



Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Wendy Ashby, Linda Cuff, Kathy Doherty-Masters, Sally Fuentes, David Guerin, Marisa Phillips, Robert Sikora, Tracey Weiler (Interim Chair)

Student Trustees Present:

Chloe Armstrong, Anika Fejerpataky

Administrative Officials Present:

Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, Paul Mendonca, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Renee Kraft

Recorder:

Alice Figueiredo, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The meeting opened with prayer by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgment

Declared by Interim Chair Weiler.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Interim Chair Weiler noted amendments to the agenda, Section 3, Item 3.2 and 3.3, say for information, however, they are for approval.

2022-118-- It was moved by Trustee Doherty-Masters and seconded by Trustee Ashby:

THAT the agenda for Monday, November 28, 2022, as amended, be now approved.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.4.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.4.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

1.5 Items for Action

NIL

1.6 Oath of Office

Trustee Phillips, Guerin and Sikora took their Oath of Office.

2 Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g. day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)

3 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes – Oct. 25, 2022

3.1.2 Special Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes – Nov. 7, 2022

3.1.3 Board of Trustees' AGM Minutes – Nov. 21, 2022

3.2 Audit Committee Annual Report

3.3 Financial Statements/Year End Report

3.4 Audit Committee Minutes – Sept. 20, 2022

Interim Chair Weiler requested a mover and seconder for the approval of consent agenda.

2022-119- It was moved by Trustee Cuff and seconded by Trustee Fuentes:

THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved.

--- Carried by consensus.

4 Delegations

5 Advice from the CEO

5.1 Multilingual Language Learners

Superintendent Mendonca introduced the Multilingual Language Learners report and presenter Barbara McCourt, Student Achievement Consultant ML K-10. The presentation included information on decoding acronyms, registration process for MLLs to the Board, data and local and provincial connections. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback.

5.2 Special Education Update

Superintendent Foran introduced the Special Education Update and presenters, Antonietta Leonardo, Special Education Liaison, Tee Battistella, Senior Manager of Special Education and Erin Lemak, Principal of Student Services & Education and Community Partnership Programs. The presentation included Right to Read Implementation, Project SEARCH and Special Education professional development update. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback.

5.3 Sweeney Recommendations Update

Director Dowling provided Trustees an update in response to the provincial review of the incident at John Sweeny CES. Recommendations were reviewed along with work of the Board in response to the review. Trustee requested that the report be brought forward in April of 2023. At that time, it will be determined if it will become an annual report. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback.

5.4 Director's Update

Director Dowling reported on local and provincial events attended for the month of November. Trustees asked clarifying questions surrounding EQAO and provided feedback.

6. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

7.1 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustees Armstrong and Fejerpataky provided an update on events in the school community along with Student Trustee Role update for the month of November.

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8.1 OCSTA/CCSTA Communications

Interim Chair Weiler reviewed OCSTA communications.

9 Policy Discussion

10 Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10.1.1 Board Policy Review

Trustee Weiler confirmed review of Board Policy II 004 Advocacy and Advertising and motioned that the Board was in Compliance. It was recommended that the policy be reviewed at Governance to discuss advocacy activities.

2022-120 -- It was moved by Trustee Weiler and seconded by Trustee Fuentes:

THAT the Board of Trustees reviewed Board Policy II 004 Advocacy and Advertising and find that the Board is in compliance.

--- Carried by consensus.

11 Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

12 Potential Agenda Items

13 Announcements

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events

Trustees discussed upcoming events.

13.2 Pending Items: N/A

13.3 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration: N/A

14 Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

Interim Chair Weiler noted items for the next meeting.

15 Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight.

15.1 Confirm Decisions made tonight

16 Closing Prayer

17 Motion to Adjourn

2022-121-- It was moved by Trustee Doherty-Masters and seconded by Trustee Sikora:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:25 p.m.



Chair of the Board



Secretary