



September 21, 2022, 10:00 am

Zoom/Catholic Education Centre

Board Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

Prayer was read by Trustee Wawia

God of grace and love,
Be with us this year as we change and learn and grow.
Open our hearts and minds to the beauty and wisdom of those around us.
Guide us to see and celebrate our differences as opportunities for learning and understanding.
Help us to ensure that our schools and offices are a place of warmth, welcome and acceptance where each and every person is valued and heard.
Teach us to appreciate the many gifts we can offer to each other as members of one school community.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
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 #61/22

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McCorry

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #7/22 being held on September 21, 2022, be accepted as received.

Carried.

3. Roll Call

Trustees:

- Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board
- Amanda Monks, Vice-Chair of the Board
- Shirley Jean
- 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
- Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education
- Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education - **Excused Absence**
- Valerie Nakani, Manager of Human Resources

Guests:

- Sarah Clowes, Vice-Principal, St. Edward Catholic School, TELT and 2022 Summer Learning Program Lead
- Lindsay Costa, Principal, St. Martin Catholic School

Recorder:

- Maria Sirard, Executive Administrative Assistant to Superintendents

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #62/22

Moved by Trustee McCorry

Seconded by Trustee Harmon

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #6/22 held on June 21, 2022](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. Reports

- a. **Summer Learning Presentation**, Sarah Clowes, Vice-Principal, St. Edward Catholic School and Lindsay Costa, Principal, St. Martin Catholic School

- i. [Summer Learning Presentation 2022](#)

S. Clowes shared an amazing video presentation on Summer Learning and the highlights of the Program with a focus on numeracy and literacy.

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

The Director welcomed R. Mounayer back to our team. Our school start-up went very smoothly. Our schools look amazing with the renovations and new look. It shows a nice welcome to our schools. The Director shared the Ministry of Education's "catch-up" plans and preparing the students for the "jobs of tomorrow." The support for student's mental health is a continuation of what we are already doing.

In regard to Truth and Reconciliation, we are working in support of this initiative. Unfortunately, our Board is limited with staffing.

Our staff have been completing the requirements for the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program training.

Focus on the Future - we have the funding and are planning for the St. Hilary School expansion.

Succession Management - Two Vice-Principals have been hired at St. Hilary and St. Edward Schools. St. Joseph school Principal is Carlo Porretta, and we are advertising for a Vice-Principal for Our Lady of Fatima School. We have hired Karin Patock as Assistant Manager for Plant and Operations. Changes to our CEC operational positions have also occurred. We continue to be a 21st-century board with our technology.

c. Student Achievement

- i. [Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)
- ii. [Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

Student achievement is very important to our board, and we are in the process of retrieving data for students in the Math program. We are currently short a Math Lead position and are advertising for this placement.

Safe Schools information has been shared with schools, and we would like to provide professional development to our staff.

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

We had a very busy start to the school year and have completed school visits. The Catholicity in our schools will be under the direction of Ben Jewiss.

We have hired an Indigenous Education Lead recently Ashley Muir. The first IEAC meeting will be held on September 22nd. The “Month at a Glance” pilot project was shared with Board members.

P. Tsekouras shared the information on the hiring of two new Vice Principals S. Clowes and B. Jewiss.

We have started an Academic Council to collaborate our system portfolios within our Strategic Plan. We do not have a remote learning program for this school year.

d. Finance

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

G.Scott mentioned our enrolment as 685 for the school startup. Mr. Scott shared that our student enrolment has increased which is an encouraging sign. In September we need to report on student numbers in our classrooms. We need to be compliant with our classroom sizes. We have 3 primary classrooms that have over 20 students.

Finance is preparing for the year-end financial audit. Auditors will be here in late November.

1. [Financial Report as of September 14, 2022](#)

G. Scott shared the financial report as of September 14, 2022. The question came up as to whether we are billed for days that the bus is cancelled.

e. Information Technology

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

Over the summer, the IT department updated devices to be ready for the new school year. School servers were updated as well as classroom interactive equipment.

Website Job feeds were also worked on. The power generator for the Catholic Education Centre/St. Martin School is scheduled for the Fall.

f. Plant & Field Services

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

B. Biggs shared updates on the great improvements and updates that were made at each of our schools. We are having a problem with parts and products being received. B. Biggs shared the roles and responsibilities for our new hired Assistant Plant and Field Services Manager. All preventative maintenance has been completed on our heating and air handling systems.

1. [2022 School Improvement Presentation](#) was shared with the Trustees.

6. Decision and Action Items

- a. n/a

7. Information and Discussion Items

a. OCSTA Regional Meeting - September 29, 2022

- OCSTA's Fall Regional Meetings provide an opportunity for trustees to network with regional peers and discuss local issues and priorities with OCSTA's executive and staff. Below please find the schedule and click [here](#) for the agenda.
- Trustees Wawia, Jean, McPherson, McParland and Maria Vasanelli and Paul Tsekouras are registered to attend.

- [Questions for Boards to Prepare in Advance for Discussion](#) will be completed and submitted before the meeting.

b. OCSTA Catholic Education Leadership Speaker Series

- [OCSTA MEMO - OCSTA Catholic Education Leadership Speaker Series - September 26, 2022 – Catholic Virtual Ontario \(CVO\) Panel](#)

OCSTA is once again hosting the Catholic Education Leadership Speaker Series beginning on September 26th at 6:30 p.m. This virtual event will feature a panel presentation on the new development and launch of Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO).

Attendees of this event will learn about:

- the impetus for developing CVO, and;
- the design and creation of a distinctive learning framework and content that:
 - places Christ at the centre;
 - advances the goals of Catholic education (including Catholic Graduate Expectations);
 - nurtures student engagement, and;
 - leverages system-wide cooperation

This presentation is part of OCSTA's priority on encouraging conversations and sharing information about the distinct identity of Ontario's Catholic schools and the role of Trustees in promoting that vision. The session is designed to provide Trustees and others with information they can take back to their respective communities to help promote and strengthen publicly funded Catholic education.

Link in MEMO to register for the online event. Trustee Jean is registered to attend.

c. OCSTA Faith Formation Series – Online Access

- The OCSTA Together in Faith series of faith formation publications is available for download directly from the OCSTA website at the

following link: <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/together-in-faith-series/>

At the website link above you will find the following publications:

1. Together in Faith: Home, School, Parish booklet
2. Together in Faith: Care for Our Common Home. A Collection of School Board Practices booklet, and
3. Recently released: Together in Faith – Adult Faith Formation – Catholic Leadership Development. A Collection of School Board Practices

d. 2022-23 Catholic Education Theme - “We are Many, We are One”

- As in previous years, the theme for Catholic Education Week – “We are Many, We are One” is a theme that will be reflected throughout the year in the classroom and liturgical resources developed by the Catholic Education Week Committee. Catholic Education Week will take place on April 30 - May 5, 2023.

e. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates at 10:00 am

The following tentative meeting dates were scheduled for the 2022-2023 School Year (revisions indicated in red):

- i. September 21, 2022 - Catholic Education Centre
- ii. October 12, 2022 - School Location, Manitouwadge
- iii. **November 16, 2022 - Inaugural Meeting - Catholic Education Centre**
- iv. December 14, 2022 - Catholic Education Centre
- v. January 11, 2023 - Catholic Education Centre
- vi. February 8, 2023 - Catholic Education Centre
- vii. March 8, 2023 - Catholic Education Centre
- viii. **April 5, 2023 - Catholic Education Centre**
- ix. May 10, 2023 - School Location TBD

x. June 20, 2023 - Catholic Education Centre

8. Committee of the Whole

Resolution #63/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

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 #64/22

Moved by Trustee McPherson

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

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.

Source: <http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/prayer/opening-prayer.html>

Resolution #65/22

Moved by Trustee Harmon

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on September 21, 2022, adjourn at 12:55 pm.

Carried.

Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education