



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
November 27, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Chair:	B. Iannicca		
Vice-Chair:	E. O'Toole		
Trustees:	A. Abbruscato	J. Anderson	T. da Silva
	L. del Rosario	F. Di Cosola	S. Hobin
	M. Pascucci	T. Thomas	L. Zanella
Student Trustees:	G. Eguaras	S. Sammott	
Director of Education:	J. B. Kostoff		
Superintendents:	J. Geiser	J. Fitzgibbon	L. Kazimowicz
	E. McGuire	S. McWatters	M. Mazzorato
	P. McMorrow	J. P. Melito	N. Milanetti
	G. Prajza	M. Prospero	C. Saytar
	A. Tucciarone		
General Managers:	B. Campbell	G. Robinson	R. Lawton
Recorder:	D. Reed		

A Routine Matters

- 1 Call to Order and Attendance
Chair B. Iannicca called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m
2. Opening Prayer
Chair B. Iannicca led in the Opening Prayer.
3. Approval of the Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:
E ii) Chair's Remarks

Motion 877 (07-11-27) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.
CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest
Nil
5. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, October 23, 2007

Motion 878 (07-11-27) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
OCTOBER 23, 2007 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

6. Operating and Capital Accounts for the Month of October 2007
- J. D. Fitzgibbon

Motion 879 (07-11-27) by E. O'Toole Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ADOPT FOR PAYMENT THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2007 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$178,953,239.21 IN CANADIAN FUNDS.

CARRIED

Trustee M. Pascucci recommended that a protocol be established to signify that the mover and seconder of the operating and capital accounts motion at the board meeting be the trustees who sign the register.

B Awards and Presentations

1. The World I Know – Virtues in Action – Fr. T. Rosica

Father Rosica spoke briefly about the Dufferin-Peel/Salt and Light Television official launch of the dynamic and inspirational 10-part DVD series *The World I Know: Virtues in Action*. The series was produced as a school resource to support the Virtues program in Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools. Each 10-minute episode is hosted by engaging students who guide the viewer through various aspects of a specific virtue.

Father Rosica acknowledged that Dufferin-Peel was alive and well and rooted in the Gospel. He also said it was his pleasure to present the series and that the series will be presented to the world in the next few days.

Motion 880 (07-11-27) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE PRESENTATION ON "THE WORLD I KNOW - VIRTURES
IN ACTION" BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Faith Day Appreciation - J. B. Kostoff

The Board recognized and thanked the key organizers of its Faith Day event held on November 7, 2007. The Faith Day was attended by approximately 7,800 staff members.

Motion 881 (07-11-27) by E. O'Toole Seconded by A. Abbruscato

THAT THE FOLLOWING FAITH DAY ORGANIZERS BE RECOGNIZED AND RECEIVED:

Deborah Downey	Christopher Letters
Michelle Edmonds	Nancy Levey
Gillian Federico	Shelagh Peterson
Ed Filippozzi	Sarah Russell
Silvana Gos	John Sicoli
Michael Harrison	Annalis Sodhi

CARRIED

3. City of Brampton Presentation – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, presented a plaque to the Board on behalf of the City of Brampton in recognition of Brampton being declared a safe city by the World Health Organization.

Motion 882 (07-11-27) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD BY THE CITY OF BRAMPTON, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. “Our Future Mississauga – Be Part of the Conversation” Campaign – J. Doran

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, welcomed J. Doran, spokesperson for *Our Future Mississauga – Be Part of the Conversation*. The Community Engagement Program has been prepared to solicit the views, ideas and dreams of all residents, youth and the business community about the future of Mississauga. After receiving the presentation, trustees voted to endorse the involvement of this campaign in Dufferin-Peel’s Mississauga schools.

Motion 883 (07-11-27) by S. Hobin Seconded by A Abbruscato

THAT THE PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ON “OUR FUTURE MISSISSAUGA – BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION” CAMPAIGN, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

C Pastor’s Remarks

Nil

D Delegations

1. Holy Name of Mary Secondary School Council – M. Kobylecky &

D. Dukaczewski

M. Kobylecky and D. Dukaczewski, parents of students at Holy Name of Mary Secondary School asked trustees to reconsider the board's previous decision to relocate the school to the board's Glenvale facility in Brampton in September 2008.

Copies of the complete presentation were distributed.

Motion 884 (07-11-27) by S. Hobin Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE DELEGATION ON BEHALF OF THE HOLY NAME OF
MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Holy Name of Mary Secondary School – P. Johnstone, Parent Council

P. Johnstone, Chair of the Holy Name of Mary Secondary School, asked the board to reconsider their previous decision to relocate the school to the board's Glenvale facility in Brampton in September 2008.

Copies of the presentations were distributed.

Motion 885 (07-11-27) by L. del Rosario Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE DELEGATION ON BEHALF OF THE HOLY NAME OF
MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Following a discussion on the matter, the following motion was put forth and voted on. A recorded vote was requested.

Motion 886 (07-11-27) by E. O'Toole Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE BOARD RESCIND MOTION 864, DATED OCTOBER 23,
2007. THE MOTIONS READS, "THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL
CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT OPTION # 1 TO OPEN
THE HOLY NAME OF MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL AT THE
GLENVALE CAMPUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2008".

Yeas: S. Hobin, E. O'Toole, L. del Rosario, T. Thomas
Student Trustee G. Eguaras was acknowledged as being in
favour of the motion.

Nays: A. Abbruscato, F. Di Cosola, M. Pascucci, B. Iannicca,
J. Anderson, T. de Silva, L. Zanella

DEFEATED

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports

1. Letter from the Office of Honourable James M. Flaherty – B. Iannicca

Motion 887 (07-11-27) by T. Thomas Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF HONOURBLE JAMES
M. FLAHERTY BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Trustees asked that a letter be written to the Minister and copied to OCSTA.

2. Letter from Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation
– B. Iannicca

Trustee M. Pascucci advised the board that the Toronto Catholic Board
unanimously supports this board on the seat belt issue.

Motion 888 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE DONNA
CANSFIELD, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Letter from Dr. Kuldip S. Kular, MPP – B. Iannicca

Motion 889 (07-11-27) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE LETTER FROM DR. KULDIP S. KULAR, MPP BE
RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Letter from Hazel McCallion, Mayor of the City of Mississauga
– B. Iannicca

Motion 890 (07-11-27) by L. del Rosario Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE LETTER FROM HAZEL MCCALLION, MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF MISSISSAUGA BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

ii) Good News Items – B. Iannicca

1. St. Patrick School 100th Anniversary

- ▶ Congratulations to the St. Patrick School community, which just celebrated the 100th anniversary of St. Patrick School on November 15.

Several hundred past and present students, administrators, clergy, trustees and dignitaries attended the celebration that included an unveiling and blessing of a mural in the school library, and a moving liturgy celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau.

This was a wonderful celebration of the legacy of Catholic education in Wildfield and Brampton.

2. St. Christopher School 50th Anniversary

- ▶ St. Christopher School also recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The celebration included a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Boissonneau and Father Scott Young, which was attended by many St. Christopher alumni and special guests.

Each student in the 2008 graduating class participated in an Art Reach Project that involved the creation of a magnificent mural that tells the St. Christopher story.

Congratulations to the St. Christopher community on reaching this milestone.

3. Dr. Fae Samuels

- ▶ Congratulations to Dr. Fae Samuels, principal at St. Augustine Secondary School. Fae is one of the recipients of the Zonta Club of Brampton's 2007 Women of Achievement Awards.

Fae received her award in the category of Education, Training and Development.

4. Faith Day

- ▶ Much has already been written and said about our board-wide Faith Day, but I would like to add my congratulations, on behalf of the board, to the organizers and to the entire Dufferin-Peel educational community. You made November 7 a significant and wonderful day in our history. I think that from November 7 on, we've been feeling even prouder to be from Dufferin-Peel.

An outstanding effort by all.

iii) Address To The Board- B. Iannicca, Chair

Attitude determines altitude

It's been said that "It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome." This is so true. Over

the past two years, it has been our positive corporate attitude and collective dignity that has enabled us, the trustees, faculty, staff, parents and students of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board to emerge from difficult circumstances with our heads held high. We are a board on the move; a board that values its students, staff and community; a board that values the foundational pillars of Catholic education..... parish, home and school; a board that works together for the common good of students; a board that places its trust and faith in God.

In early December 2006, six incumbent trustees were joined at the table by five newly elected trustees, eager and ready to effect positive change in our community. By mid-December, those five trustees had already absorbed a mind-boggling amount of information. We would often hear, "I'm a new trustee and I'm not sure what that is, or why we do things that way, or what is the value in that? To your credit, you asked great questions and built on your knowledge and experience. It is now the end of your first year and, like the rest of us, you are battle-hardened veterans. What you have gone through in your first year, is more than many trustees in other jurisdictions have experienced over their entire term!

2006-07 was a historical year for this board with the installation and subsequent removal of the co-management concept by the government. We saw certain powers of governance removed and subsequently reinstated. We saw Norbert Hartmann come and go and, while Norbert's time with us was not a time we relished, we did respect him and understood he had a job to do. We had the right attitude.

In 2007, we bid farewell to Michael Bator as our longtime Director. Mike was at the helm during one of the most turbulent periods in education in Ontario. We thank Mike for his leadership, friendship and guidance and wish him well in his post Dufferin-Peel career. Concurrent with Mike's retirement, we welcomed John Kostoff as our new Director of Education. John's extensive background as a Catholic leader will serve us well as we begin a new chapter in our history.

It seems like August 31 was a long time ago. Since the board regained control of its financial responsibilities, we have not looked back. That was yesterday, today is today and tomorrow is our future; a future to which we expect great things and a future to which we look forward. We are rebuilding and renewing old relationships and fostering new ones. We are rejuvenated and eager to continue our mission as Catholic educators. Let me reiterate....we expect great things. Positive things.... Its not, "We Hope.".....its "We fully expect." Attitude determines altitude.

Our highlights last year are many.....higher EQAO scores that are above the provincial average..... new schools opened that further meet the needs of our students...increasing collaboration with the pastors of our churches. But one highlight that really stands out is our Faith Day. November 7 was truly a significant day in our history....7,800 members of our school community gathered together for a Eucharistic celebration, concelebrated by Archbishop Collins, Bishops Chimlar and Boissonneau, Father Terry Lozynsky and parish

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, NOVEMBER 1, 2007 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Brampton Public Library Board, September 25, 2007

Motion 894 (07-11-27) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, November 5, 2007 – A. Abbruscato

Motion 895 (07-11-27) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by F. Di Cosola

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2007, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting of November 12, 2007 – M. Pascucci

Motion 896 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2007, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 897 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

2. *School Walking Routes Pilot Project*
THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THE SCHOOL WALKING ROUTES PILOT PROJECT.

CARRIED

Motion 898 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

3. *Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School 2007-2008*
 1. THAT THE NAME HOLY NAME OF MARY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL BE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE SCHOOL.

CARRIED

Motion 899 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

2. THAT THE CURRENT SCHOOL COLOURS REMAIN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CREST AND DISCUSSIONS BE HELD WITH THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ABOUT THE SELECTION OF A BLAZER.

CARRIED

Motion 900 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

4. THAT A PROGRAM PATHWAY WITH HIGH-SKILLS MAJOR FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BE DEVELOPED FOR THE SCHOOL.

CARRIED

Motion 901 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

5. THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING AN EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM AT THE SCHOOL COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2009.

CARRIED

Motion 902 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

6. THAT THE SCHOOL BE CAPPED AT 850 STUDENTS WITH FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR ENROLMENT BEING GIVEN TO EXISTING HOLY NAME OF MARY STUDENTS AND DUFFERIN-PEEL FEEDER SCHOOLS.

CARRIED

Motion 903 (07-11-27) by M. Pascucci Seconded by L. Zanella

7. THAT STAFF BRING FORWARD A REPORT REGARDING ADDITIONAL COSTS AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS WHEN FEASIBLE.

CARRIED

3. 2007 – 2008 Revised Estimates – J. D. Fitzgibbon

Motion 904 (07-11-27) by L. del Rosario Seconded by J. Anderson

1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED 2007-2008 REVISED ESTIMATES BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G. Robinson, General Manager of Financial Services, introduced the report and reviewed the information contained in the five appendices that summarize the 2007-2008 Revised Estimates.

G. Robinson announced that a balanced budget position was achieved with the use of Enhanced Funding. This balanced budget position puts the board in compliance with the Education Act. When the Ministry releases further information in the New Year trustees will be advised.

Trustees congratulated staff on presenting a clear, detailed report.

Motion 905 (07-11-27) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS INCLUDED IN THE 2007-2008 REVISED ESTIMATES TOTALLING \$494,768,609.

CARRIED

Motion 906 (07-11-27) by J. Anderson Seconded by F. Di Cosola

3. THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS INCLUDED IN THE 2007-2008 REVISED ESTIMATES TOTALLING \$112,622,969.

CARRIED

Motion 907 (07-11-27) by T. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

4 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED OTHER OPERATING EXPENDITURES INCLUDED IN THE 2007-2008 REVISED ESTIMATES TOTALLING \$85,998,816.

CARRIED

Motion 908 (07-11-27) by E. O'Toole Seconded by L. Zanella

5. THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2007-2008 REVISED CAPITAL BUDGET OF \$68,433,435.

CARRIED

Motion 909 (07-11-27) by L. Zanella Seconded by J. Anderson

6. THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET OF \$761,823,829 INCLUDED IN THE 2007-2008 REVISED ESTIMATES.

CARRIED

I Notices of Motion
Nil

J Additional Business
Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. In response to Trustee L. Zanella's inquiry regarding teachers' attendance on days that school buses are cancelled, P. McMorrow, Superintendent of Human Resources, advised that during inclement weather teachers report to the nearest school.

Director Kostoff added that teachers are permitted to call in a snow day.

2. Trustee L. Zanella inquired about the number of days off students can have to

attend rallies. Staff will follow-up and report back to trustees.

3. In response to Trustee L. del Rosario's inquiry about an ERW matter, J. Geiser, Superintendent of Employee Relations explained that staff are aware of the matter and are working with OECTA on the situation. Superintendent Geiser will report back to the trustee.
4. Trustee S. Hobin commented on the success of the CCCSC Sub-Committee in-service held on Saturday, November 24, 2007 on safe schools and bullying. She congratulated the in-service committee for a job well done.

L Business/Questions/Information In Camera

Motion 910 (07-11-27) by T. Thomas Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE BOARD RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
FOR THE IN CAMERA SESSION.

CARRIED

M Rise and Report

Motion 911 (07-11-27) by T. Thomas Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA
BE PRESENTED AND THAT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS
BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

N Future Meetings

Organizational Meeting, December 4, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, December 11, 2007

O Adjournment

Motion 912(07-11-27) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED