



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
August 25, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Chair: M. Pascucci
Vice-Chair: A. Abbruscato

Trustees: J. Anderson T. da Silva L. del Rosario
F. Di Cosola S. Hobin B. Iannicca
E. O'Toole T. Thomas L. Zanella

Director of Education: J. B. Kostoff
Associate Director of Corporate Services and J. Hrajnik
Chief Financial Officer
Associate Director of Instructional Services: R. Borrelli

Superintendents: J. Geiser L. Kazimowicz E. McGuire
S. McWatters M. Mazzorato P. McMorrow
N. Milanetti G. Prajza M. Prospero
G. Robinson C. Saytar A. Tucciarone

General Managers: B. Campbell J. Cherepacha R. Lawton
D. McFadden

Recorder: D. Reed

A Routine Matters

- 1 Call to Order and Attendance
Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer
Chair M. Pascucci led the Opening Prayer

Remembering our Deceased

I would like to call out the names of Dufferin-Peel students, staff and family members of staff who have recently died and ask that you remember these good people in your thoughts and prayers:

Staff/Former Staff/Trustees

- ▶ **Wanda Howarth**, teacher at Mary Fix Catholic School
- ▶ **Nola Mayers**, personnel assistant in Support Services Personnel, Human Resources, C.E.C.
- ▶ **Luigi D'emillo**, retired custodian at Sts. Peter and Paul School

Students

- ▶ **Eric Janda Luda**, Grade 8 student from St. Sebastian
- ▶ **Philip Bojan**, student at Bishop Scalabrini School
- ▶ **Hedra Shamon**, student of St. Nicholas School
- ▶ **Collin Amediku**, student at Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School

Family Members of Staff

- ▶ **Stan Obidzinski**, husband of Alicja Obidzinska, ERW at St. Alfred School and St. Edmund School
- ▶ **Paul DeWitte**, brother of Mark DeWitte, teacher at St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School and brother-in-law of Lori DeWitte, principal at St. John Bosco School
- ▶ **Maurice Astolfo**, father of Mike Astolfo, retired principal of Human Resources, Vince Astolfo, retired teacher of St. Elizabeth Seton School, father-in-law of Cathy Astolfo, retired Principal of St. John Bosco School, grandfather of Steven Astolfo, teacher at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School
- ▶ **Janine Malyjasiak**, mother-in-law of Sean Daly, Principal at St. Dunstan School and mother of Chris Daly, former teacher with Dufferin-Peel
- ▶ **Marjorie Davies**, mother of Shirley Jennings, Special Education Consultant for the Brampton Central Family of School
- ▶ **Francesco (Frank) Piotto**, husband of Gabriella Piotto, budget secretary at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School and father of Sonia Piatkowski, teacher at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School
- ▶ **John Colacci**, husband of Tina Colacci, teacher at St. Gregory School and brother-in-law of Marco Roberto, teacher at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School
- ▶ **Gina Abballe**, mother of Anna Maria Baldassara, teacher at Our Lady of Providence
- ▶ **Lidio Falsarella**, father of Diana Campanelli, teacher at Venerable Michael J. McGivney School
- ▶ **Mildred "Millie" Paton**, mother of Cheryl Paton, teacher at St. Lucy School and sister of Sharon Greco, Head Secretary at Holy Name of Mary Secondary School
- ▶ **Magdalena Prajza**, mother of George Prajza, Superintendent Brampton West Family of Schools and Marrey Prajza, teacher at Sts. Martha and Mary School, and mother-in-law of Paula Prajza, principal of St. Matthew School
- ▶ **Diego La Valle**, brother of Liliana Fazzolari, expeditor in Purchasing Department at C.E.C., uncle of Anna-Maria Fazzolari, teacher at St. Julia School, and cousin of Patricia Botelho, teacher at St. Pio of Pietrelcina School
- ▶ **Frank Sestito**, husband of Maria Sestito, custodian at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School
- ▶ **Madeline Slater**, mother of Denice Crook, head secretary at Queen of Heaven School.
- ▶ **Benito Leo**, father of Vince Leo, teacher at St. Anne School, father of Sabino Leo, custodian at St. Joachim School, and father of Dino Leo, custodian at St. Angela Merici School, and father-in-law of Natalie Leo, teacher at St. Monica School.
- ▶ **Carmine Bracco**, father of Maria Bracco-Clarot, teacher at St. Nicholas School, VP at St. John the Baptist School and Uncle of Carmine Bracco, teacher at St. Martin Secondary School

- ▶ **Ted (Edward) Holden**, husband of retired teacher Penny Holden of Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School
- ▶ **Frank Bostjancic**, father of Doris Coulson, teacher at St. Joseph Elementary and father-in-law of Brian Coulson, principal at Father Claire Tipping School.
- ▶ **Janis Foligno**, mother of Cara Foligno teacher at St. Faustina Elementary School
- ▶ **Maria Rinaldi**, mother of Josey Trigiani, teacher at St. Barbara School
- ▶ **John Ivancsics**, father of Marianne Ivancsics, teacher at Metropolitan Andrei School
- ▶ **Rita Frances Cockburn**, mother of Gerry Cockburn, retired principal at Dufferin-Peel, Michael Cockburn, current principal at St. John the Baptist School, mother-in-law of Maria Cockburn, teacher at St. Augustine and Susan Cockburn, teacher at St. Andrew School.
- ▶ **Remo Ferracuti**, father of Sandra Antonutti, Vice Principal at Loyola Catholic Secondary School
- ▶ **John Tries**, father of Ann Makrenko, teacher at St. Bernard of Clairvaux School
- ▶ **Mary Jardim**, mother of Jennifer Fowler former Principal
- ▶ **Barb Bentley**, mother of Tammy Pammenter, ERW at All Saints School
- ▶ **Lester Blackman, Superintendent of Schools, Trinidad Catholic School Board.** father of Avril Metivier teacher at St. Josephine Bakhita School and grandfather of Leah Metivier, emergency occasional teacher at St. Josephine Bakhita School

And also for those whose passing we have not mentioned. We know that God will not forget.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Addition:

F 3 - Letter of Retirement, M. Prospero, Superintendent
Mississauga North Family of Schools

Withdrawn:

D 2 – Delegation: Recent Changes to Transportation Route
- S. Doyle

Re-ordering of Agenda

F 2 to be moved to L 8

L 6 to be dealt with prior to L5

Motion 215 (09-08-09) by T. Thomas

Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5a i) Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, June 9, 2009

Motion 216 (09-08-09) by T. da Silva Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 9, 2009 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

b i) Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, June 16, 2009

Motion 217(09-08-09) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
JUNE 16, 2009 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

B Awards and Presentations

Nil

C Pastor's Remarks

Nil

D Delegations

1. Elimination of Kilts at Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School
- F. Resendes, Parent Spokesperson

F. Resendes, parent, addressed the board regarding concerns about the banning of the kilt at Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School. She asked that the matter be reconsidered and that the kilt be phased out, as is the rest of the current uniform, until June 2012.

F. Resendes was advised that decisions with respect to uniforms rest with the principal.

Motion 218 (09-08-09) by B. Iannicca Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF KILTS
AT PHILIP POCOCK CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, BE
RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Recent Changes to Transportation Route – S. Doyle, Parent
The delegation was withdrawn.

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

- i) Regular Reports
Nil
- ii) Remarks from the Chair of the Board - M. Pascucci

On July 8, the board announced its top scholars for 2008-09. For the second year in a row, St. Francis Xavier Secondary School in Mississauga produced Dufferin-Peel's top scholar. Richard Hae scored an impressive 99.34 per cent average on his top six Grade 12 courses. The leading scholar from a Brampton school is once again from St. Edmund Campion Secondary School. Darren Fernandes scored an average of 99.17 per cent. Oliver Cardoza from Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School was the top Caledon/Dufferin County scholar with a 94.50 per cent average. Richard, Darren and Oliver are among the 2,200 Dufferin-Peel scholars who earned an average of 80 per cent or higher on their top six Grade 12 courses.

At the National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers' Annual Conference in July, the Board of Directors awarded the NASSLEO Student Scholarship Award to Patrick Francis from St. Edmund Campion Secondary School towards post-secondary education.

On June 27, David Couture, the night custodian at St. Nicholas Catholic School organized a fundraising garage sale in Bolton to raise money for the family of Hedra Shamon, a Grade 3 student who passed away after battling a terminal illness. Over \$16,000 was collected from donations and sales.

Motion 219 (09-08-09) by E. O'Toole Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR BE READ INTO THE MINUTES.

CARRIED

F Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Letter from D. Lagroix regarding Naming of School

Motion 220 (09-08-09) by T. Thomas Seconded by A. Abbruscato

THAT THE LETTER FROM D. LAGROIX REGARDING NAMING OF SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, will respond.

2. Trustee Representation on Committees Outside of the Board Organization – Oral Report – J. B. Kostoff
This report was moved to incamera agenda item L8.
3. Letter of Retirement – M. Prospero, Superintendent of Schools

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, presented with regret, the retirement of M. Prospero, Superintendent of Schools. He acknowledged his 36 years of service and commitment while he served as a teacher, vice-principal, principal and superintendent. Director Kostoff added that his retirement is a great loss to Catholic Education. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended his heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.

Trustee S. Hobin thanked Superintendent Prospero for his guidance, particularly when she was a new trustee and wished him all the best in his retirement.

Trustee L. del Rosario thanked Superintendent Prospero for being accessible at all times and wished him the very best.

Trustee E. O’Toole expressed her regret that he was leaving the board. She acknowledged how well liked and respected he is in the community and noted that he would be missed.

Trustee T. da Silva remarked about when he was a member of the Our Lady of Peace Elementary School Council and M. Prospero was the principal. He expressed his pleasure in having the opportunity to work with Superintendent Prospero at that time and now as a trustee. He offered Superintendent Prospero his very best wishes.

Motion 221 (09-08-09) by E. O’Toole Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM M. PROSPERO,
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MISSISSAUGA NORTH FAMILY OF
SCHOOLS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G Reports From Committees For Receipt

1. Minutes of the Brampton Public Library Board Meeting, May 26, 2009

Motion 222 (09-08-09) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING, MAY 26, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Sketch Plans for Lester B. Pearson Catholic Elementary School – W. Stumpf

W. Stumpf, Manager of Design, reviewed the three site plans included in the report. He noted that while the existing school is in session, the construction site will be completely fenced. When the new school is completed and occupied, the portion of the site with the existing school and playfield will be completely fenced prior to demolition and remediation.

Motion 223(09-08-09) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE SKETCH PLANS FOR LESTER B. PEARSON CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – REPLACEMENT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 224 (09-08-09) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THE SKETCH PLANS FOR LESTER B. PEARSON CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – REPLACEMENT.

CARRIED

Motion 225 (09-08-09) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

3. THAT THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT BE FINANCED THROUGH THE PTR GRANTS.

CARRIED

2. Selection of Architect for Vales North Elementary School – W. Stumpf

Motion 225(09-08-09) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE SELECTION OF ARCHITECT FOR VALES NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Trustees voted on the following architects for the Vales North Elementary School:

- a) Makrimichalos Cugini Architects
- b) Robertson Simmons Architects Inc.
- c) Snyder & Associates Inc.

As a result of the vote, trustees elected the firm of Snyder & Associates Inc. for Vales North Elementary School.

Motion 226 (09-08-09) by L. Zanella Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

CARRIED

3. Oral Report – St. Dominic Elementary School – J. Kostoff, J. Hrajnik, R. Lawton

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced the report and reminded trustees of the discussion with respect to oil tankers on the property at St. Dominic’s Elementary School. Staff investigated and R. Lawton, General Manager, provided trustees with an update.

R. Lawton advised that three oil tanks were removed according to Ministry of the Environment regulations. The work was supervised by McClymont and Rak Engineers, Inc., a geotechnical consultant. Minor landscaping will be completed prior to the opening of school.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education will send a letter to the Principal and School Council.

Motion 227 (09-08-09) by E. O’Toole

Seconded by A. Abbruscato

THAT THE ORAL REPORT REGARDING ST. DOMINIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

I Notice of Motion

WHEREAS: THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO OFFERS TWO PUBLICLY FUNDED EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND A CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM;

AND WHEREAS: THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD IS PUBLICLY FUNDED AND PROVIDES EDUCATION FOR ALL CATHOLIC STUDENTS;

AND WHEREAS: THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD UNDERSTANDS THAT PARENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCE WILL CHOOSE A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ONE CHILD AND A CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ANOTHER CHILD FOR REASONS THAT BEST SUIT THEIR CHILDREN.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ALLOWS THOSE PARENTS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO CONTINUE ATTENDING A DUFFERIN-PEEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHILE THEIR SIBLINGS ATTEND A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH THE CONDITION, THAT THOSE PARENTS/RATEPAYERS PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT MUST REMAIN AS "CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORTERS".

Proposed by F. Di Cosola, Trustee, Caledon/Dufferin, at the Regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2009 for consideration at the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2009.

J Additional Business
Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. Trustee L. Zanella inquired about the possibility of transportation being provided for a Caledon student attending the IB program at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. Public transportation is not provided in the Caledon area.

R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services advised that the responsibility for transportation belongs with parents.

2. Trustee S. Hobin asked if there was an opportunity to have an IB program in Caledon. R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services commented that it is a costly program. A feasibility study would be required in order to ascertain if the program could be offered at no cost to the board.
3. Trustee T. da Silva asked if the board could charge a fee for busing students to an IB program. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, explained that the Ministry of Education is clear in that boards could not levy any charge for transportation. However, parents can undertake a private contract but boards are not able to facilitate such a contract.
4. Trustee F. Di Cosola asked if Dufferin-Peel signage could be erected at the St. Michael Catholic Secondary School construction site. J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer advised that the Ministry of Education imposed restrictions on signage but that staff will ask for special permission.
5. Trustee L. del Rosario inquired about the status of transportation for students attending St. Dunstan Elementary School. J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer explained that as a result of the

N Future Meetings

September, 29, 2009

October, 27, 2009

November 24, 2009

December 15, 2009

Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 1, 2009

Celebration of the Eucharist – 6:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

O Adjournment

Motion 231(09-09-09) by T. da Silva

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED