



January 12, 2022, 10:00 am

Zoom

Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 10:02 am with Trustee Wawia in the Chair.

Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

Prayer was read by Trustee Wawia.

Loving heavenly Father,

We come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm.

Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence.

We ask that we challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be.

We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Acknowledgement was read by Trustee Jean.

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

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #1/22 being held on January 12, 2022, be accepted as **received**.

Carried.

Resolution #2/22

Moved by Trustee McParland

Seconded by Trustee McPherson

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee Marino from attending Board Meeting #1/22 held January 12, 2022.

Carried.

Role Call/Attendance

Trustees:

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

Administration:

- Maria Vasanelli, Director of Education
- George Scott, Finance Manager
- Barry Biggs, Manager of Plant & Field Services Manager
- Billy Luby, Information Technology Manager
- Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education
- Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education
- Valerie Nakani, Manager of Human Resources

Guests:

- Kim Figliomeni, Principal, Holy Angels Catholic School

- Ben Jewiss, Catholicity and Special Projects Lead

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer

Approval of Minutes

Resolution #3/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #11/21 held on December 8, 2021](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Reports

a. [Principal Presentation, Kim Figliomeni, Holy Angels Catholic School](#)

K.Figliomeni, Principal at Holy Angels Catholic School in Schreiber shared the programs and priorities that are happening at Holy Angels Catholic School. The school focuses and community, relationships, traditions while embracing a focus on the future. The strategic plan is a focus in all they do in the school. Progressional can be seen in the school content, curriculum and the work that has been completed in the physical building.

b. [Remote Learning Presentation](#), Ben Jewiss, Catholicity and Special Projects Lead

The remote learning program has been successful. B.Jewis has championed the program and the program has provided opportunities for our students.

c. [Director of Education Report, Maria Vasanelli](#)

Continue to plan for schools to reopen on Monday, January 17, 2020. The Senior team has met with the Superior-Greystone District School Board to work together to align the processes for the return to school.

The return to school process will be shared with Principals on Friday, January 14, 2022 including all communications that will be shared.

Our Board will continue to cohort and will inform families if there is a confirmed case of COVID in the classroom and/or school.

In the education act, Principals have a duty to report a communicable disease. Therefore, we will continue to collect data and inform families of any cases that are known.

N95 masks have been distributed to all schools. HEPA filters have been put in schools and masks were purchased by the Board as well as ordered through the Ministry.

Continue to work with the Human Resources department regarding staffing shortages. Have been collaborating with other Directors as to why staff shortages. It is a province-wide issue, especially in our remote areas.

d. Student Achievement

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

During the pivot to remote learning following Christmas break, our educators have been incredible. All special education students were offered face-to-face learning and our Board welcomed 13 students for face-to-face learning.

Kindergarten registration will open on January 17, 2022. Kim Figliomeni, Principal and Katie Hara, Kindergarten teacher, will be interviewed on CFNO to promote our Kindergarten programs.

Funding for Early Years programs has stayed consistent. Early years centres have switched to online programming throughout the pandemic and their funding has been reduced.

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

The SNCDSB Math team continues to collaborate with our Technology Enabled Learning Teacher Contact through coding with micro bits. Hands-on learning opportunities are happening and the creation of a Math choice board was completed and sent home to families during the Christmas break.

Faith Ambassadors continue to meet and have opportunities to share best practices.

Will monitor the additional enrolment into the remote learning program. Depending on the number of students wanting to switch to remote learning, it may take some time to transition the students into the program. During the transition, students will be provided asynchronous learning opportunities and materials to be completed.

e. Finance

- i. [George Scott, Manager of Finance Monthly Report](#)
 - 1. [Financial Report as of December 31, 2021](#)

f. Information Technology

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

g. Plant & Field Services

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

Ten HEPA units were received. These units will go into all grade ½ classrooms. All schools have MERV 13 filters. MERV 13 filters capture 90% of particulate in the air, while HEPA captures 99% of particulate.

Will continue to advertise COVID safety that has been completed in our schools through radio announcements, newspapers etc to inform the community of the work that has been completed and to help families feel at ease as we transition back to the classrooms.

Decision and Action Items

a. Annual Director's Report

- i. [2020-2021 Annual Director's Report.pdf](#)

Resolution #4/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

THAT the Board approves [2020-2021 Annual Director's Report](#) for distribution with suggestions.

Addition of remote learning to the list of schools and a section on literacy.

Carried.

b. Policies and Administrative Procedures

Resolution #5/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McPherson

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

1. [P O-613 Community Use of Schools](#)
2. [AP O-613 Community Use of Schools](#)
3. [P T-705 Copyright](#)
4. [AP T-705 Copyright](#)

Carried.

Information and Discussion Items

- a. 2022 Catholic Trustees Seminar - January 14 - Change in Format

Further to the memo of December 20th, this is to inform you that the 2022 Catholic Trustees Seminar will be held on Friday, January 14 – 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Trustees who have already registered virtually for the event, are not required to take any further action.

A comprehensive event package for the seminar as well as instructions on how to join will be provided a few days before the event.

Committee of the Whole

Resolution #6/22

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

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 #7/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

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

Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of our time together we thank you for what has been accomplished here today.

May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives.

May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom and You are willing to lead us forward.

This - we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Amen

Resolution #8/22

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on January 12, 2022, adjourn at 1:02 pm

Carried.

Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education