



February 8, 2021, 1:00 pm

Zoom and 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
- 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

Guests:

- Kyle Thomson, Principal, St. Joseph Catholic School
- Sarah Clowes, Technology Enabled Learning Teacher Contact

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer

Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master Teacher and Saviour,
Please enable us to deeply reflect upon the impact and the importance of the Golden Rule, "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew, 7:12 NRSV)

Help us to accept, include and serve one another with love; to celebrate our diversity; to give us the courage to speak out and speak up against injustice, inequity and hatred in all forms; to open our hearts and minds to cultivate new relationships, and to do our part to repair those that are fractured.

Lord Jesus, guide us to lead like you through your scripture and your teachings and nurture us to remain hopeful, now and always. For this, we ask your blessings.
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 #9/21

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #2/21 held on February 8, 2021, be accepted as

received.

Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution #10/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McPherson

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #1/21 held on January 13, 2021](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Reports

a. [Principal Presentation, Kyle Thomson St. Joseph Catholic School](#)

Mr. Thomson's presentation highlighted the programs and initiatives that are happening at St. Joseph Catholic School.

[K. Thomson left the meeting following his presentation.]

b. [Technology Enabled Learning Teacher \(TELT\) Presentation, S.Clowes](#)

Mrs. Clowes introduced the D2L Brightspace Portfolio Tool and the Xello program to Trustees. D2L is a program used by staff and students for documenting process and growth, formative assessment, creating student-centred digital portfolios and cultivating active learnings. The D2L program is licensed by the Ministry of Education. The Xello program is engaging, fun-to-use software students can access online, even from their phones. It helps them create their very own unique roadmap for future success. The program is used by all staff and students in grades 5 through 8.

[S.Clowes left the meeting following her presentation.]

c. Director's Report

i. [2019-2020 Annual Director's Report](#)

ii. [2020-2024 Strategic Plan](#)

Ms. Vasanelli provided meeting participants with the 2019-2020 Annual Director's Report and the new 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. She gave a brief overview of the process that was followed for the creation of the Strategic Plan. The process has included many stakeholders, and input from all levels of staff within our system has been taken into account. Ms. Vasanelli continued her presentation by explaining the priorities (Faith and Justice, Teaching Excellence, Indigenous Education and Focus on the Future) and highlighted goals from Human Resources, Information Technology, Finance and Plant and Operations included in the Plan.

d. **Student Achievement**

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

Welcome to Kindergarten Registration week was successful in regards to advertising and communication. During this pandemic, we brought our schools to our families virtually. All Kindergarten advertisements are linked to K.Desjardins' monthly report. To date, 41 registrations have been received. Registration numbers for each school were shared with the Trustees.

Thunder Bay District Health Unit no longer forwards a list of Kindergarten age students to schools.

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

The Math Team has been diligently working to bring Professional Development to staff. Positive feedback has been received from teachers and principals and will be shared with the Trustees at a later date.

Attendance Report - a trend is that absenteeism is higher in January and February. R.Mounayer and M.Legacy, Attendance Counsellor, met with Dilico and CAS for some cases, working with OPP to do a welfare check after talking with teachers, principal, and we through all the processes to ensure the child is okay. Our Board has been sending food baskets to families who are struggling. The Principals also do physical distanced checks with the families to address the barriers that prevent them from attending school.

R. Mounayer now sits on the board of Directors with CAS.

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

Working with T.Griffin and K.Thomson to work with the communities in Greenstone to get the students back in class, provide opportunities for students to get online, or deliver

face-to-face packages as the COVID cases rise in the area.

Working with all Principals to ensure they are including Grade 8 students in remote learning in the Graduation plans.

The Lenten Calendar will be passed onto the parish priests by request of Trustees. A copy of the Halo will be forwarded to the Trustees when it is sent to the Principals.

e. Finance

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

1. [Financial Report as of January 31, 2021](#)

f. Information Technology

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

The Information Technology team has begun working on the new Student Information System (SIS) that will be implemented in the Fall of 2021.

g. Plant & Field Services

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

Mr. Biggs provided updates for all work currently being completed in all schools.

Decision and Action Items

a. [2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#)

Resolution #10/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McCorry

THAT the Board approve the modified 2021-2022 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 1, 2021.

Last Day of School for Students: Friday, June 24, 2022.

Professional Activity Days:

1. Monday, August 30, 2021
2. Tuesday, August 31, 2021
3. Friday, October 22, 2021 - Faith Day
4. Friday, November 19, 2021
5. Friday, January 28, 2022 - Reporting Day
6. Friday, May 13, 2022
7. June 10, 2022 - Reporting Day

Christmas and March Break

Christmas Holidays: December 20-31, 2021

March Break: March 14-18, 2022

Carried.

b. 2019-2020 Director's Annual Report

Resolution #11/21

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded Trustee Jean

THAT the Board approves the 2019-2020 Annual Directors Report, as amended.

Carried.

Amendment: The Religious Education page will be moved to the front of the report.

c. 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

Resolution #12/21

Moved by Trustee McParland

Seconded by Trustee McPherson

THAT the Board approves the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, as presented.

Carried.

d. Policies and Administrative Procedures

Resolution #13/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

Carried.

Appropriate Managers and Superintendents are now responsible for the policy under their portfolio to make the process more efficient.

Information and Discussion Items

a. OCSTA 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting - Saturday, May 1

The 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m. (EST). A meeting invitation for the “virtual” Annual General Meeting will be distributed to all Catholic school Trustees, Student Trustees, and Education Directors closer to the event date.

Committee of the Whole

Resolution #14/21

Moved by Trustee Monks

Seconded by Trustee Jean

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 #15/21

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.

Carried.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams.
Amen.

Resolution #16/21

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on February 8, 2021, adjourn at 3:58 pm.

Carried.

Originally signed by

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Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education