MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Luz del Rosario called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. National Anthem

The Chair acknowledged and thanked Martina Cortiz, Kibwe Thomas and Sole Power Productions for permission to use their recorded version of the national anthem.

3. Opening Prayer

Trustees Brea Corbet and Stefano Pascucci led the Opening Prayers.

a. Declaration of Office and the Student Trustee Oath for: Jia Sharma, Raheem White and Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne

Director Mazzorato, Secretary to the Board, administered the Declaration of Office and Oath for Catholic School Trustees with Raheem White, Jia Sharma and

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci – family member belongs to OECTA
2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca – family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026
3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci – family member belongs to OECTA

Motion 1260 (24-08-27)
Moved by Stefano Pascucci
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM K.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2024

Trustee Brea Corbett advised of correction to Questions Asked by Trustees, #6 should read St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School (SS).

Director Mazzorato: The correction is noted.

Motion 1261 (24-08-27)
Moved by Anisha Thomas
Seconded by Paula Damette-Giovannozzi

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 18, 2024, EXCLUDING ITEM A7 ITEM K1, BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We have 99 secondary and 314 elementary students registered. Enrolment is open for three more weeks.

E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Shawn Xaviour advised that the first meeting of the new school year will be September 6, 2024. The official Catholic Education Week (CEW) song will be released shortly. The song was created and is sung by former DPCDSB teacher Nancy Bodsworth. We welcome the new Minister of Education, Judy Dunlop. The Toronto Catholic District School Board will host the fall regional meeting, please register via Michelle Vritsios.

b. Student Voice Report

Student Voice Report: Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne and Student Trustees Jia Sharma (North) and Raheem White (South) introduced themselves and Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne spoke in Anishinaabemowin.

We are grateful to be here before you today as we begin as student trustees representing the diverse and talented student body of DPCDSB, and we are excited to present our first student voice report.

This year we hope to increase collaboration between all our student advisory groups by having a joint meeting at some point throughout the year. Elementary student voice and engagement will continue to be a priority, while considering student well being, and additional educational experiences in diversity and equity.

Some initiatives that we look forward to this year are to continue hosting the elementary leadership conference in partnership with our mental health champions. Additionally, we are looking forward to continuing to develop the Elementary Student Advisory Council.

We are excited to have our first Student Senate Meeting in late September where we will meet with our newly elected senate to discuss continuing projects from last year, and goals for the upcoming school year.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What is the schedule and frequency of meeting with the elementary panel to gather their input?

   Student Trustee Raheem White: We plan to meet in late September and again in June, with different dates for each Family of Schools. The meetings will include the Mental Health and Well Being Champions

   Director Mazzorato: Staff can provide a detailed schedule in Issues and Events.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: It would be beneficial to meet more than twice a year to gather input from the elementary student voice.

   Director Mazzorato: We can review the possibility

3. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: In May/June, we talked about the possibility of having an arena gathering of students, can staff provide an update?

   Director Mazzorato: With the assistance of Superintendent Murphy, we have had preliminary discussions and will provide an update in Issues and Events.

c. Good News Reports

Trustee Bruno Iannicca
Mississauga Wards 7
On behalf of myself, staff and the school community at Mary Fix CES we are incredibly grateful to Acting Superintendent Moriah and his team for taking care of the skunk problem around Mary Fix CES over the summer.

Student Trustee Raheem White-South
Commented on the remarkable success of the Focus on Youth Camp held over the summer at Ascension of Our Lord CSS. Many students from Grade 4 to 8 attended and secondary students were leaders. This was a wonderful experience. We hope the funding continues as this is an excellent program for the Malton Community.

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Receipt of the Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, May 9, 2024

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Retirement: S. Gos, Superintendent – Director Mazzorato

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Silvana Gos. Unfortunately, Silvana was not able to attend this evening. Silvana has been a fervent Catholic leader, and mentor, who has dedicated an incredible 26 years to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB).

Throughout Silvana's tenure, her unwavering commitment to education, passion for fostering a nurturing learning environment, and dedication to the well-being of students and staff have left an indelible mark on several school communities. Under her guidance, many schools have not only achieved academic excellence but have become environments for growth, compassion, and inclusivity.

Silvana's career with Dufferin-Peel began in 1998 as a teacher at St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School (CES). Silvana also taught at St. Alfred CES, Queen of Heaven CES, Holy Cross CES. In 1993 began teaching in the secondary panel at St. Paul CSS. Silvana took on the role of department head at St. Paul CSS and St. Augustine CSS before becoming a vice principal in 2001 at Father Michael Goetz CSS.

Silvana served as both a vice-principal and principal at Holy Name of Mary CSS from 2002-2012, moving to Ascension of Our Lord CSS in 2012. Silvana became principal of St. Marguerite d'Youville CSS in 2016. Her leadership journey led her to become Superintendent of Mississauga North in 2017 and finally as Superintendent of Mississauga South from 2020-2024.

Beyond her leadership vocation, Silvana has created an environment where every student and staff member feels valued, heard, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Her

commitment to fostering a sense of community, rooted in faith and shared values, has created a lasting legacy that will continue to shape the character of many school communities.

5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Why would we need to shutter other classrooms?

   Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Based on the population of the day school, which is operating under capacity throughout the week. If more students attended through the weekend program, we would need to shutter classrooms to accommodate 300 elementary students.

6. Trustee Herman Viloria: As the former Principal of Continuing Education, I found the Polish ILP a very vibrant Catholic cultural community. Perhaps funding can come from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. If we run both elementary and secondary programs at St. Pio Pietrelcina CES what would the cost be?

   Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: As seen in Table 1 of the report we would require and additional site supervisor, the cost of shuttering classrooms, technology costs and additional custodial costs, which would cost $28,728 for the first year and almost $12,000 for subsequent years.

7. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Has staff spoken to the community, other than to the delegates about the findings that 61% of those enrolled live closest to St. Joseph CSS?

   Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We have spoken to the delegates and some community members, and they state that there are more cultural opportunities closer to John Cabot CSS.

   Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Commented that it seems logical that with the reduced costs and the fact that 61% of students registered are living closest to St. Joseph CSS that the program be there.

3. Ministry of Education Program Changes and Curriculum Update Report

   Superintendents Murphy summarized the report.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: In the report it says that Grade 9 students of this year will take the financial literacy test in their Grade 10 year based on work covered in Grade 1 through 9, how will they be evaluated on work that they did not cover earlier?

   Superintendent Murphy: For the first batch of students, we have the components and expectations in order to prepare the students for the Grade 10 test. We are confident under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent, Math Lead Wendling, students will have interest and success with learning about money and finance.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Regarding the Technology Education credit, do we have enough materials and facilities to accommodate the requirement, (i.e. in automotive- will there be enough cars to work on, or in woodworking- do we have enough saws and nails)?

   Superintendent Murphy: Due to the release date by the Ministry, there has not been enough time to review and digest all the requirements, however they have given us leeway to interpret the information and support all learners equitably with what we have. We are reviewing finances to establish how we can assist.

3. Trustee Brea Corbet: “All students entering Grade 9 in September 2024 will now have 10% of their final grade in their course derived from their EQAO assessment.” Can staff explain the grade breakdown?

   Superintendent Murphy: The final exam and/or culminating performance task (CPT) are worth 30% and term work is 70%. We await direction from the Ministry on the details of how that 10% fits into the overall grade.

4.

Motion 1264 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT
, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1265 (24-08-27)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE
, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1266 (24-08-27)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT
, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1267 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE RESCISSION OF
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CARRIED

Motion 1268 (24-08-27)
Moved by Anisha Thomas
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT
, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1269 (24-08-27)
Moved by Paula Damette Giovannozzi
Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT
, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1270 (24-08-27)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT
AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1271 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by

6. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can staff clarify if this requirement is only for elected Board of Trustees, not Student Trustees?

   Director Mazzorato: That is correct, this is regarding attendance by the Board of Trustees.

7. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff remind administrators of the importance of not scheduling graduations, school events or Catholic School Council (CSC) meetings on Tuesdays?

   Director Mazzorato: We continue to remind administrators and Family of School superintendents.

Motion 1272 (24-08-27)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Paula Damette Giovannozzi

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT, REVISED
AND
, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

3. Capital Priorities Program 2024-2025

Manager Stephanie Cox summarized the report.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: I understand that the Mount Pleasant CSS was declined by the Ministry, will we appeal the decision?

   Manager Stephanie Cox: That is correct, it was declined in the last round. One of the main factors in the change from last year to this year is that new residential

Motion 1273 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CAPITAL PRIORITIES PROGRAM SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR 2025-2024

CARRIED

4. Policy Amendments for Compliance with Policy/Program Memoranda (PPM) 128 and PPM 170

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino summarized the report.

1. Trustee Brea Corbett: I recall that our board was looking to arrange Vaping and Cannabis guest speaker(s) for the upcoming school year with messaging to our school communities. Is there an update that can be provided?

   Superintendent Scigliano: Unfortunately, our guest speaker in May 2024 had to cancel due to family matters. We are in communication, and I will provide an update following the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) meeting.

2. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi: In GAP 530.00 staff added a list of prohibited behaviours, "; taking or sharing photos or recordings of others without their consent." Can staff amend the language to read "and" rather than "or"?

   Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We can make that change.

3. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Do we have an outline of what will occur if a student does not comply with the new PEDs policy?

   Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: As part of the PPM, there are very explicit consequences for non-compliance and details are to be shared with students and their families. At the Director's meeting we did review with administrators and have requested feedback from their teachers once the students return to school and adjust to the policy.

   Director Mazzorato: The Ministry has provided more strength for educators to take action if students continue to be distracted. There are expectations for all students, staff and parents/guardians. We hope with clear consequences students will comply. Progressive discipline will be applied as needed. The expectations will be communicated to families via SchoolMessenger and opening assemblies for students. Trustees will be advised of progress.

4. Student Trustee Raheem White: Why is it not recommended for teachers to take phones or PEDs from students?

   Director Mazzorato: It is in a teacher's purview to take away a device. What we suggest is that the teacher sends the student to the office to have the administrator deal with the phone. We encourage progressive discipline. These are expensive devices, and we are reluctant to invest in lock boxes for classrooms.

5. Student Trustee Raheem White: What if a phone is confiscated and is damaged, who is responsible?

   Director Mazzorato: We will have to review case by case.

Motion 1274 (24-08-27)
Moved by Stefano Pascucci
Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED
AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1275 (24-08-27)
Moved by Darryl D'Souza
Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED
AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1276 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED
AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

5. Revised Policy 1.02: Code of Conduct – Trustee

Director Mazzorato summarized the report.

Motion 1277 (24-08-27)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT,
AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

6. Revised Policy 1.10: Admissions Policy

Director Mazzorato summarized the report.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: If we admitted non-Catholics we would not be in compliance with the . We have in the past made exceptions on a case by case basis to allow a non-Catholic to attend DPCDSB. In section 2.6 of Policy 1.06 it states that elementary principals can admit students of another faith. I would like every case to come through the Director of Education and that a report be provided every three months of non-Catholic students permitted to attend Duffer-Peel.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we ensure that all schools adhere to the policy to ensure consistency, and that all Catholic School Council (CSC) Chair and Co-Chairs are asked if they would like to sit on the podium with other special guests/speakers.

   Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Following each board meeting we share all changes to policies and general administrative procedures (GAPs) at the monthly Director's Webcast. We also review graduation expectations in the new year as plans get underway for spring graduations.

2. Trustee Luz del Rosario: If both CSC Chair and Co-Chair are present do both speak?

   Director Mazzorato: We can articulate in the policy that in the case of a Chair and Co Chair and both wishing to speak that they should share the allotted time, or one may

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O. Adjournment

Motion 1284 (24-08-27)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Brea Corbet

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