



January 13, 2021, 1:00 pm

Zoom and Catholic Education Centre,  
Terrace Bay, ON

## Board Meeting Agenda Attendance

### Trustees:

- Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board
- Amanda Monks, Vice-Chair of the Board
- 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 (Regrets)
- 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

### Guests

- Betty-Jane Roman-Mercier, Principal St. Edward Catholic School

## Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

### Prayer

Father God

Come be with us today. Fill our hearts with joy.

Fill our minds with learning. Fill our classrooms with peace. Fill our lessons with fun.

Fill our friendships with kindness. Fill our schools with love.

Amen

### Acknowledgement was read by Trustee Monks

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 #1/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #1/21 being held on January 13, 2021, be accepted as **amended**.

The amendment includes the addition of item (b) under Decision and Action Items.

Carried.

## Approval of Minutes

### Resolution #2/21

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #12/20 held on December 7, 2020](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

## Reports

### a. Principal Presentation, Betty-Jane Roman-Mercier

BJ Roman-Mercier, Principal at St. Edward Catholic School shared a presentation celebrating the successes happening at St. Edward Catholic School. Mrs. Mercier highlighted the leadership in the school community and the positive, Faith-based culture where it is evident that staff and students feel safe and students excel in all areas of their development.

[Mrs. Mercier left the meeting]

### b. Student Achievement

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

Due to the new restrictions set out by the Stay at Home Order, Kindergarten Registration Week will look different from previous years. Families will be requested to complete the one-click online registration form and principals will follow up with a phone call to book a tour once the Stay Home Order is lifted.

We have a few English Language Learners in our Board. Our team works with the Ministry to provide educators with the resources and support they require to work with our English Language Learner students.

The Mental Health & Well-being team's new Data Collection tool was recommended by School Mental Health Assist and local agencies. This tool will only store data for our own use and outside agencies will not have access to the information collected.

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

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Survey was sent to all parents through direct email and sharing on the Board website and social media. Received 44 responses. A pivot to distance learning survey was also sent to parents.

iii. [Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

Our Board has 27 teacher and student-led Experiential Projects approved for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Cultural Awareness Training is scheduled for January 20, 2021, for Principals.

There are 72\* students enrolled in our Remote Learning Program (\*data as of January 4, 2021). Pivoting to and from remote learning can be requested with a transition period of 5 days to ensure we allow our schools to ensure we are adhering to the reopening guidelines and allow our educators to prepare to welcome and support students as they transition.

**c. Finance**

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

1. [2020/21 Year to date](#) Financial Report was presented to Trustees.

**d. Plant & Field Services**

- i. [Barry Biggs, Plant & Field Services Manager Monthly Report](#) including current projects occurring in our schools was shared with Trustees.

## Decision and Action Items

**a. Policies and Administrative Procedures**

### Resolution #3/21

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board removes the following policies and administrative procedures from the Board Policies and Administrative Procedures.

1. [P-CP 212](#) Instructional Time for Classroom Teachers
2. [AP-CP 212](#) Instructional Time for Classroom Teachers
3. [P-CP 214](#) School Fundraising (Duplicate of F-412)
4. [AP-CP 214](#) School Fundraising (Duplicate of F-412)

Carried.

They were both duplicates of previous policies.

#### **Resolution #4/21**

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Jean

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

1. [P-HR 503](#) Advertising Announcement Posting & Distribution of Materials
2. [AP-HR 503](#) Advertising Announcement Posting & Distribution of Materials
3. [P-HR 533](#) Employee Conflict Management Protocol
4. [AP-HR 533](#) Employee Conflict Management Protocol

Carried.

#### **b. 2020-12-02 Revised Project Consolidation Proposal**

## Resolution #5/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board approve the [purchase order](#) issued to VIP Energy Services Inc. for the amount of \$164,076.00 for the Real-Time Energy Monitoring Systems as outlined in the [Revised Project Consolidation Proposal 2017-285](#) referred to as OECM -2017-285-05 for a Three Year Term - December 1, 2020-December 31, 2023.

Carried.

## Information and Discussion Items

- a. Intensive Program in Human Rights for School Board Leaders - January 15, 2021

Newly created Intensive Program in Human Rights for School Board Leaders, a program designed for Trustees in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the trustees' associations to inform its design and delivery. A specific session has been developed within this program to include the Catholic faith perspective and considerations within the Catholic school system and the date for Part A of that session is Friday, January 15, 2021. There will be a Part B (that is included in the registration fee) on February 19, 2021, 8:30am -12:30 pm.

Trustee Marino and Trustee McParland have registered for this session. Trustees will share information following the session.

- b. All Northern Boards have received a message from Central Union regarding Health & Safety regarding concerns regarding the return school on January 11, 2021.
- c. Ministry updates were received regarding yesterday's afternoon Stay at Home Order. Boards are required to align their direction with the PHU in which they belong. Ministry and Thunder Bay District Health Unit have recommended Board staff work at home if possible. Masking will be compulsory for students for grades 1-3 and masks be worn outside if physical distancing cannot be maintained.

## Committee of the Whole

### Resolution #6/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McCorry

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 #7/21

Moved by Trustee McParland

Seconded by Trustee Jean

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.

## 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 #8/21

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Lachance

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on January 13, 2021 adjourn at 3:57 pm.

Carried.

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Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board	Maria Vasanelli, Director of Education
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