 17, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
2. April 7, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
3. May 12, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
4. June 2, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer

Superintendent Di Ianni led the committee in closing prayer.

2. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Board Chairperson Mackenzie, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Carried.



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Minutes

John Connolly
Committee Chairperson
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Sean Heuchert
Superintendent of Business
and Finance