



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
November 24, 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

Student Trustees: P. Arangattu G. Sylvester

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 E. McGuire S. McWatters
M. Mazzorato P. McMorrow N. Milanetti
G. Prajza G. Robinson C. Saytar
A. Tucciarone

Acting Superintendent: B. Bjarnason

Assistant Superintendent: C. Blanchard S. Kendrick

General Managers: B. Campbell J. Cherepacha R. Lawton
J. Steele

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.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Addition:

B 2 Cross Presentation

F 1 Ministry Capital Meeting – Verbal Report

Changes to the Order of the Agenda:

H 4 - Early Learning Program

H 5 - Notice of Motion to Revise Transportation Eligibility Distance Criteria

H 6 - Proposed First Phase of Integrated Ridership

H 7 - Motion Regarding Names of the Deceased

Motion 289 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas

Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5a i) Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, October 27, 2009

Motion 290 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
OCTOBER 27, 2009 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

6. Report on Operating and Capital Accounts, October, 2009

- G. Robinson

Motion 291 (09-11-24) by T. Di Cosola

Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE REPORTS ENTITLED OPERATING AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 292 (09-11-24) by T. Di Cosola

Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ADOPT FOR PAYMENT THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR
THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$161,755,835,99 IN CANADIAN FUNDS.

CARRIED

B Awards and Presentations

1. Vocations – T. Wisnicki, Principal

R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services, explained that for the past six years, Vocation Day has been an annual event during Education Week at St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School. The purpose of the activity is to introduce students to those that have pursued a variety of vocations in Religious life.

S. Byrne, Chaplain and T. Wisnicki, Principal, along with students Francis, Nathan and Kevin provided detail on the program. The students presented a slide show which outlined a Vocation day as it unfolded. The students expressed their appreciation at having an opportunity to interact with representatives of various religious orders.

Trustees thanked the presenters for the wonderful presentation and asked staff if this type of program could be offered in all our secondary schools. J. B. Kostoff assured trustees that Fr. Roth is in the process of developing a program for all secondary schools.

Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci asked for a copy of the presentation so he could forward it to Archbishop Collins.

Motion 293 (09-11-24) by L. del Rosario

Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE PRESENTATION REGARDING VOCATIONS BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

2. Cross Presentation to the Board – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced Pasqualee Greco and thanked him for his work on the crucifix that has been presented to the Board. His work in building the cross was truly a labour of love. It was created for the 2008 Canadian Principals Conference of Ontario (CPCO) the theme of which was the Face of God, and was also the same cross used for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA). The cross was designed by Pasqualee who volunteered his time in creating the cross in honour of Catholic Education. His wife, Cathy Greco, is a Vice-Principal in our system.

Chair M. Pascucci presented P. Greco with a small token of appreciation.

P. Greco thanked the Board and indicated how much he enjoyed making the cross. He acknowledged that his wife Cathy was the motivational factor in its creation.

Motion 294 (09-11-24) by S. Hobin

Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE PRESENTATION OF THE CROSS TO THE BOARD BE
RECEIVED.

CARRIED

C Pastor's Remarks
Nil

D Delegations

1. Implementation of Semester Program at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School – S. Biffis, School Council Chair

S. Biffis, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School Council Chair, asked the board not to change Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School to a semestered system beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. He spoke about the uniqueness of the school and the students' right to graduate in an all term school.

A petition, signed by students was delivered.

Motion 295 (09-11-24) by L. del Rosario Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEMESTER PROGRAM AT HOLY NAME OF MARY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Implementation of Semester Program at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School – M. Nahirny, School Council Member

N. Nahirny, a member of the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School Council, delegated the board in favour of a semestered program. He cited a lack of textbooks, pressure of homework, test writing for all eight subjects continuously and the next step of entering College or University which are semestered.

Motion 296 (09-11-24) by B. Iannicca Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEMESTER PROGRAM AT HOLY NAME OF MARY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

- i) Regular Reports
Nil

Address to the Board

ii) Quarterly Verbal report - Mario Pascucci

Back in January, I indicated that I would provide quarterly verbal reports to the board. This is my final such report.

Our jurisdiction covers four municipalities and a geographical area of over 2700 kilometers. We are one of the largest employers in the region with an annual budget of \$800M.

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it”, American computer scientist, Alan Kay said.

A little while ago, I asked for your support as Chair and to take our board, one of the largest boards in Canada and a top 3 board in Ontario, on a transformational journey. I hope I did not disappoint you.

My objectives were focused. I took up the challenge with the final objective to be successful and earn your trust.

My agenda covered the following areas:

- Bring a Catholic face that is the Board of Trustees and Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board;
- Catholic Identity – Create a similar message throughout the system;
- Do not become an administrative chair, but a chair who is proactive and entrepreneurial and visits schools and to thank them for the work that they do everyday;
- Spend the necessary time in the office of the chair;
- Ensure that the Board of Trustees is recognized for its hard work and dedication;
- Listen and communicate;
- Bring profile and respect to the position of vice-chair;
- Ultimately, have fun with this journey.

Please bear with me as I bring forward a summary of what happened.

- My ambition was to bring profile to the Board and Dufferin-Peel. The Board of Trustees is a group that must be recognized for what it is, Stewards of Catholic Education. I wanted to bring the Board of Trustees to a level that is recognized by all our partners, inside and outside our organization.

This would include agencies, ministry, legislative committees, schools, public board, city councils, libraries, social enterprises, rotary club, and yes-even TV to name a few. It was the intention that this approach would break down the distance from our stakeholders.

I wanted anyone that wanted to hear our message. The chair should be ubiquitous. I was fortunate that my position outside Dufferin Peel allowed me to dedicate the hours necessary to make myself available.

Catholic Identity. We are an organization of 10,000 employees. It must be easy for our “mission statement” to be heard throughout the system. It was recommended by a trustee that we should have a common message in line with our mission statement that all trustees can present when attending public events. What a great idea. Who better than Trustees? We visit all 145 schools regularly. We hear the concerns, the issues, the shortcomings created by the lack of funding. We must make the decisions. There must be a message that is clear-cut and not ambiguous.

We then use this grass root learning.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is a board that sets standards. Every one of our stakeholders must know what we stand for in Catholic education. With a common message, we build a board that is focused with a firm strategic plan that will ensure that this Catholic board will be here in the future. Our decisions affect the board of today, but it also sets the standards for tomorrow.

We cannot forget that we are a board that prides itself on consultation with its stakeholders. We must be the board of choice. Our administrative staff, teachers, custodians, secretarial staff and unions depend on this Board of Trustees to make decision, that affect their lives in a positive manner.

I did not want to be an administrative chair. I am an entrepreneur who will go out and tell our story. I have visited over 70 schools and brought the message of thanks to our staff. This is almost 50% of the schools that make up this exciting board. The school is where our supporters and ratepayers know us best.

The responses at the schools have been very humbling. I enjoyed traveling with the local trustee. We brought best wishes on behalf of the board and welcomed everyone to our 40th anniversary. This was done to recognize the hard work that everyone does everyday for Dufferin Peel.

Yes, it took time, but what results. It also taught me that we are a board that prides itself in being Catholic; Catholics that live our faith and are prepared to tell the story.

I want to thank the trustees who visited schools with me.

I also wanted to offer a profile to the position of chair within the CEC. I enjoyed the many impromptu conversations with staff. There have been times that I worked from the chairs office for a few days every week.

I tried to communicate often. I wanted every Trustee to know the issues and concerns that were out there. I suspect you enjoyed receiving the many emails, and memos on salmon coloured paper.

These issues can affect the decisions we make at meetings. I wanted to listen to Trustees. There is a lot of talent at this table. I repeat, a lot of talent and it must be tapped for information and guidance. We must depend on each other's incredible knowledge and perspective when we deliberate crucial issues and areas of interest.

It was also a priority of mine to acknowledge the Office of Vice Chair and bring to it the profile that it deserves. The Vice Chair should play an active role in Dufferin-Peel. I want to take this opportunity to thank Vice-Chair Anna Abbruscato for her commitment to the office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all senior staff, Supervisory Officers and Associate Directors. I appreciate the frank and open conversations and, of course, the laughs we have while we do what we love everyday.

I would also like to offer a special thanks to Director Kostoff, a gentleman who wears Catholic Education as a badge of honour and personifies what Dufferin Peel is all about. A system that is caring, rich in honour, and a leader in Catholic Education.

I conclude by saying that we trustees have been blessed with the honour of representing our constituents throughout Dufferin-Peel, in general, and your own wards, in particular. In addition, I believe that we do see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet on this journey. I also know that we do believe in the "who" of everyone, not the "what". Everyone must be treated with the respect that is richly deserved. We make decisions that are heart wrenching, difficult, and at times impossible, but we do it with the intention of keeping our Catholic educational heritage alive today and for tomorrow. I am richer with the friendship that we have had over the last three years. For this, I thank you deeply. It has been an honour to work with you and I am humbled by your support that you gave me a year ago. I hope I did not let you down.

I want to thank my family. My sons and Maria for their support. It was their understanding that allowed me to go out many nights a week to do what I want to do; support Catholic education.

What did I learn over the last year? I had fun and I learned a lot. I learned that Catholic Education is here to stay.

Motion 297 (09-11-24) by A. Abbruscato

Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

iii) Good News Items

Trustee L. del Rosario introduced a good news project undertaken at St. Dunstan Elementary School.

Virtues Program

To acknowledge and celebrate the Virtues program at St. Dunstan School approximately 200 students from Grades 6 to 8 worked in teams to create and assemble a beautiful 15 x 8 foot mural highlighting each Virtue. This was completed under the direction of Artist Carole Dobson, Visual Arts Mississauga and The Trillium Foundation. Students were responsible for cutting tiles and gluing them into a pattern. This work of art took approximately 2 weeks in June 2009 to complete and is now prominently displayed at the school.

As well, each family in the school was given a commemorative copy of the mosaic courtesy of Visual Arts Mississauga.

Trustee L. Zanella read a letter written by a parent at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. Trustees asked that the letter be read into the minutes.

Respected Mr. Principal,

In connection with November as Remembrance Day month, I want to remember the courage of Royanne Reid of Grade 12 who saved my life on January 29, 2009 by calling 911 when I was in desperate need.

Therefore, I humbly request the school to honour Royanne who belongs to such a noble family, on my behalf for her timely help that saved a mother.

I am also pleased to thank the staff of Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School who is working diligently to incorporate justice, love and peace in the lives of its Knights through valuable knowledge, thus preparing them to be responsible citizens of today and tomorrow.

Thank you in advance for considering my request.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Maria Jaffery

Motion 298 (09-11-24) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE LETTER FROM M. JAFFERY BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

F Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Ministry Capital Meeting Report

J. Hrajnik, B. Bjarnason, G. Robinson, C. Clarke – Watson & Associates

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, updated trustees on the outcome of the meeting with Ministry and Board staff to review a Business Case request for the use of uncommitted Primary Class Size funds to replace portables, undertake an addition/renovation to St. Elizabeth Seton, and renovations and/or additions to schools to offset the enrolment pressure that would be created as a result of the Early Learning Program (ELP) initiative.

Associate Director Hrajnik added that it is clear that the Ministry is hesitant to approve any elementary capital funding projects until the Early Learning Program capital issues are resolved. Accordingly, the St. Elizabeth Seton issue has been deferred. The main point that came across at the meeting is that, due to an adjustment in the Capital Liquidity template, there are no funds available to build schools listed in the 2009 Long Term Accommodation Plan. It is important to note that this is an issue across the Province of Ontario.

C. Clarke, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., distributed a report detailing the update to the Capital Liquidity Template and the impact on the Board's ability to fund new Capital Projects. Attached to the report was a copy of the 2009 Long Term Accommodation Plan, prepared by board staff, listing fourteen capital projects that would be required to serve enrolment growth.

C. Clarke reviewed the information outlined in the background section of the report which detailed information related to the April 20, 2009 meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee. At that meeting an update on the Board's Capital Reserve fund position was provided to Trustees as part of the decision to approve the replacement of Loyola Catholic Secondary School. Trustees were advised that the Ministry's Liquidity Template would have a deficit reserve fund balance in 2032/33 of \$94.416 million, that under the Appendix D scenario the Board would be unable to construct growth projects beyond 2014 and that there would be insufficient New Pupil Place funding for ten of the identified growth-related projects. Finally, Trustees were advised that the Board would have to submit funding requests to the Ministry of Education for any growth-related capital projects required beyond 2014, as well as any other capital projects for which a funding source was not currently available.

C. Clarke updated staff on the meeting with Ministry staff on November 13th, 2009 which was scheduled to review a Business Case request, on behalf of trustees, for the use of uncommitted Primary Class Size (PCS) funds to replace portables, undertake an addition/renovation to St. Elizabeth Seton and renovations and/or additions to schools to offset the enrolment pressures that would be created as a result of the Early Learning Program (ELP) initiative.

At that meeting Ministry staff advised that, in general, additional elementary capital allocations are on hold until the capital needs related to ELP have been properly assessed by school boards and the Ministry. However, the Ministry did indicate that the Board's Business Case for St. Elizabeth Seton would be considered as part of any future ELP capital allocations. The Ministry further advised that it has updated the Capital Liquidity template. Part of the update included a correction to a formula (regarding interest accumulation in the reserve fund account) in the Ministry's template.

C. Clarke then reviewed the significant changes to the Board's capital liquidity position as a result of the correction to the Capital Liquidity template. In conclusion, C. Clarke emphasized that there are no funds available to proceed with any of the capital projects listed in the 2009 Long Term Accommodation Plan, other than a portion of the Vales North elementary school. All future requests to fund new classroom spaces related to enrolment growth in Brampton and Caledon will have to be submitted as Business Cases to the Ministry of Education. Should the Board not be successful in securing the additional funds required to serve growth areas in a timely manner, then the Board's apportionment share and potentially the number of students who will have to be housed in portables would be affected. Finally, the consumption of the remaining NPP funds means that the Board will have to carefully monitor the leveraging of capital assets (e.g. disposition of surplus properties) and ensure that these funds are put to optimal use.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, added that we will be competing for fewer dollars when staff presents a Business Case on behalf of trustees.

Trustees asked various questions of clarification and expressed their frustration with the Ministry of Education with respect to the revision to the Capital Liquidity template.

Vice-Chair A. Abbruscato assumed the Chair to all Chair M. Pascucci to comment on the matter.

Motion 299 (09-11-24) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE UPDATE ON THE MINISTRY CAPITAL MEETING BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 300 (09-11-24) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, PREMIER OF ONTARIO, LOCAL MPPs, PRESS AND EDUCATION CRITICS REGARDING TRUSTEES' DISPLEASURE WITH THE REVISION TO THE CAPITAL LIQUIDITY TEMPLATE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 301 (09-11-24) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THIS MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE DECEMBER MEETING OF
THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED

Chair M. Pascucci assumed the chair.

G Reports From Committees For Receipt

1. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 21, 2009
- L. del Rosario

Motion 302 (09-11-24) by L. del Rosario Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, November 5, 2009
- G. Prajza

Motion 303 (09-11-24) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC
SCHOOL COUNCILS' MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meeting, September 16, 2009

Motion 304 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Brampton Public Library Board Meeting, September 22, 2009

Motion 305 (09-11-24) by L. Zanella Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, November 2, 2009

Motion 306 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2009, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

Motion 307 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

Bram East Site Releases and Accommodation Needs

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RELEASE THE VALES OF CASTLEMORE #2 SCHOOL SITE.
CARRIED

Motion 308 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RELEASE THE BRAM EAST #3 SCHOOL SITE.
CARRIED

Motion 309 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RELEASE THE BRAM EAST #5 SCHOOL SITE.
CARRIED

Motion 310 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES THE ALTERNATE SCHOOL SITE LOCATED WITHIN THE BRAM EAST #3 HOSTING AREA AS SHOWN ON MAP 2.
CARRIED

Motion 311 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

Wellingdale # 3 Site Release

3. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RELEASE THE WELLINGDALE #3 SITE.
CARRIED

Motion 312 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

2010-2011 Budget Development Process

4. THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE BUDGET REVIEW STAFF COMMITTEE.

CARRIED

Motion 313 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2010/2011 BUDGET CALENDAR.

CARRIED

Motion 314 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

Proposed Amendments to Board Policies as Per Ministry Guidelines

5. THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED POLICY 7.15 AS AMENDED AT THIS MEETING - TRUSTEE HONORARIA AND EXPENSES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Motion 315 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY 7.16 - SPECIAL EVENT REIMBURSEMENT, TRUSTEES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Motion 316 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY 7.17 - BUSINESS EXPENDITURES - PROTOCOL FOR APPROVAL: CHAIR, OTHER TRUSTEES, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Motion 317 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY 2.20 - CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, ETC. AND RECRUITING FAIRS, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Motion 318 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY 2.22 –
HOSPITALITY EXPENDITURES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Motion 319 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE TRUSTEES USE OF BLACKBERRY/CELL
PHONE UP TO 500 MINUTES PER MONTH.

CARRIED

Motion 320 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF
CONFERENCES FOR TRUSTEES TO ATTEND.

CARRIED

Motion 321 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMPARE
KEY INDICATORS OF POLICY 7.15 WITH GTA PUBLIC AND SEPARATE
BOARDS. THE REPORT IS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY 2010.

CARRIED

Motion 322 (09-11-24) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

40TH Anniversary Event

6. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
APPROVE THE DOWN PAYMENT EXPENDITURE FOR THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY EVENT.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, November 9, 2009

Motion 323 (09-11-24) by S. Hobin Seconded by T. da Silva

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2009, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Trustees directed staff to report on the pilot secondary schools in Dufferin-Peel using
term delivery for teaching Mathematics and Science. The report is to include
information from other jurisdictions on this matter where data is available.

3. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, November 17, 2009

Motion 324 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 325 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. Zanella

Internal Audit Plan

- 2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN, IN APPENDIX A OF THE REPORT, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010.

CARRIED

4. Early Learning Program – Identification of Sites for 2010-2011

Motion 326 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas Seconded by J. Anderson

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD ENTITLED EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM – IDENTIFICATION OF SITES FOR 2010-2011 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, spoke about the value of an early learning program. He noted that Dufferin-Peel has been a leader in this area and has historically offered Junior Kindergarten before it was a requirement around the Province.

R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services, spoke about the Ministry of Education's direction around this initiative and stated that the ultimate goal is to implement the Early Learning Program in all schools by 2015/2016. He provided an overview of the program and then invited G. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services, B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations, S. McWatters, Superintendent of Special Education and Services and M. Mazzorato, Superintendent of Program to present their components of the report.

G. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services reviewed the funding that the Ministry has provided for this initiative. The operating funding in the first year is being funded on the basis of a per pupil benchmark of \$3,860.81 per student. There is no capital funding available for Year One sites and there may be some capital funding available for Year Two sites. The Ministry is to initiate a process for boards to identify additions and renovations that would be required to fully implement the ELP.

Superintendent Robinson advised that the Ministry is to start a review of Year One transportation cost requirements in February or March 2010. Where additional buses are required to support Year One schools, transportation consortia may submit a Business Case to the Ministry for additional funding.

B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations, spoke to the site selection process. She indicated that staff considered a number of criteria in the selection of sites and referred trustees to Appendix 'A' where the Early Year Program sites are listed. All the sites identified in Appendix 'A' are able to accommodate the program within the core part of the building and are distributed as equitably as possible throughout the board's jurisdiction. Staff attempted to choose sites in neighbourhoods to create a Catholic presence, and to create sites in high growth areas and in neighbourhoods which are under-served in terms of community facilities.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that staff had a community partners meeting with a number of the stakeholders to look at the locations and the formula being used to select them.

S. McWatters, Superintendent of Special Education and Support, reported on the program model. She indicated that within the Early Learning model there are two required components; a core component and an extended day component.

The core component is to be offered during regular school day hours with each classroom staffed by one certified teacher and one early childhood education (ECE). School attendance will continue to be compulsory only for children aged six and older. The extended day component is to be fully staffed by ECEs and made available before and after school. This program is to be funded through parent fees that are to be set on a cost-recovery basis. Student participation is optional but boards must offer the program where there is sufficient enrolment to make a program viable on a cost recovery basis.

The Early Learning Program must have a board-wide average of 26 students which provides for an average child to adult ratio of 13:1. All other JK/SK classes will continue to be subject to current legislated primary class size cap (20:1) and related requirements.

M. Mazzorato, Superintendent of Program, reviewed the registration process for both the half-day kindergarten program and the new ELP. Registration for both programs will take place on the same scheduled dates in February

Superintendent Mazzorato informed trustees that enrolment in the ELP is voluntary. For each ELP site, a neighboring school with a half-day program has been identified as the designated location to accept students who do not wish to attend the ELP. Principals will be instructed to exercise maximum flexibility with respect to the registration of students for half day programs at alternate schools.

Each ELP site is intended to primarily serve students who reside within designated school boundaries. It is anticipated that some parents from other areas will want to register their child at a school that offers the ELP. It is possible that the Board-wide average of 26 students for ELP classes may not be reached at some sites. Where this is the case, applications would be accepted for students outside of the school boundary.

B. Campbell, General Manager, Communications and Community Relations detailed the communication strategy and identified the registration dates of February 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2010. February 9th is the snow date for February 8th.

Trustees requested map of sites for Dufferin-Peel and Peel Boards.

Motion 327 (09-11-24) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DESIGNATE THE SCHOOLS LISTED ON APPENDIX 'A' TO HAVE EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 AND THAT THE LIST OF SCHOOLS BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL.

CARRIED

5. Notice of Motion to Revise Transportation Eligibility Distance Criteria

Motion 328 (09-11-24) by E. O'Toole Seconded by L. del Rosario

1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED 'NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVISE TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY DISTANCE CRITERIA' BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Trustee E. O'Toole commented on her reasons for bringing the motion forward one of which included matching the Peel District School Board in their distances. She indicated that the reason this board has so many courtesy riders is a direct result of transportation distances for our students. Although we have been criticized by the Ministry for having so many courtesy riders, but in fact, it is a cost savings for the board. Trustee E. O'Toole requested that the board's policy be changed so that the parents feel their children our safe.

T. Howe, Manager of STOPR, detailed the information contained in the report highlighting the cost to the board if the distance eligibility criterion is reduced. The total estimated cost of reducing the eligibility criteria by 0.5 kilometres for Grades 1 to 8 inclusive is \$1,680,000. In addition, T. Howe identified the projected net cost impact of the revision over the anticipated implementation period for the Early Learning Program.

As discussed previously, T. Howe reminded trustees that this board has been low rated through the Effectiveness and Efficiency Review. To move forward with a motion to segregate the existing policy will not improve that rating. It is possible that if the change was approved, the Peel Board could contact the Ministry and advise them that the Dufferin-Peel Board's decision has negatively impacted them.

G. P. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services reviewed Board Policy 8.60, entitled "Funding New Program" and its associate regulations which identify a protocol to be followed when alterations are made to existing program and/or services that result in additional costs to the Board. The regulations further state that when these initiatives are presented they are to clearly describe how the new or altered program and/or service will be funded.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised trustees that if changes were made, those changes would necessitate a cut to services or programs.

A recorded vote was requested.

Motion (09-11-24) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by S. Hobin

WHEREAS: THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY HAS NOT BEEN MODIFIED IN OVER 10 YEARS;

WHEREAS: THE TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM IS DIRECTED BY OUR WALKING DISTANCE POLICY; BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WALKING DISTANCE BE REDUCED BY .5 KM FOR GRADES 1 TO 8 AS SEEN ON THE CHART BELOW;

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2009.

Motion 329 (09-11-24) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE MOTION BE DEFERRED TO THE MAY 2010 MEETING OF THE BOARD.

CARRIED

Motion 330 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE MEETING BE EXTENDED TO 12:15 A.M.

CARRIED

6. Proposed First Phase of Integrated Ridership

Motion 331 (09-11-24) by L. Zanella

Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD ENTITLED "PROPOSED FIRST PHASE OF INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP" BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

T. Howe, Manager of STOPR, reviewed the information contained in the report. He noted that Integrated Ridership is an expectation of the Ministry of Education. Implementation of Integrated Ridership does not guarantee a high rating from the

Ministry Effectiveness and Efficiency Team and, therefore, removal of the 1% annual penalty of \$200,000. However, is guaranteed that a high rating from Effectiveness and Efficiency and consequent removal of the 1% penalty will not occur if Integrated Ridership is not implemented.

Trustees discussed the matter and requested staff to provide further information.

Motion 332 (09-11-24) by L. Zanella Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE PROPOSED FIRST PHASE OF INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP FOR REGULAR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION INVOLVING THE TEN DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED BE APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION EFFECTIVE THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.

DEFEATED

Motion 333 (09-11-24) by L. Zanella Seconded by T. Thomas

3. THAT THE PROPOSED FIRST PHASE OF INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION, INVOLVING FIFTY STUDENTS FROM EACH BOARD, BE APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION EFFECTIVE THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.

DEFEATED

7. Motion Regarding Names of the Deceased of the Dufferin-Peel Community

Motion 334 (09-11-24) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE NAMES OF DUFFERIN-PEEL STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF STAFF WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED, BE PLACED IN THE "OPENING PRAYER" SECTION OF THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES.

Motion 335 (09-11-24) by B. Iannicca Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE NAMES OF THE DUFFERIN-PEEL STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF STAFF WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED, BE READ AT THE MEETING.

DEFEATED

Motion 336 (09-11-24) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE NAMES OF DUFFERIN-PEEL STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF STAFF WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED, BE PLACED IN THE "OPENING PRAYER" SECTION OF THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES.

CARRIED

I Notice of Motion
Nil

J Additional Business

Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci, asked trustees to respond to the OCSTA Committee by December 1, 2009.

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. In response to Trustee B. Iannicca's suggestion of "Dufferin-Peel in Kandahar, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, staff would communicate the idea of the principals.

Motion 337 (09-11-24) by L. del Rosario Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE MEETING BE EXTENDED TO 12:30 A.M.

CARRIED

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 338 (09-11-24) by L. del Rosario 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 339 (09-11-24) by T. Thomas Seconded by S. Hobin

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

CARRIED

N Future Meetings
December 15, 2009
January 26, 2010
February 23, 2010
March 23, 2010
April 27, 2010
May 25, 2010
June 15, 2010

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 340 (09-11-24) by F. Di Cosola

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED