



Special Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Linda Cuff (Vice-Chair), Winston Francis, David Guerin, Marisa Phillips*, Renée Kraft, Robert Sikora (Chair), Conrad Stanley, Tracey Weiler

*- arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Student Trustees Present:

Allison-Hannah Berwick

Administrative Officials Present:

Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, Paul Mendonça, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets: Judy Merkel

Absent: Matteo Leone

Recorder:

Stephanie Medeiros, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 4.7, when a decision is reached by consensus, the minutes of the Meeting shall indicate a decision by consensus with the notation in the minutes that consensus means the decision was supported by all Trustees present and eligible to vote on a matter. Under Board by-law 4.11 Whenever a vote is required, every Trustee present when a vote is taken, including the Chair but excluding any Trustee who has declared a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as required by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 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

Trustee Guerin led opening prayer.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgment

Territorial Acknowledgment declared by Chair Sikora.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Chair Sikora motioned for approval of the agenda.

**2025-45-- It was moved by Trustee Cuff and seconded by Trustee Francis:
THAT the agenda for Monday, March 3, 2025, be now approved.**

--- Carried by *consensus*

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.4.1 From the current meeting – Statement from Trustee Phillips declaring a Conflict of Interest on item 5.1 Southeast Galt Boundary Review – Initial Boundary Review Report as she resides within the boundary.

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

1.5 Items for Action:

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)

4. Delegations

5. Advice from the CEO

5.1 Southeast Galt Boundary Review – Initial Boundary Review Report

Jennifer Passy, the Planning Manager, delivered the Initial Boundary Review Report for the Southeast Galt Boundary Review. The presentation provided context and rationale for the review in relation to the new school, indicating that St. Anne, Cambridge, Holy Spirit, and St. Vincent de Paul schools would be impacted by the boundary changes. It included projected enrollment statistics and focused on the preferred alternative, option 1, while also evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of option 2.

Visual aids, including maps of the affected region, were shared to help Trustees understand the proposed boundary modifications. Additionally, the presentation outlined the public engagement timeline, highlighting the dates for CSAC meetings and a public open house. Trustees asked clarifying questions.

2025-46-- It was moved by Trustee Kraft and seconded by Trustee Francis:

1. That the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Southeast Galt Boundary Review to include Holy Spirit CES, St. Anne (C) CES and St. Vincent de Paul CES for the purposes of establishing an attendance boundary for the new Southeast Galt Catholic elementary school.

--- Carried by consensus

2025-47-- It was moved by Trustee Weiler and seconded by Trustee Kraft:

2. That the Board of Trustees identify Trustee Guerin and Trustee Sikora to attend scheduled Catholic School Advisory Committee (CSAC) meetings and public open house.

--- Carried by consensus

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

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

9. Policy Discussion

10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

12. Potential Agenda Items

13. Announcements

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events: N/A

13.2 Pending Items: N/A

13.3 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration: N/A

14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

15. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight.


15.1 The Recording Secretary confirmed decisions made tonight.

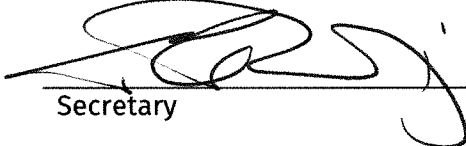
16. Closing Prayer – Deferred to Committee of the Whole

17. Motion to Adjourn

2025-48-- It was moved by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Cuff:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:25 p.m.


Chair of the Board


Secretary