



October 11, 2023, 10:00 am

St. Hilary Catholic School, Red Rock, ON

Board Meeting Agenda

The meeting began at 10:41 a.m. with Trustee Wawia in the Chair.

1. Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

- a. Prayer read by Judy Wawia.

Heavenly Father, We come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community.

- b. Acknowledgement was read by Tara Patterson.

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 #66/23

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Patterson

THAT the agenda for Board meeting #9/23, being held on October 11, 2023, be accepted as received.

Carried.

3. Confidentiality Reminder

Members are reminded that proceedings of the Committee of the Whole Meetings shall be considered as confidential unless and until dealt with at a public session of the Board.

4. Code of Conduct at Meetings

Members are reminded of the Board-approved [Code of Conduct](#) in place to promote a positive environment.

5. Roll Call

Trustees:

- Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board
- Amanda Monks, Vice-Chair of the Board
- Bill Harmon
- Shirley Jean
- Suzanne Lafrance
- Miranda McFarling
- Lawrence McParland (Excused Absence)
- Lilliana McPherson
- Tara Patterson

Administration:

- Maria Vasanelli, Director of Education
- Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education
- Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education
- Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education
- Chris Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Education
- Barry Biggs, Manager of Plant & Field Services Manager
- Darren Myshok, Manager of Plant & Field Services Manager
- Billy Luby, Information Technology Manager
- Valerie Paris, Manager of Human Resources
- George Scott, Finance Manager
- Erin Roxborough, Indigenous Education Manager

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant and Communications Officer

Resolution #67/23

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee McParland from attending Board Meeting #9/23 held October 11, 2023.

Carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #68/23

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McFarling

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #8/23 held on September 20, 2023](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

7. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Members are reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.

8. Presentations

a. Student Achievement

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

Working with schools on IEP and IPRC. At the end of the week, all IEPs will be completed, as well as IPRCs.

Angela Gainer is heading the work with Literacy this school year. The focus is on shifting practices to align with the Right to Read. Will be working with our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students, Learning for All Teachers and Principals, to ensure literacy is solid

in the Early Years. Schools have already set the goals for their students in literacy for this school year.

Kindergarten enrolment numbers have increased since the beginning of the school year. BJ Mercier, Education Officer, is supporting the early years. Once a month, Kindergarten teachers will be given a newsletter to support their programs.

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

Doug Duff has travelled to all our schools in the last three weeks. Doug worked with the Principals, teachers and in the classroom with the students. Our staff is happy to have done this work with him; they have noted they have seen Math in a different light.

The Math Action Plan will be presented to the Trustees in November.

Continue to work with families and students on attendance referrals. St. Edward and St. Hilary's attendance challenges have started, and they will start in other schools as well to encourage attendance. Ginnogaming First Nation is working with Sarah Savage on student attendance, and Michelle is working with other First Nations.

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

Recognition, and thank you to Angela Gainer for leading the Trustees on the school tour.

Thank you to Rima Mounayer's leadership with the Math team. Doug Duff took a personalized approach to understanding the needs of our students. He met with teachers and principals before he walked into the room to ensure he knew where the students were and what they needed.

The Brightspace portfolio will be relaunched this month so students can share their learning with their families.

School Messenger Chat will be launched this month as a two-way communication for families.

Faith Ambassadors are currently active in all of our eight schools. The Thanksgiving Halo went out, and we look forward to re-engaging Father Christino to work with our Faith teams.

iv. [Chris Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

Learning Board and the work being done in our schools in Literacy and Math - we make it happen. Despite the staffing issues, we are making it work to ensure the students in our classrooms are learning.

Working with our new teachers in our Board. Want to ensure we are helping them learn

and grow as teachers while at our Board. Thank you to the System Support team for attending the session and working with new teachers. Thank you to Education Officer BJ Mercier for helping plan the first NTIP session on October 3, 2023.

All Occupational Health and Safety representatives will be trained - a five-day training.

All schools have digital tool kits for Crisis Response to be proactive and ensure we have all the tools we need in the event of a time of crisis to ensure the safety of students and staff. All logged on on eBase to ensure our schools are documented and compliant. We can look back and share to ensure we know what works well. Lockdown practices happen in every school twice per year at a minimum. Fire drills happen six times per year (one in Spring and one in the Fall)

Trustees would like to have safety information forwarded to them.

Talking with Principals about best practices when our community partners are in our schools.

b. Indigenous Education

i. [Erin Roxborough, Indigenous Education Manager](#)

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day was celebrated on September 29th in all our schools. A MEMO was released for all teachers to use in their classrooms and links to activities the classrooms can attend. We want to ensure this is a continuous process and teachers continue to use this MEMO.

Attended community event in Nipigon run by the hospital. Invited to speak on behalf of the Board and what our commitment to reconciliation is. Would like to see this continue to grow in the coming years and see our schools and our communities come together.

Andrea Favel, a Red Rock Indian Band Member, worked with students to create the Every Child Matters pins as a beading activity. This was a positive experience for all students and sparked many healthy and positive classroom conversations.

“Continuous process and not just events” would like to emphasize this in our schools this year and moving forward.

c. Finance

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

- [Capital Work - 22022-23](#)

d. Information Technology

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

October is cyber awareness month. A memo was created and shared with schools to promote the importance of cyber security.

Permission clicks will be rolled to allow online permissions for field trips—an option for students to bring devices home to complete these online forms if required was suggested. Paper will still be an option.

e. **Plant & Field Services**

i. [Barry Biggs and Darren Myshok, Plant & Field Services Managers Monthly Report](#)

Outdoor learning centre at our Lady of Lourdes is a go and will be complete by December 31, 2023.

Dig at St. Hilary Catholic School started a week ago Tuesday.

Planned training for custodians and cleaners and created online processes through eBase.

9. Decision and Action Items

- a. n/a

10. Information and Discussion Items

a. **SNCDSB Highlights Newsletter - Edition #1**

- i. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Zlfzjx> to view.

[Break for lunch, the meeting resumed at 1:21 p.m.]

b. **OCSTA Trustees Seminar 2024 - Jan 19 - 20, 2024, Delta by Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel**

- [Registration Memo and Program](#). Registration is now open. The deadline is December 8, 2023. Trustees asked to confirm with D.Figliomeni if you will be attending. Rooms can only be reserved after you are registered for the conference.
- Trustees attending will be all (Wawia, McFarling, Monks, McPherson, Patterson, McFarling, Jean, McParland) Trustee Harmon will let D.Figliomeni know.

c. **OCSTA Memo: 2024 Resolutions Information Package**

- Please see the [memo from Executive Director Nick Milanetti](#) contained in the 2024 AGM Resolutions Information Package. Resolutions may be submitted any time up until the final deadline of 12:00 p.m. EST on February 9, 2024.
- d. **OCSTA Catholic Education Leadership Speaker Series** - Nov 8/23 - "A Layperson's Synodal Journey-Reflections and Insights" with Linda Staudt
 - [MEMO from OCSTA](#)
 - This presentation is part of OCSTA's priority on encouraging conversations and sharing information about the Catholic identity of publicly funded Catholic education and the role of Trustees in promoting that vision.
 - There is no charge for attending this event, and OCSTA encourages all Trustees to register in advance. Trustees asked to please let D. Figliomeni know if you are interested in attending, and she will register on your behalf.
- e. Board Jackets - A flyer was distributed to Trustees. Trustees are asked to let D. Figliomeni know by the November meeting what jacket they may like.

11. Committee of the Whole

Resolution #69/23

Moved by Trustee McFarling

Seconded by Trustee Monks

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 #70/23

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McFarling

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.

12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

God our Creator and Sustainer,
present in all of our differences and diversity,
remind us of the power of people working together in your name.
When we may be weary, renew our idealism and hope.
Help us to trust that the seeds of justice and change we strive to sow
will bear their fruit in your time and your way.
Let not the challenges of the task make us indifferent or discouraged.
Guide us together toward a future of promise and new life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. +

Resolution #71/23

Moved by Trustee Patterson

Seconded by Trustee Monks

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on October 11, 2023,
adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Carried.

Originally signed by

Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education