

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 28, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Chair: A. Abbruscato
Vice-Chair: S. Hobin

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

Student Trustees: Ann Mansur Alexandria Matic

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 P. McMorrow
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Assistant Superintendent: S. Kendrick

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Recorder: D. Reed

A Routine Matters

- 1 Call to Order and Attendance
Chair A. Abbruscato called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Chair A. Abbruscato welcomed the students from Brock and York Universities.
2. Opening Prayer
Chair A. Abbruscato led the Opening Prayer.

Secretary to the Board and Director of Education, J. B. Kostoff administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to A. Mansur and A. Matic, student trustees. These students will represent Dufferin-Peel's students for the 2010-2011 school year.

Chair A. Abbruscato welcomed A. Mansur and A. Matic to the board table.

3. Approval of the Agenda
Addition: STOPR Update

Motion 266 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.
CARRIED

Motion 267 (10-09-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE IN-CAMERA CALENDAR ITEMS BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest
Nil

5a Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, August 24, 2010

Motion 268 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
AUGUST 24, 2010, BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

5a Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, September 8, 2010

Motion 269 (10-09-26) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010, BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – UNESCO World Teachers’ Day, October 5, 2010 – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, announced that each year, in recognition of World Teachers’ Day, this Board issues a proclamation recognizing and celebrating our teachers and those who support them. World Teachers’ Day is celebrated yearly throughout the world on October 5.

Motion 270 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE UNESCO WORLD
TEACHERS' DAY, OCTOBER, 5, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 270 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by S. Hobin

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PROCLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 5, 2009 BE RECOGNIZED AND
CELEBRATED AS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY IN DUFFERIN-PEEL
SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES AND THAT ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO
THANK TEACHERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IN DUFFERIN-PEEL AND FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK
THEY DO WITH STUDENTS EACH AND EVERY DAY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Proclamation – Bus Driver Appreciation Day, October 20, 2010 – J. Hrajnik

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, announced that the week of October 18-22 is School Bus Safety Week in Ontario and Wednesday, October 20 is designated as Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Peel Region. Approximately 1,300 school bus drivers safely transport our students to and from school each day. The school bus is, by far, the safest form of ground transportation in North America and bus drivers are the main reason for this. School staff and students are encouraged to take a moment on October 20th to thank their bus driver for their efforts in providing safe and secure transportation to and from school each day.

Motion 271 (10-09-26) by L. Zanella Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE BUS DRIVER
APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

RECEIVED

Motion 271 (10-09-26) by L. Zanella Seconded by L. del Rosario

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 21, 2009 TO BE BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION
DAY WHEREBY ALL DUFFERIN-PEEL SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED, IN
AN APPROPRIATE MANNER, TO CELEBRATE AND THANK THEIR BUS
DRIVERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Proclamation – Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Education Appreciation Day, October 27, 2010 – R. Borrelli

R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services, announced that October 27, 2010 marks the 10th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Education Appreciation Day. In many ways, this recognizes the education skills, commitment and dedication of Early Childhood educators and Child Care staff.

Motion 272 (10-09-26) by B. Iannicca Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE ANNUAL CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 BE RECEIVED.

RECEIVED

Motion 272 (10-09-26) by B. Iannicca Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT OCTOBER 27, 2010 BE DESIGNATED THE 10TH ANNUAL "CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF THE EDUCATION, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF CHILD CARE WORKERS TO CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D Delegations

1. Concern Regarding Text Books – S. Battista, Student

S. Battista, student, informed trustees about the absence of text books and the severe impact that has on students and their quality of education.

In response to trustees' questions, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education explained that this summer Science writing teams worked to prepare units of significant value and follow the new curriculum. These handouts are provided to students as the new curriculum is introduced. It is the practice of this board, based on history, to pilot new textbooks when they first become available. Currently, the grade 9 and 10 textbook is being piloted at one of our schools and in the second semester plan to pilot the grade 11 textbook. It is our hope that by the beginning of the next semester, a textbook will be selected.

In the interim, teachers are working with the new curriculum, we have met with the Science Council, we had a summer writing team and the units are being used at the schools. It is our preference that schools do not use the old textbooks as they do not follow the new curriculum.

Revising the curriculum is a Ministry decision. There is a lag time from when a new curriculum is approved and when a publisher receives the curriculum and chooses to create a new textbook. As soon as the textbook is available, we then begin the pilot process. This board's student success rate in Science is in the ninety per-cent range.

Director Kostoff reminded trustees that the board has been dealing with a 10% reduction in textbooks system-wide for the past two years and outlined the amount of money put into textbooks during this time period.

Trustees asked that they be provided with an outline of the money spent on curriculum resources as noted by the Director. Trustees suggested that the matter of frequency and cycle of new curriculum be addressed by way of an OCSTA resolution.

Motion 273 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING TEXT BOOKS, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports

1. STOPR Update – L. Zanella

Trustee L. Zanella advised trustees that a formal report from STOPR will be presented at the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting. In the interim, Trustee Zanella updated trustees on transportation issues, particularly information with respect to courtesy riders. She advised trustees that according to the revised policy, STOPR will begin to assign courtesy riders to bus stops until the 5th week of school. The purpose for this policy is to allow STOPR staff sufficient time to address all issues pertaining to eligible students. It is anticipated that courtesy riders will be on the bus by Tuesday, October 5.

Some trustees expressed their disappointment with the four week wait before courtesy riders are assigned. Trustees also raised concerns with respect to some pathways, distance measurements, Governance structure, safety and efficiency of the Consortium. Trustees were advised that in comparison to previous years, courtesy ridership has been moved forward three weeks.

Trustee M. Pascucci joined the meeting in session. (7:50 p.m.)

Trustees requested that the Consortium be added to the Board's OCSTA resolutions. Trustees also asked that a clear definition of the role of trustees be included in the STOPR report to be presented at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Motion 274 (10-09-26) by L. del Rosario Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE STOPR UPDATE BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

ii) Good News Items – Chair A. Abbruscato and Vice-Chair S. Hobin

- ▶ Congratulations to Dorothy Gugliucciello, from our Financial Services Department, who has had her first children’s book published. The book, called “Olyie Says ...Let’s Make Learning Fun”, was created to inspire young children to enjoy reading and is intended to appeal to children between the ages of 3 to 6. Another example of the creative talent that is all around us here at Dufferin-Peel.
- ▶ Congratulations to St. Cecilia School which recently received a S’Cool Life Fund award of \$2,000 to help support and enhance their instrumental Music program. The funds will be used to purchase musical instruments. This will allow more students to participate in the instrumental music program. In February 2010, the senior school band won a silver medal at the Ontario Band Association Festival and the school band has won numerous awards and has participated successfully in many festivals and competitions.
- ▶ Congratulations to Anthony Gale, a 17 year old student/athlete from St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School. Anthony was the youngest player selected to represent Canada on the 2010-2011 National Sledge Hockey team. This is another example of Dufferin-Peel students excelling in the athletic arena.
- ▶ Congratulations to 12 Iona graduates who were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship. The Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship rewards graduates with top marks at their high school who plan to continue their studies at an Ontario college or university. These scholarships are worth up to a maximum of \$3500. per year, renewable for 4 years in total.

Motion 275 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE GOOD NEWS ITEMS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt
Nil

G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Letter of Resignation – J. Rienzo, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, presented with regret the resignation of J. Rienzo, Principal, who has decided to make a lifestyle and career change effective October 15, 2010. She has served as teacher, vice-principal and principal with this board and has been a strong supporter of Catholic Education.

Trustee E. O'Toole congratulated J. Rienzo and wished her the very best in her new endeavors.

Trustee S. Hobin wished her well and noted that J. Rienzo will be missed at St. Helen Catholic Elementary School.

Motion 276 (10-09-26) by S. Hobin

Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION BY J. RIENZO, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

2. School Year Start-up Verbal Report - J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, delivered the following report:

As has been my practice for the last four years, I would like to bring Trustees and the community up to current understanding of our first month of school.

As of September 15th our enrolment was 86,213 students. This translates into 51,548 Elementary and 34,665 Secondary. Currently, we are 287 students below projections, 44 Elementary and 243 Secondary fewer students. We anticipate that by December, we will have made up the shortfall as past practice indicates that we will continue to gather and generate students throughout the school year. We have seen the new construction of St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton with Grades 9 & 10 and a replacement elementary school at St. Anthony in Brampton. A replacement elementary school for Lester B. Pearson is currently under construction and scheduled to open in the spring of 2011.

Enrolment

Most schools experience enrolment fluctuations during the first part of the school year. Either registered students failed to show, or some waiting list students were declined. All 1,248 early learning spaces funded by the Ministry have been filled with a few in-boundary students remaining on the in-boundary waiting list. A class size of 26 students is in place with individual classes having a minimum of 22 students and a maximum of 28 students.

In 2010 elementary class size requirements for Full Day Kindergarten classes have a board-wide average of 26 students. Ninety percent of classes in JK to Grade 3 were capped at 20 students; 10% were capped at 23. Grade 3-4 splits were all capped at 23. Grade 4-8 board-wide averages were 24.8; all within the Ministry requirements.

On our re-organization day, September 17th, 57% of our schools experienced some change in their staffing allocations. Of that, 45% had either a class added or class removed due to fluctuations. The school re-organization on September 17th enabled the board to meet all of its legislative and contractual requirements.

Construction Department

Over the summer the Construction Department undertook 31 renewal projects. The projects included replacements of ventilation, air-conditioning, heating systems, plumbing fixtures, roofs, lighting fixtures, as well as wall and other repairs. The vast majority of these projects were funded through Good Places to Learn and Energy and Efficiency Renewal Grants, which our board has aggressively sought.

Design & Construction Departments

The Design & Construction Departments completed improvements in the board room and the board office.

Plant Department

The Plant Department utilized renewal grants to undertake paving improvements, painting, fire and safety equipment upgrades, replacement stairs and flooring and repairs to portables throughout the system. In addition, the Plant Department undertook the retrofitting of 16 schools with full-day early learning programs and to upgrade mill work, washrooms, fencing and paving.

The board has recently received renewable energy grants to undertake the installation of solar panels, solar water, solar air, geo-thermal and micro-wind technology at St. Marcellinus, St. Joan of Arc and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Transportation

STOPR is currently transporting 19,828 students who reside within the board's bussing policy and at the beginning of October, we will deal with the Courtesy Ridership students.

STOPR is currently utilizing 1,274 vehicles to meet the transportation needs of Dufferin-Peel and Peel students each and every day.

STOPR introduced the new Geoquery and STOPR websites in June of 2010. Today there have been 49,900 hits on the STOPR GEO website.

Programs

In the area of programs for students who have entered our system this year, Fully Alive texts for all Grade 6 students were purchased because of the new program. Liturgical and Curriculum supports for classrooms and families of schools have been provided, and we continue to provide opportunities for social justice activities.

In October, we will roll out the development of our vocation material for both elementary and secondary schools and we are in the process of supplying schools with resources for the beatification of Cardinal Newman and the canonization of Brother Andre.

The development of the Catholic supplement of One Life Many Gifts organ donation awareness and pastoral guidelines to assist students, were circulated this September. Our Catholic Community Culture and Caring surveys will be piloted in

the fall and implemented in the spring. As well, the Strategic Plan and the System Directions have been communicated to all Principals and are being communicated to

new school councils during the months of September and October. Our Full-Day Kindergarten program has been a success and our partnership with third party providers has proved to be beneficial for the Before and After School program. We are also fortunate to encourage family engagement, through our parent literacy centers throughout the board.

Registration for our Full-Day Kindergarten programs was completed in the fall and, over the summer, training was provided for administrators, teachers and designated Early Childhood Educators. We anticipate identifying the Year 3 sites for the Full-Day Kindergarten program late in the fall.

EQAO, Primary and Junior Literacy

This September the EQAO report was received by the board and made public. Primary Literacy achievements remain consistent across the board. Our students read and write beyond the provincial achievement trends. The Catholic Board Learning Plan contains very specific directions and focuses are more on differentiated training, in-school coaching, targeted instructional strategies and more learning material to respond to the diverse needs of our students right across the primary grades in order to ensure a solid foundation on the way to Grade 3. Our Junior Literacy achievements continue in a positive direction. Dufferin-Peel Grade 6 students continue to outpace the province in both reading and writing. In writing assessments, Junior students demonstrated significant positive growth when compared to the province; 76% achieved level three or better, compared to 70% across the province. More precise direction, articulated in our Catholic Board Learning Plan, will continue to ensure that we excel into the future.

Once again, the board performed well on its EQAO assessment in both primary and junior mathematics. Elementary schools focused on achievement in mathematics and have continued to explore and develop instructional strategies that are researched based. Teachers have been working diligently at implementing problem solving base lessons. As this practice becomes more embedded, Dufferin-Peel looks forward to driving ahead new achievement levels in mathematics.

Our results in September indicated that Grade 9 Academic Mathematics demonstrated notable improvement compared to 2008. Eighty-five percent of Dufferin-Peel's students taking Academic Mathematics achieved Level 3 or higher, representing a growth of 9%.

Dufferin-Peel's results on assessment of Grade 9 Applied Mathematics demonstrate a marked improvement compared to the previous year. Forty-two percent of Dufferin-Peel students taking applied mathematics achieved Level 3 or higher, which represents a growth of 7%. Overall, the 2010 September Ontario Literacy test results demonstrated a lower portion of the first time eligible students who were successful, compared to the last administrative test. 84% of fully participating first time eligible students received a passing grade. While our EQAO scores bring this

board much to be proud of, and we know we are providing our students with an education that meets or exceeds the targets, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must continue to marshal our resources and the expertise of our principals and teachers and the good work of our students to continue to improve.

French Immersion

We saw the implementation of French Immersion move forward to Year 3 with the expansion of programs at Divine Mercy and St. Angela Merici. Presently there are four Grade 3 classes, seven Grade 2 classes and 12 Grade 11 classes among the six sites. At St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Joachim, Grade 3 students are entering the EQAO assessment year. Over the past summer, our Newcomer Reception Centers received acknowledgment from the CBC with regard to the good work done at our St. Veronica and St. Isaac Jogues elementary schools. They assessed some 300 Newcomers in the month of August and will continue to provide schools with assessment for newly arrived English Language Learner students during the year. Our new-comer orientation week, held late in August, successfully expanded to make their orientation services available to recently arrived new students at the secondary level as well as Newcomer students moving from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

Learning to 18

This September, we continued to work towards our goal of ensuring that schools will have at least one Pathway Program in order to provide students with a supportive, inclusive and respectful environment as they explore their educational pathways and make successful transitions. New pathways for this year include child care at St. Thomas Aquinas and business at Notre Dame secondary schools. New high skill major programs for September include:

- Non-profit at Holy Name of Mary school
- Business at Aloysius Gonzaga
- Environment at Aloysius Gonzaga
- Business at St. Joseph
- Sports at St. Martins
- Energy management and awareness at St. Paul
- Arts and Culture at R. F. Hall.

Adult and Continuing Education

Often in our reports we forget to note the good work being done by the Adult and Continuing Education International Languages and Global Learning Departments in Dufferin-Peel. This September our statistics indicated that 48,483 learners went through our system this past year. This is an increase of over 2,277 learners across the extensive programs that we offer. In the past two years, our programs have increased by over 8,000 learners. Programs such as our Adult Learning Centers at B.J. Fleming and St. Gabriel enhance the academic employment ability skills of thousands of adults annually. Our Adult Co-op Programs provide foreign trained professionals the opportunity to gain Canadian experience and increase their employment possibilities. Our co-op office skills program responds to the need of many learners, who for a multitude of reasons, require renewal or refreshment of their skills to enhance their employability. Our ESL Programs operate within 12

ESL Adult Centers and classes. Sites vary and there are currently 6,849 learners in our ESL and 2,013 learners in our Citizenship courses.

As well, our General Interest course programs continue to respond to the needs of the community offering programs of General Interest to our community.

Our Global Learning Korean teacher partnership hosted close to 205 Korean teachers this year for language training and pedagogical instruction at both the elementary and secondary level. This winter, we will provide training for both elementary and secondary teachers in Busan, Korea. We have also hosted teachers groups from Gangwon do.

We are also pleased to note that this year we have a total of 48 International students attending Dufferin-Peel schools, with the majority of these students from Hong Kong. We will be expanding our International program this year as identified in the Director's System Directions to participate in student affairs in Korea for this coming September. Reports will be coming to the board in the New Year identifying the schools which will educate our new foreign students.

The summer was a busy one for our ICT Department, which completed a major technology refresh in all of our elementary schools. Over 3,800 aging Apple computer systems were decommissioned and disposed of, and the ICT Department upgraded 4,500 Apple e-MAC computers. ICT deployed 1,000 new Apple I-MAC computers and re-deployed 700 refurbished e-MACS. Apple computers in our elementary schools were re-imaged and are now running the Apple Leopard operating system. This has resulted in a significant improvement in performance and reliability of technology in our elementary schools.

ICT re-imaged over 800 Apple computers at our secondary schools with new software titles to meet new curriculum demands and requirements.

ICT upgraded the phone system capacity in eight of our secondary schools.

ICT did extensive planning with replacing all aging network equipment in our secondary schools and a complete refresh at Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School.

The completion of the VPN solution was done system wide.

To date, over \$2M has been spent on Smart Board Technology for our schools.

Special Education

In the area of Special Education, the development of Phase II of the Safe Schools application enhanced the ability to track restrictions on students resulting from incidents. Automatic work flows for central staff was also developed. This application will greatly facilitate tracking, managing, and planning over the coming year.

Human Resources

This September, we saw the allotment of the PDT \$1.4M to the board to improve benefits for employees and their dependants. This benefit took effect September 1st. The board and its bargaining units agreed to 13 distinct benefit enhancements. Two groups, Mid-management and CUPE 2026, chose health care spending accounts.

To support our system, 20 elementary teachers were hired for FSL and Extended French and 69 secondary teachers were hired in all subject areas, often in their second year of an LTO. At the beginning of June, we had 77.8 surplus elementary teachers and 22 secondary teachers. All surplus teachers were placed by the beginning of September.

Plans for H1N1 will not be receiving the same priority as last year. It will continue to be in place this year, as the board continues to seek the implementation of hand sanitizers and regular cleaning of hand washing throughout the system. As well, our board will continue to support the plans for flu vaccinations in our school system.

In September, our board supply Education Resource Workers ratified changes to their collective agreement and amended the collective agreement for this fall.

Based on an arbitration decision, the designated Early Childhood Educator positions were placed in the Dufferin-Peel Education Resource Workers' bargaining unit.

This fall, negotiations will begin with the Dufferin-Peel ERWs on behalf of the DECEs, which will commence later this year.

Special Education

At each family of schools in the board there is a spectrum of programs and/or classes to support students. For example, each family contains special education classes including needs moderate, needs severe, and planning for independence. Special education resource center/classes exist both at the elementary and secondary levels. Additional supports are also available for specialized needs of identified students including Section 23 students offering specialized program in-services as part of the Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary program. Board-wide, we continue to staff psychology, social work, speech language pathology, child and youth workers including access to special education resource teachers and SERCs (Special Education Resource Class) teachers, or at the secondary level, ARDH (Academic Resource Department Heads). This fall, staff will participate in the conversations that the Ministry has set up regarding funding of special education. This board has made it very clear, time and time again, that additional funds must be provided to school boards to meet the ever increasing needs of special education demands placed on the system.

Governance

At the board level, changes in by-laws, government structures, trustee handbook, in-service and orientation for new trustees is well underway and will be coming to the board before the Organizational Board meeting in December.

Conclusion

This report is meant to provide a summary to Trustees of the work that has gone on during the months of June, July and August in preparation for September. While there have been bumps and glitches, as always, when you are one of the largest school boards in the province, the information provided in this report clearly indicates that our preparation was well executed in making this a successful start to the school year.

I wish to thank the staff who helped compile this report, but more particularly, the staff in our system that made the start-up so successful. Our success is the result of committed and hard working staff, administrators, secretaries, custodians, teachers, superintendents, support workers, DECEs and mid management, who all have made an outstanding effort to make this September a successful start to the school year. To all, I say thank you on behalf of our students and parents/guardians.

Motion 277 (10-09-26) by

Seconded by

THAT THE VERBAL REPORT ON THE SCHOOL YEAR START-UP,
BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Ministry Advisory Committee – Administration and Governance Grant – Verbal Report – J. Hrajnik

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, advised trustees that the Administration and Governance Grant, which includes all the administration areas in the board, is an area that is under significant pressure in most school boards. There is no real correlation between declining enrolment and the administration line. In our board, the enrolment decline is less than 1% and the Ministry does not consider this a declining board. However, the funding formula states that if there is a decline, the funding formula is reduced in administration. As noted in June during the budget presentation, our funding in the administration line has been cut and will be cut over the next two years. The Administration line is 95% salaries. In addition, the funding has been reduced.

The Ministry has created an advisory committee to review the Administration and Governance Grant line. However, the Ministry has made it clear that they are not adding any more money.

Motion 278 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas

Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE MINISTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ADMINISTRATION AND
GOVERNANCE GRANT – VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Request for Information on Funding Issues – G. Robinson

G. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services & Treasurer, summarized the information outlined in the report. The report identifies Dufferin-Peel's financial concerns which have been shared with OCSTA for the 2010/2011 school year as well as relevant points from 2009 that continue to be of concern.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, suggested that this material be part of the information package given to MPPs at the January meeting.

Trustees asked that the approximate numbers of the financial impact be forwarded to trustees.

Motion 279 (10-09-26) by B. Iannicca Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "OCSTA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FUNDING ISSUES" BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5. Elementary and Secondary Staffing Annual Process – J. Geiser

J. Geiser, Superintendent of Employee Relations, updated trustees on the numerous components of the Board's staffing cycle for our elementary and secondary schools. The update focused on the involvement of all departments from both the Corporate and Instructional Services and the extensive communication, collaboration and co-ordination required. Superintendent Geiser noted that the decisions made throughout the year-long cycle have a direct impact on students, faculty, support staff and the financial outlook for the board in the year ahead.

Motion 280 (10-09-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE REPORT, ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY STAFFING ANNUAL PROCESS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, September 13, 2010

Motion 281(10-09-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, September 20, 2010

Motion 282 (10-09-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 283 (10-09-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CONTRIBUTE \$37,000 AS A ONETIME SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEEL CHILDREN YOUTH INITIATIVE CONTINGENT UPON THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FROM THE REGION OF PEEL AND PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the By-Law/Policies Review Committee Meeting, September 27, 2010
(*The minutes were distributed at the meeting*)

Motion 284 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 285 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE DRAFT OF THE REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 4.70, HEALTH AND SAFETY, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 286 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

3. THAT THE DRAFT OF REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 6.69.1, HARRASSMENT AND DISRIMINATION, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 287 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

4. THAT THE DRAFT OF NEW POLICY, EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 288 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

5. THAT THE DRAFT OF NEW POLICY, RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

4. Tender Opening – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School

In response to a question about the cost per square foot, W. Stumpf, Manager of Design, explained that part of the increase in cost is due to green energy strategies, market conditions and the availability of the trade

Motion 289 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE REPORT ON "THE OPENING OF TENDERS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 290 (10-09-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BONDFIELD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (1983) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,544,000 EXCLUDING H.S.T. SUBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.

CARRIED

5. Establishing an Election Compliance Audit Committee

S. Cox, Acting Senior Planner, explained that staff has contacted the individuals noted below and all applicants have confirmed their willingness to participate on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Compliance Audit Committee if appointed.

Motion 291(10-09-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by M. Pascucci

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD TITLED "ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE" BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 292 (10-09-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by M. Pascucci

2. THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BE APPOINTED TO THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

CITY OF BRAMPTON MEMBERS -	Jodie Lobana Bharat B. Gupta Navreet Vaidwan Sumit Shankar Dutta Jessie Horowitz
CITY OF MISSISSAUGA MEMBERS -	Wendy Chant Roderick Chung Richard Do Mahmood Nulla Rafiq Rokerya

TOWN OF CALEDON MEMBERS -

David Dexter
Brenda Duncan
Paul Fairgrave
Charles Asling (alternate)
CARRIED

6. Cardinal Leger Secondary School

B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations, referred trustees to the options outlined in the report. Staff recommended that a new sports field be constructed on the Cardinal Leger site within the parameters of the existing site as identified in Appendix 5 of the report. Staff also recommended entering into an agreement with the City of Brampton for Cardinal Leger's use of a field located at Chinguacousy Park, and the remediation of the play field at the St. Mary Elementary School site adjacent to Cardinal Leger Secondary School.

Trustee B. Iannicca asked staff to explore opportunities for St. John Cabot, St. Paul and Ascension of our Lord Secondary schools. Trustee E. O'Toole asked to explore partnership opportunities with the City of Mississauga.

Motion 293 (10-09-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TITLED 'CARDINAL LEGER SECONDARY SCHOOL' BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 294 (10-09-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by M. Pascucci

2. THAT CONTINGENT ON AVAILABLE FUNDING AND THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, A NEW SPORTS FIELD BE CONSTRUCTED AT CARDINAL LEGER SECONDARY SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAY FIELD AT ST. MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BRAMPTON.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 295 (10-09-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. Zanella

3. THAT STAFF ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF BRAMPTON FOR THE USE OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT CHINGUACOUSY PARK BY CARDINAL LEGER SECONDARY SCHOOL.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I Notice of Motion
 Nil

J Additional Business

1. Recognition of Ukrainian Genocide by Famine

Trustee M. Pascucci circulated a letter received from Very Rev. Roman Pankiw, Dean Pastor of St. Mary's Dormition Ukrainian Catholic Church. The letter was an invitation for Trustee M. Pascucci to speak at the Blessing of the Holodomor Monument (Memorial) on Saturday, September 25, 2010. This year, Ukrainians worldwide are commemorating the 77th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33, the Holodomor, by honouring the victims through the *Flame of Prayer* initiated in Kyiv, Ukraine on June 19 of this year.

Motion 296 (10-09-26) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by T. Thomas

WHEREAS JUNE 19, 2010 THE FLAME OF PRAYER WAS INITIATED IN KYIV, UKRAINE;

WHEREAS ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECENTLY RECOGNIZED THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932-33;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ANNUALLY RECOGNIZED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932-1933.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. Trustee M. Pascucci outlined his concerns in the area of St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School and Lynwood Public School and asked J. B. Kostoff to have the concerns addressed.
2. Trustee M. Pascucci will forward information regarding Grade 11 textbooks to J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education.
3. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about the project 'Bringing Dufferin-Peel Students to Afghanistan.' In response, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that a notice will be sent to schools.
4. Trustee B. Iannicca asked staff to investigate concerns regarding facilities rentals.
5. In response to Trustee T. da Silva's inquiry regarding the Before and After Program at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations confirmed that the fire certificate will be granted soon.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 297 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas

Seconded by L. del Rosario

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

CARRIED

M Rise and Report

Motion 298 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas

Seconded by L. del Rosario

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

Regular Meetings

October 26, 2010

November 23, 2010

December 14, 2010

Inaugural Meeting

December 7, 2010

O Adjournment

Motion 299 (10-09-26) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED