



March 9, 2022, 10:00 am

Zoom/Catholic Education Centre

## Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 10:00 am with Trustee Wawia in the Chair.

### 1. Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

**Prayer** was read by M.Vasanelli, Director of Education.

God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your peace continually (Jn.14:27) and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God" (Mt.5:9). May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as you are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of the Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and deaths. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division.

To you we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to oneness of heart and mind, to work generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen!

**Acknowledgement** was read by Trustee McPherson

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.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**Resolution #16/22**

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #3/22 being held on March 9, 2022, be accepted as **received**.

Carried.

### **Resolution #17/22**

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee McCorry from attending Board Meeting #3/22 held March 9, 2022.

Carried.

## **3. Roll Call**

### **Trustees:**

- Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board
- Amanda Monks, Vice-Chair of the Board
- Shirley Jean
- Chereyl Marino
- Hugh McCorry (Excused Absence)
- 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:**

- Sophia Wenzel, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
- Lindsay Costa, Principal, St. Martin Catholic School

**Recorder:**

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution #18/22**

Moved by                    Trustee Harmon

Seconded by                Trustee Marino

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #2/22 held on February 9, 2022](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

**5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**6. Reports**

- a. [Thunder Bay District Health Unit School Climate Survey Presentation](#),  
Sophia Wenzel, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
  - i. SNCDDBS 2020-2021 School Climate Surveys

- All Boards within Ontario are required to complete School Climate Surveys (SCS) every 2 years for grade 4- 12 students, staff and parents. School Boards and Public Health Units partnered to add a Healthy Living Module to enhance the School Climate Survey. All 9 schools from grade 4 – 8 participated. Results were analyzed and reports prepared by TBDHU Epidemiologists, Program Evaluator and Health Promotion Planner. TBDHU Presented to Principals at meeting on February 24, 2022, and to the Board of Trustees on March 9, 2022

**b. [Principal Presentation](#), Lindsay Costa, St. Martin Catholic School**

- L. Costa presented the learning and initiatives happening throughout St. Martin Catholic School in Terrace Bay. K.Desjardins Superintendent of Education thanked L.Costa for her presentation and noted how evident Faith in Action is and how visible the partnerships in the community are. M.Vasanelli commented how in spite of COVID our schools go above and beyond for student achievement and well-being and implement the Board Strategic Plan in all they do.

**c. [Director's Report, Maria Vasanelli](#)**

- M.Vasanelli highlighted the Lent edition of the SNCDSB Halo.
- M.Vananelli and Senior Team will prepare a report on what has been accomplished in the Strategic Plan to date and share it with Trustees.

**d. Student Achievement**

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

- The Lexia program was brought in to support individual learning gaps for students.
- Following March Break, new Kindergarten families will be welcomed face to face for school tours.
- The monthly attendance draw continues. Each day that a student attends school starting March 21 - April 29, 2022, they get one entry into a draw for an Oculus Quest 2. (e.g. 15

days at school = 15 entries)

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

- The Math and TELT teams have been working together piloting projects to support Math and Lego Robotics. The team is focusing on being intentional with the technology students are using and connecting them to the curriculum.
- The team has been proactive in planning for EQAO. New this year, EQAO will be an online format for Grade 6 and Grade 3 has an option of paper or Digital. More information is expected following March Break.
- The Indigenous Education team has developed the educator package for the Gichigiiwedon Asynchronous Winter Games 2022 for the first 2 weeks of March.
- L.Vanderwey and K.Thomson will continue to support the Indigenous Education portfolio for the remainder of the school year.

**e. Finance**

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

- Funding information was received on February 17th from the Ministry of Education for next year.
1. [Financial Report as of January 31, 2022](#), was presented to Trustees.

ii. [Trustee Determination and Distribution for the Municipal Elections of 2022](#)

- Declaration of School Support as a Catholic Ratepayer will be communicated with school families and communities. The registration of taxes informs the government that they are a Catholic ratepayer and supporter of Catholic schools.

**Resolution #19/22**

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

THAT the Board does not reduce its number of members for purposes of the 2022 election.

Carried.

**Resolution #20/22**

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Marino

That the Board designates the Wards 3 and 6 from the Municipality of Greenstone and the Municipality of Red Rock (including the Municipality of Dorion and Municipality 10 - Ward 75) as low population municipalities and increases their electoral quotient by one.

Carried.

**Resolution #21/22**

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board distributes the positions of the members to be elected to the Board as follows:

Schreiber and Municipality 11 (Ward 1)	1
Manitouwadge and Municipality 11 (Ward 4)	1
Nipigon and Municipality 10 (Ward 62)	1
Terrace Bay and Municipality 11 (Ward 2)	1
Marathon and Municipality 11 (Ward 3)	1
Greenstone (Ward 1, 2 - Geraldton, 4, 5 - Nakina)	1
Greenstone (Ward 3 - Longlac, 6)	1
Red Rock, Dorion and Municipality 10 (Ward 75)	1
Total	8

Carried.

**Resolution #22/22**

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the Board names one person to represent the interests of the First Nation pupils on the Board.

Carried.

**f. Information Technology**

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

- Installation of LU Interactive machines has been completed at St. Martin Catholic School on March 7, 2022, and Holy Saviour Catholic School on March 8, 2022.
- An update on cybersecurity was provided to Trustees. The Board currently uses on-premise firewalls and provides education to staff regularly.

**g. Plant & Field Services**

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

- An update on renovations and projects including washroom renovations, air handling upgrades and painting happening at schools was shared with Trustees.

**6. Decision and Action Items**

a. Purchase Order Approval

**Resolution #23/22**

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the Board approves the [purchase order for the amount of \\$236,529.34](#) to PDR Contracting Thunder Bay Ltd. for the Holy Saviour Catholic School Washroom Improvements, Arc49 Project number 229-12449-05

Carried.

## 7. Information and Discussion Items

- a. Catholic Education Centre Grand Opening - June 11, 2022
  - A grand opening of the Catholic Education Centre in Terrace Bay is being planned for Saturday, June 11, 2022. More information will be provided closer to the date.
- b. [OCSTA 2022 AGM & Conference](#), taking place on April 21 to 23 at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa. The deadline to register is March 25, 2022. Registration will be completed by D.Figliomeni. Please notify D.Figliomeni if you will be attending no later than March 23, 2022.
  - i. [Preliminary Program](#)
  - ii. [AGM Registration Package](#)
- c. [OCSTA Conference Toonies for Tuition - Silent Auction](#)
  - i. An item will be sent to OCSTA for the Toonies for Tuition Silent Auction.
- d. [CCSTA AGM - June 2-3, 2022](#)
  - Email received January 13, 2022 - Unfortunately, with the uncertainty around COVID and upcoming hotel deadlines/penalties, the CCSTA board has decided to cancel the in-person 2022 AGM Convention in Blue Mountain, ON.
- e. OHRC Right to Read Inquiry Report released February 28
  - The OHRC launched its Right to Read public inquiry in October 2019, concerned that Ontario's public education system was failing to meet the needs of students with reading disabilities. One of the inquiry's goals was to find out if these students had meaningful access to education as required by the Ontario Human Rights Code. The comprehensive Right to Read report includes detailed findings and recommendations for the Ministry of Education, school boards and faculties of education on curriculum and instruction, early screening, reading interventions, accommodation, professional assessments and systemic issues.



- i. [OCSTA News Release: OCSTA Welcomes Findings from OHRC Right to Read Inquiry](#)
- ii. [Right to Read Executive Summary](#)
- iii. [Right to Read Inquiry Recommendations Feb 28](#)

## 8. Committee of the Whole

### Resolution #24/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

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 #25/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

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.

## 9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Heavenly Father.

**Resolution #26/22**

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on March 9, 2022, adjourn at 2:46 pm.

Carried.

*Originally signed by*

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Judy Wawia,  
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,  
Director of Education