



February 10, 2020

Catholic Education Centre,
Terrace Bay, ON

Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Trustees:

- Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board
- Amanda Monks, Vice-Chair of the Board
- Marline Ilijow
- Shirley Jean
- Kristy Lachance (Excused Absence)
- Chereyl Marino
- Hugh McCorry
- Lawrence McParland
- Lilliana McPherson

Administration:

- Maria Vasanelli, Director of Education
- Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education
- Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education
- Leah Vanderwey, Superintendent of Education
- Barry Biggs, Plant & Field Services Manager
- James Salo, Assistant Plant & Field Services Manager

- Cheryl Speziale, Assistant Human Resources Manager
- George Scott, Finance Manager
- Daniel Mulligan, Assistant Finance Manager

Guests

- Father Terry Sawchuk
- Ben Jewiss, St. Brigid Catholic School Principal
- Colleen Sheriff, Indigenous Education Lead

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer

1. Opening Liturgy

Meeting began at 12:35 pm with Chair Wawia in the Chair. Prayer was led by Father Terry Sawchuk. The Identification of Ancestral Territories for Speaking Engagements was read by Trustee Wawia.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #6/20

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McCorry

THAT the agenda for Board meeting #2/20 being held on February 10, 2020, be accepted as received.

Carried.

Resolution #7/20

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee Lachance from attending Board Meeting #2/20 held February 10, 2020.

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #8/20

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the minutes for the Board Meeting #1/20 held January 13, 2020, be accepted as received.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. Presentations

- a. Mr. Ben Jewiss, Principal, St. Brigid Catholic School

Trustee Wawia welcomed Mr. Jewiss to the meeting. The staff at St. Brigid have a strong sense of knowing the learning using Zones of Regulation, PRIME and the Third Path. Collaboration with coterminous schools and receiving knowledge from Indigenous and parish elders, participating in learning without borders using 21st-century technology. Annual Gichigiiwdein Games where the students participate in the games and now have opportunities to share their knowledge with coterminous boards as well as St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima.

Their Passion Project is a major initiative in the school this year. Each week, students are given time to work on a project that interests them. This is a cross-curricular initiative that includes media literacy, managing budget and finance - soft skills including effective communication and leadership. The result is students developing into lifelong and energetic learners who are passionate about their Catholic culture as well as developing positive relationships.

Trustee Wawia thanked Mr. Jewiss for his present and Mrs. Vasanelli thanked Mr. Jewiss for his leadership up in the North.

- b. Ms. Colleen Sheriff, Indigenous Education Lead

Focus on the Ministry of Education First Nation, Metis and Inuit Framework, Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, our communities, students and our schools. Work toward equitable outcomes for indigenous students and supporting professional development with staff. Currently have education service agreements with Red Rock, Pays Plat and Ginoogaming First Nations. Students that live within their communities attend our system.

Cultural Awareness Appreciation training is ongoing with our school Principals. Professional Development continues for all staff within our schools including Truth and Reconciliation training with Dr. Pamela Toulouse, knowledge exchange, Culturally Responsive Math and Native Language and Culture Teachers monthly Professional Learning Communities. Our Board-wide Indigenous Professional Development is May 8, 2020.

Indigenous Education Important Dates 2019-20 School Year Calendar was shared with Trustees. Activities to gain a better understanding are planned around these dates for all staff and students. Local First Nations also run events throughout the year that are usually open to everyone. Indigenous Education is embedded in all areas of the curriculum including art, physical ed and math. When students attend these cultural events they may be recognized as Cultural Day so we can have a statistical following and these are okay days to have students absent from school.

Ms. Sheriff shared the Grade 7½ Resource Project that was piloted at St. Edward Catholic School. Student comments shared regarding the project were positive and that it includes lots of historical information, kid-friendly with colourful text. This program will now be purchased and rolled out to other schools. The program with teachers guide and resource videos available online.

Experiential Learning and Ontario Art Council proposal projects including the Our Lady of Fatima Woodland Art and Mini Pow Wow. This opportunity empowered our educator to be creative and focus on experiential and indigenous and is bringing in community and parent engagement. Taught students how to paint art and had a mini pow wow at the end of January. Ginoogaming provided the feast, organized members to run the feast, Victor from Ginoogaming, Doug Bedwash and Judy Desmoulin from Long Lac 58 and the public board.

Great Lakes cultural camp visiting our schools to teach our students about deer hide tanning. STH, STE attended at the High School which also provided transition opportunities for our students.

Ms. Wawia thanked Mrs. Sheriff for her presentation. Ms. Vanderwey, Superintendent of Education thanked both Mr. Jewiss and Mrs. Sheriff for all the work that they do to

support our students and teachers.

6. Reports

a. Student Achievement

i. [Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education](#)

1. [Tracy Bryson - Mental Health Lead](#)

Ms. Desjardins shared the preliminary numbers for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Promotion, welcome evenings and visits will continue in the coming months.

ii. [Rima Mounayer - Superintendent of Education](#)

1. [Peter Kutok and Lena Stahl - Math Leads](#)

2. [Erin Roxborough - Attendance Counsellor](#)

Assistance with the promotion of CPIC (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee) was asked of Trustees. The format has been changed to teleconference and a survey will go out to parents to encourage attendance.

PRO Grant funding - elected to have three projects - PIC Chairs filled out an application and a committee will decide which schools will get the funding. This year there were only 3 schools that applied for the funding.

iii. [Leah Vanderwey - Superintendent of Education](#)

1. [Sarah Clowes - Technology Enabled Learning Teacher](#)

2. [Colleen Sheriff - Indigenous Education Lead](#)

Student Success - A sample Data Digital Wall was shared with Trustees. Digital walls are a helpful tool to use to review data because they can meet through zoom and go over the data wall and be able to focus on what the students are learning. This helps to know the students and know what they are working with and look at students individually. A column of strengths will also be added to the sample digital wall. The

principal is inputting this data and encourages classroom walkthroughs to look for the evidence. The importance of OSR review was indicated.

- b. **Finance** - Mr. George Scott, Manager of Finance [Monthly Report](#)

- i. [Financial Report](#)

Finance met with Anthony Friderich of the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium and Brent Harris of Superior Greenstone School Board to discuss bussing costs and what information we would like to see moving forward. They will work together to create a more detailed invoice that will be paid each month. This will help our Board with budgeting going forward. 25 % reduction on weather days and 50 % reduction on strike days. The Ministry is looking at changing the funding formula on transportation. A task force is being created to look at this funding and improve the current model.

Accounting software systems will be deferred until the summer of 2020 once the OECM works on preferred pricing for school boards for various products.

All money for wages and benefits regarding the teacher strikes must be returned to the Ministry but may claim any expenses that came about as a result of the labour action.

- c. **Plant & Field Services** - [Mr. Barry Biggs, Plant and Field Monthly Report](#)

Small issues at the Catholic Education Centre as part of the renovation are being closed out and completed. Mr. Biggs provided an update to Trustees on the work currently being done in all schools. The goal for the communication systems updates is that by September 1 there will be a lockdown system installed in all schools.

- d. **Information Technology** - [Billy Luby Monthly Report](#)

Video conferencing will be in all schools by next year.

7. Committee of the Whole

Resolution #9/20

Moved by Trustee Monks

Seconded by Trustee McPherson

THAT we resolve into Committee of the Whole with Trustee Wawia in the Chair and that the meeting shall not be open to the public pursuant to Section 207 (2) of the Education

Act (R.S.O., 1980).

Carried.

Resolution #10/20

Moved by Trustee Ilijow

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Board moves out of the Committee of the Whole and reconvenes as a Board in public session and accepts all recommendations contained therein.

Carried.

8. Decision and Action Items

- a. [2018-2019 Annual Director's Report](#)
- b. [Online Version](#)

Resolution #10/20

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board of Trustees approve the 2018-19 Annual Directors report to be submitted to the Ministry and public.

Carried.

- b. [2020-2021 School Year Calendar](#)

Resolution #11/20

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Board approve the modified 2020-2021 school year calendar with the following professional activity days, to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, as presented:

Start Date for Students: Wednesday, **September 2**, 2020.

Last Day of School for Students: Friday, **June 25**, 2021.

Professional Activity Days:

- Monday, August 31, 2020 - Math
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - Health and Safety and ½ Day Bullying Intervention and Prevention
- Friday, October 23, 2020 - Faith Day
- Friday, November 20, 2020 - Mental Health & Well Being
- Friday, January 29, 2021 - Assessment Day
- Friday, April 23, 2021 - Indigenous Education
- Friday, June 11, 2021 - Assessment Day

School Holidays

- September 7, 2020 – Labour Day
- October 12, 2020 – Thanksgiving Day
- December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021 – Christmas Break
- February 15, 2021 – Family Day
- March 15-19, 2021 – March Break
- April 2, 2021 – Good Friday
- April 5, 2021 – Easter Monday
- May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day

Carried.

- c. Policies and Administrative Procedures

Resolution #12/20

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Board approves the following *revised* policies and administrative procedures for distribution:

1. [P-GL 107](#) Performance Appraisal Director of Education
[AP-GL 107](#) Performance Appraisal Director of Education
2. [P-ES 301](#) Antiracism & Ethnocultural Equity
[AP-ES 301](#) Antiracism & Ethnocultural Equity
3. [P-HR 528](#) Drug & Alcohol Use
[AP-HR 528](#) Drug & Alcohol Use
4. [P-T 701](#) Acceptable Use of Computers by Students
[AP-T 701](#) Acceptable Use of Computers by Students
5. [P-T 702](#) Acceptable Use of Technology-Users
[AP-T 702](#) Acceptable Use of Technology-Users
6. [P-T 703](#) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
[AP-T 703](#) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Carried.

9. Information and Discussion Items

- a. OCSTA Business Seminar - April 30, 2020, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm, Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa, ON
 - i. [Preliminary Program](#)
- b. OCSTA 90th Annual General Meeting & Conference - April 30-May 2, 2020, Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa, ON
 - i. [Preliminary Program](#)

Trustees McParland, Jean, McPherson, Marino, Monks, McCorry, Wawia and Lachance will attend the conference. The deadline for early-bird registration is March 20, 2020. The hotel booking deadline is March 31, 2020. Trustee Ilijow will decide if she will attend and confirm with D. Figliomeni.

10. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- a. [Prayer for Safe Travel](#) was read by all those in attendance.

Resolution #13/20

Moved by Trustee Monks

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020, adjourns at 3:36 pm.

Carried.

Originally signed by

Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education