



October 14, 2020, 1:00 pm

Zoom and Catholic Education Centre,
Terrace Bay, ON

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Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Trustees:

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

Administration:

- Maria Vasanelli, Director of Education
- George Scott, Finance Manager
- Barry Biggs, Manager of Plant & Field Services Manager
- Billy Luby, Information Technology Manager
- Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education
- Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education

- Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education
- Valerie Nakani, Manager of Human Resources

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer

The meeting began at 1:05 pm with Trustee Wawia in the Chair.

Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

Prayer

Gentle Mary

Be with us, our schools, our families, our communities and our world, as we draw the strength to radiate light during these uneasy times.

Guide us in this school year.

Be with us, we know God sets the plan, but we must work together for the good of all our students.

Lead us, to proclaim the living God; guide us to bear witness to Jesus, Your Son.

Teach us, to be patient with each other, and to accept our new way of life.

Pray for us, to act justly and walk humbly with God.

Help us, to remember You are a guiding force of light and fill our hearts knowing that we are immeasurably loved by You.

Amen.

Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe and the Métis. We wish to recognize and show respect to the long history and contributions of the First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, as well as, the Inuit People of Canada

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #71/20

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #10/20 being held on October 14, 2020, be accepted as **amended**.

Carried.

The amendment includes the addition of a recommendation for approval of Purchase Order for the Our Lady of Fatima Room Swap Renovation Project.

Resolution #72/20

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee Monks from attending Board Meeting #10/20 held October 14, 2020.

Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution #73/20

Moved by Trustee Ilijow

Seconded by Trustee McCorry

THAT the minutes for the [Board Meeting #9/20 held on September 14, 2020](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

Noted that Trustee LaChance joined late to the September 14, 2020 Board meeting.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Reports

- a. **Principal Presentation**, Tim Griffin, [Our Lady of Fatima](#)

- b. **Student Achievement**
 - i. [Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

As of October 6, 2020, there were 80 students across our system participating in our Remote Learning program. Thanksgiving also marked our first formally scheduled time where students could transition back to their home schools for face to face instruction. Despite this being our original plan, we decided on providing more flexibility and transition to our parents and guardians as we began to understand the demands that remote learning was having. This was well received and the flexibility we offered was utilized by some families. Parents/guardians were asked to allow five school days to notice if they wanted to transition their child sooner so that appropriate safety protocols could be planned and adhered to.

Our Professional Development Faith Day session will be on October 23, 2020. Our theme for Faith Day is in full alignment with the theme for Catholic Education Week (May 2021) and is Nurturing Hope.

ii. [Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

The Mental Health & Well-Being team continues to work collaboratively to support educators, students and parents. Well-Being Blogs are created weekly and then uploaded to the board website, social media sites and sent to Principals for sharing with parents.

The Mental Health Lead (Tracy Bryson) has been engaged in numerous collaborations and committees with the various service providers within our region that continue to offer mental health support to children and families in the District (e.g. Rural Education and Mental Health Collaborative, Greenstone Collaborative, Mental Health Leads Regional Collaborative, etc.).

All schools have received funding for their Breakfast or Snack Programs in their schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to COVID restrictions, these programs must operate very differently this year and September has clearly shown that the program will be considerably more costly to run this year relative to past years

iii. [Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

To support the implementation of a new Math Curriculum, a Mathematical Mindset Questionnaire was created by the Math team and will be conducted to collect qualitative and quantitative data on student's development of Social Emotional Learning Skills. This is a three-point questionnaire to be administered board-wide for students from grade 1 to 8 starting Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Fall 2021.

The Reopening Plan is updated on an ongoing basis. These updates are brought on due to the constantly changing needs and information received from various sources. The

updates are always dated and highlighted in the document in order for staff and the public to have easy access.

c. Finance

i. [George Scott, Manager of Finance Monthly Report](#)

As per O. Reg 357/06, the annual Trustees' Honorarium effective December 1, 2020 was shared with Trustees. An increase in enrolment in 2020-2021 produced an increase of 99 cents for this year.

1. [Financial Report, October 2020](#)

2. [MEMO Trustees' Honorarium](#)

a. [Trustee Remuneration Regulation](#)

d. Information Technology

i. [Billy Luby, IT Manager Monthly Report](#)

IT department has been working to staff and student computers are ready and up to date in case we need to pivot to full remote learning again. Video cameras to connect to the classrooms Interactive panels.

e. Plant & Field Services

i. [Barry Biggs, Plant & Field Services Manager Monthly Report](#)

An update of all work completed in the schools was provided to trustees by Mr. Biggs.

Resolution #74/20

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Board approves the [Purchase Order](#) increase for the St Joseph School Main Entry Renovation Architecture49/WSP Project: 139-12449-63

PO increase the amount by \$4458.17. The original contingency of \$10,000. was exceeded.

Carried.

Resolution #75/20

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Board approves the Purchase Order increase of an additional \$10,579.14 for the Our Lady of Fatima Room Swap Renovation Project. (Purchase Order #26087)

Carried.

Decision and Action Items

n/a

Information and Discussion Items

- a. [OCSTA Memo: Ontario Trustees Called to Serve - Video Communication](#)

Catholic District School Board Chairs across Ontario are invited to create a 1-2-minute video explaining the experience of their calling and the perspective of what it means to be a Catholic school trustee today. Videos and headshots are to be submitted by October 30, 2020.

- b. OCSTA: 2021 January Catholic Trustees Seminar

As a result of recent changes to the restrictions on social gatherings, the annual Catholic Trustees Seminar will now be hosted on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The date for the Seminar is January 15th, though the length of the Seminar may change.

The theme this year is "Forward in Faith and Unity". Further details regarding registration and the program will be provided in the coming weeks.

Committee of the Whole

Resolution #76/20

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee McParland

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 #77/20

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

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.

THAT the Board approves Marline Ilijow and Rita and Maurice Desroches being given the Good Shepherd Award, 2020.

Carried.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honor to You.
Thank You, God, for the time we had today to discuss issues and make decisions.
May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let Your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the week.
Let the work done here tonight come to fruition, and let it all be for Your glory. Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life.
Amen

Resolution #78/20

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on October 14, 2020 adjourn at 3:55 pm.

Carried.

Originally signed by

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Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education