



May 11, 2022, 10:00 am

Zoom/Catholic Education Centre

Meeting began at 10:05 am with Trustee Wawia in the Chair

Board Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

Prayer was read by Trustee Wawia

God of grace, help us to rediscover how to be side by side in rebuilding our communities of faith and learning. Help us restore harmony and balance in our relationships and renew our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts. May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold. Amen +

Acknowledgement was read by Trustee Harmon

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 #37/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #5/22 being held on May 11, 2022, be accepted as amended.

Carried.

(Amendment includes the addition of Purchase Order 27344 for approval under Decision and Action Items)

Resolution #38/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee Monks from attending Board Meeting #5/22 held May 11, 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
- 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:

- Aaron Baker, Principal, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer (Regrets)
- Maria Lapenskie, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendents

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #39/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #4/22 held on April 6, 2022](#), be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Resolution #40/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the documentation of resolutions for Trustee approval through email of purchase orders completed [April 26, 2022](#), and [May 3, 2022](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. Reports

a. [Principal Presentation, Aaron Baker, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School](#)

A. Baker shared his school presentation with included information on student numbers, student achievement, Catholicity, the Lexia reading program, Catholic Graduate Expectations, Mental Health and Well-being, Indigenous Education, Student Pathways,

and monthly Catholic virtues. Students at Our Lady of Lourdes were also involved in bingo, The Terry Fox Run, and the first in-person school Mass. The use of the new LU system was also shared. Classroom Prayer Centre pictures were shared as well. Information on the Lexia Learning online program was shared with Trustees, as well as demonstrating how students are honoured once they have completed a grade level within the Lexia program. Information on balanced math and strategies students use, were shared. A Student Council has been established at Our Lady of Lourdes and A. Baker provided information on what this Council has done so far. An afterschool Christmas art program was held as well as a virtual Christmas concert for parents. Zones of Regulation are set up in each classroom.

Experiential Learning was also done as an after-school art project. Students were also involved in Cultural awareness and appreciation as well as National Indigenous Language Day.

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

M. Vasanelli welcomed all Trustees to the in-person meeting. M. Vasanelli described the process for the addition to St. Hilary Catholic School with receiving Ministry support in funding for this project. Our Board received the amount required from the Ministry to proceed with the construction changes at St. Hilary School.

The KPMG group has looked at various ways to establish secondary online education for students within our Board. We are looking at "reach ahead" credits that students can do next year. Also through remote learning, other courses that students may require are not available in person in our location.

AES Framework with School Boards - Senior team members attended the AES Meeting in Thunder Bay. Our board and our coterminous board staff attended. Anti-racism was discussed as what our Boards are doing in this respect.

The Board Highlights and Halo communication are regularly distributed to Trustees and Parents. The June Board meeting will review our Strategic Plan as to what has been accomplished within our Board.

c. Student Achievement

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

Our Welcome to Kindergarten session has resumed this year with five of our schools completing their Kindergarten nights as of today. Kindergarten school visits have also occurred in schools. Early ON centres are starting to open in our communities. Lexia programming is having a huge impact on our students and will be continuing within our Board. The results of the Empower program have increased DRA levels for our students

dramatically. The Summer Learning program has 16 students enrolled from across our Board.

K. Desjardins will provide Special Education student details at the next Board meeting.

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

P. Tsekouras discussed the EQAO progress with what our Math Leads are doing to prepare students in the classroom for the EQAO testing. Surveys are also being completed to see where we are and what next steps need to be taken. The math curriculum has changed, and the Math team is looking at what improvements and resources can be used for our students. Month at a Glance-Long Range Plans for Native Language PLC is currently being piloted with our Grade ½ students. Confederation College provided a presentation to students in Grades 5-8 about Dual Credit and Specialist High Skills Major learning opportunities.

Easter and Catholic Education week resources, prepared by B. Jewiss, were shared with all schools.

EQAO - practice assessments have been shared with students to familiarize them with the test. There have been some changes to the EQAO requirements for testing.

d. Finance

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

This year's enrolment averaged 612 pupils and 60.5 pupils on Education Services Agreement with Red Rock Indian Band, Ginoogaming First Nation and Pays Plat First Nation. This increased enrolment is great news for our schools and will help contribute higher-than-expected revenue through our GSN grants and tuition billing. We have 65 Grade 8 students graduating this year with 36 students enrolled in JK for next year. This is an estimate of our enrolment for the moment.

Currently working on the 2022-23 enrolment estimate. Staffing is approximately 75% of our budget. Funding for Covid -19 will continue for the next school year. Estimates will be shared at the next board meeting.

1. [Capital Projects 2021-2022](#)

Capital project funding for our schools was shared. The Ministry would like our school capital funds used. B. Biggs described capital funding as well as shared funding for our Board and the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boreales. G. Scott explained the percentages paid by CSDCAB sharing our schools, as well as our reserved fundings. G. Scott described the definition of a capital project within the guidelines of

the Ministry of Education, as well as other pockets of funding that school boards can receive.

2. [Financial Report as of April 30, 2022](#)

G. Scott shared the revenue that our Board receives from Provincial and Federal grants as well as the expenses by our Board. Our Schools have propane heat and electrical heat costs. No schools have oil heat. There was discussion regarding the increased costs of utilities.

e. Information Technology

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

The volume of time spent right now for the IT department is on the preparation and setup for EQAO. Most of the configuration and security settings have been worked on. IT is working on report cards, so everything is prepared and ready for the final report.

[Board meeting paused at 12:38 p.m.]

[Board meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.]

f. Plant & Field Services

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

B. Biggs did a summary of the work that has been completed at each one of our schools. At St. Martin School there was snow entering the school through air louvers which has been rectified. An emergency generator will be purchased for CEC. There will be updates to our wall electrical plug-ins which will identify the location on the main breaker. The Ministry is supplying us with 161 portable Hepa Filter units for our schools. We will look at sharing the information about the St. Hilary School renovation project at our CEC open house. There may be increased costs due to the present economy and availability of supplies.

6. Decision and Action Items

a. St. Hilary Catholic School in Red Rock Project

Resolution #41/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McCorry

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board approves of using \$541,186 of Accumulated Surplus to support the additional scope of work for the St. Hilary School addition.

Carried.

b. Purchase Order Approval

Resolution #42/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board approves purchase order number 27329 to Tom Jones for the amount of \$352,199.00 (+HST) for the St. Joseph Catholic School Doors and Vestibules Upgrades. A49 Project No. 229-12449-01

Carried.

Resolution #43/22

Moved by Trustee Harman

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Board approves purchase order 27344 to Whitehall Contractors Inc. for the amount of \$228,218.00 (+ HST) for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Doors and Vestibules Upgrades. A49 Project No. 229-12449-02.

Carried.

7. Information and Discussion Items

a. 2022 Digital Citizenship Poster Contest

- i. In 2021, SNCDSB facilitated a Catholic Education week Digital Citizenship Poster Contest to promote Catholic values while using digital tools. Many students across the system participated, and the Trustees selected posters to be shared on the background of each Interactive Monitor in classrooms. SNCDSB is pleased to offer a new opportunity to students to share their creativity and understanding of Digital Citizenship and Catholic Graduate Expectations. The 2022 Digital Citizenship Poster Contest is

ongoing system-wide, and the contest closes on May 13, 2022. Winners will be decided by the Board of Trustees. Prizes will be awarded based on the success criteria.

b. Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association (OCSTA) Conference

Chair Wawia provided an update on attending the OCSTA Conference. Concerns brought up to OCSTA were regarding the residential schools, water issues at reserves, etc. OCSTA is looking at having an Indigenous Education representative on the committee.

8. Committee of the Whole

Resolution #44/22

Moved by Trustee McParland

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 #45/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McParland

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 #46/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on May 11, 2022,
adjourn at 2:57 pm.

Carried.

Originally signed by

Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education