

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 26, 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 M. Pascucci
T. Thomas L. Zanella

Student Trustees: A. Mansur A. 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
S. McWatters M. Mazzorato N. Milanetti
D. Oude-Reimerink G. Prajza G. Robinson
C. Saytar A. Tucciarone

Acting Superintendents: B. Bjarnason C. Blanchard
C. Pitoscia
Assistant Superintendent: S. Kendrick

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

Recorder: D. Reed

Regrets: Trustee E. O'Toole

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 Niagara University along with their instructor J. Galea.
2. Opening Prayer
Chair A. Abbruscato led the Opening Prayer.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Revised agenda item H 6 – Coordinated Transportation Eligibility Process report was distributed.

Motion 300 (10-10-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Motion 301 (10-10-26) by Seconded by

THAT THE CALENDAR ITEMS BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, September 26, 2010

Motion 302 (10-10-26) by L. Zanella Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 2010, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

B Awards and Presentations

1. Share Life Presentation – T. Lee Loy

T. Lee Loy thanked trustees, staff and students of Dufferin-Peel for their outstanding support of ShareLife. The Archdiocese is grateful for the continued support shown by the Board.

T. Lee Loy updated the board on the results of the 2010 Campaign and advised that the support to ShareLife is used to serve the most needy and vulnerable in our communities, including families in crisis, people with special needs, the elderly, immigrants and refugees, children and youth.

For this year's campaign, fundraising kits will be sent to school and elementary students will be engaged in a poster contest.

THAT THE SHARE LIFE PRESENTATION BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

C Pastor's Remarks
Nil

D Delegations
Nil

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports
Nil

ii) Quarterly Verbal Report – Chair A. Abbruscato

As you know, it has been the recent practice for the chair of the board to issue a quarterly verbal report highlighting some of the accomplishments, events and activities in which our board is involved.

- ▶ This is by no means a complete account, but it does encompass some key areas in which we have been involved over the past months and I would like to take a few minutes to share these items with you.
- ▶ But before I do, I would like to take a moment to congratulate those trustees who will be returning for another term. And to those who have decided to pursue other interests, I wish you all the best. We can all hold our heads high for what we have accomplished as a board over the past four years.
- ▶ So without further delay, let me highlight a few items of interest that have occurred over the past few months.
- ▶ In June, we approved another balanced budget, continuing to demonstrate that this board has been a prudent financial manager of public monies.
- ▶ Our 2010-11 school year opening this fall has to be deemed a major success, with as smooth an opening as I can recall.
- ▶ We implemented our first year of Full Day Kindergarten in 48 classrooms in 16 schools across the board and I am pleased to say we are fully subscribed.
- ▶ We opened St. Michael's, our first secondary school in Bolton.
- ▶ As well, we opened the new St. Anthony Elementary School in Brampton.

- ▶ Our fall enrolment projections were very accurate, resulting in a minimal disruption for students during our reorganization. We are holding steady at over 86,000 students and are very close in size to Toronto Catholic making us the two largest Catholic boards in the province.
- ▶ Our EQAO assessments show that Dufferin-Peel students are meeting or surpassing provincial standards in many areas and our continuous improvement over time shows us that we are on the right track. We continue to work hard to improve even further.
- ▶ We developed and approved a new Strategic Plan based on the results of our Strategic System Review. That Plan will help steer us for the next five years.
- ▶ We have expanded our French Immersion Program to two additional sites.
- ▶ We transport more than 20,000 students daily.
- ▶ I can say with much enthusiasm that our schools continue to be centres of excellence in Catholic education.
- ▶ Trustees continue to take our role as stewards of Catholic education very seriously. It is not a time to rest on our laurels. We must remain vigilant in delivering our message that Catholic education is a strong, vibrant and healthy in Dufferin-Peel.
- ▶ Thanks to you, my trustee colleagues ... as well as our faculty and staff, for living our promise a promise of excellence in Catholic education.

Motion 304 (10-10-26) by S. Hobin

Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE QUARTERLY REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

iii) Good News Items – Chair A. Abbruscato

1. Congratulations to ROSE VETERE, a social worker who is scheduled to receive the prestigious School Social Work Achievement Award for her accomplishments in the field of school social work.

The award will be formally presented to Ms. Vetere on October 29 at the Annual Ontario Association of Social Workers Symposium in Oakville. The award, only one of which is presented in Ontario each year, recognizes a school social worker “*who exemplifies the everyday successes in their career through outstanding accomplishments and who exudes caring, dependable, enthusiastic, helpful, resourceful and knowledgeable characteristics.*”

More information about Rose and her award can be found on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org

2. Congratulations to Zamour Johnson, a Grade 12 student from Iona Catholic Secondary School who was named by the Toronto Star as High School Athlete of the Week. Zamour scored five touchdowns in a 48-7 senior football win over St. Martin. Zamour, who has only been playing football for a year, plans on studying business management next year at either Wilfred Laurier or Waterloo. Congratulations to Zamour.

3. Congratulations to the following Dufferin-Peel graduates from Brampton who received scholarship awards from the Canadian Federation of University Women.

Members of the Canadian Federation of University Women are committed to the pursuit of knowledge, the promotion of education, and the status of women and human rights. Recipients must be a female student residing in the city of Brampton and have achieved academic excellence while participating fully in a variety of school and community activities. All recipients must be entering a degree granting course in a Canadian university.

Dufferin-Peel award winners are:

Jeninah del Rosario from Cardinal Leger Secondary School;
 Ashleigh Hansraj from Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School;
 Camilla Tabis from Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School;
 Shannon Douglas from St. Augustine Secondary School;
 Melissa Ntiamoa from St. Edmund Campion Secondary School;
 Brianna Alexander from St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School;
 Deborah Owusu-Akyeeah from St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School.

Congratulations to these students for their achievements and for winning this award.

Motion 305 (10-10-26) by S. Hobin Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE GOOD NEWS ITEMS BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt

1. Minutes of the Central Committee For Catholic School Councils' Meeting, September 23, 2010

Motion 306 (10-10-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CAHTOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS' MEETING BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 22, 2010

Motion 307 (10-10-26) by L. Zanella Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Update: Oakville Power Plant – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, reported that staff had received various calls and e-mails with respect to this board's position taken several years ago when Trustee B. Iannicca was Chair. Trustee S. Hobin had received numerous calls from the community concerned that the health and safety of our students might be affected if the energy plant is located at the boarder of Mississauga and Oakville. Our board joined with the Ministry of Health in terms of raising questions regarding long term health related matters.

Trustee S. Hobin shared with the board comments received from Dorothy Tomiuk, a representative from MIRANET. Members of MIRANET appreciated the early support received from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, which took a stand for the future of all the children in its care. Oakville Power Plant will not be proceeding and there will be no new power plant built anywhere in the GTA.

Motion 308 (10-10-26) by B. Iannicca Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE UPDATE ON THE OAKVILLE POWER PLANT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Transfer of Funds for School Council Parents Reaching Out Grants
- J. B. Kostoff and G. Prajza

G. Prajza, Superintendent of Education, reported that the process changed this past year. This year schools applied late in the spring and were advised in early October that the funds from the Parent Engagement Office for the approved Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for School Councils would be transferred. The total amount transferred to our board was \$63,295.

Motion 309 (10-10-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE REPORT REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR
SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Letter from The Honourable T. Clement, P.C., M.P. Regarding the 2011 Census of Population – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 310 (10-10-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE T. CLEMENT, P.C., M.P.
REGARDING THE 2011 CENSUS OF POPULATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Overseas Excursions – Fall Report

A. Tucciarone, Superintendent of Education, provided background details of the Overseas Excursions for elementary and secondary school students. The Committee met on October 6, 2010 to receive presentations for the proposed excursions. There was no elementary school presentations received this year.

The final decision with respect to Overseas Excursions rests with the Associate Director, Instructional Services. This report has been discussed with and approved by the Associate Director, Instructional Services.

Superintendent Tucciarone explained that the exam structure at Archbishop Romero is different from the rest of the board's secondary schools.

Motion 311(10-10-26) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE REPORT SUMMARIZING THE OVERSEAS EXCURSIONS
SUBMISSIONS PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2010 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5. Operational Review Update – G. Robinson

G. Robinson, Superintendent of Finance and Treasurer, reported that many of the recommendations are in the process of being implemented. The Ministry of Education will be conducting a follow-up review of the recommendations contained in their report in February 2011.

Motion 312 (10-10-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "OPERATIONAL REVIEW UPDATE" BE
RECEIVED.

CARRIED

6. Pandemic and Emergency Planning – J. Geiser

J. Geiser, Superintendent of Employee Relations, explained that the Board's Health and Safety Department works closely with local health officials as well as the Region of Peel on emergency planning, including risk specific preparedness such as pandemics, mass casualty disasters, etc.

In the New Year, Hour Zero, the Board's consulting firm, will prepare and facilitate a table top exercise for senior administration and others that are part of the Incident Management System (IMS). This exercise will be a scenario to practice our roles and response to a significant emergency affecting our schools.

In response to a question asked, L. Schaule, Manager of Health and Safety, reported that at this point in time, a pandemic has not been declared. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that at a special meeting with the Regional Officer of Health, senior staff identified the immunization record concerns expressed by trustees. The hardship for parents has been recognized by the Regional Office of Health.

Motion 313 (10-10-26) by S. Hobin

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE INFORMATION REPORT REGARDING
EMERGENCY AND PANDEMIC PLANNING".

CARRIED

7. Bill 168 – Workplace Violence and Harassment – J. Geiser

J. Geiser, Superintendent of Employee Relations stated that Bill 168 is an Act to amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS) concerning workplace violence and harassment. This Bill received Royal Assent on December 15, 2009 and became law effective June 15, 2010. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board had the required components in draft form by the identified compliance date. These are now complete with the various components and training plans finalized over the summer months.

Motion 314 (10-10-26) by T. da Silva

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE INFORMATION REPORT TO THE BOARD ENTITLED "BILL 168
& THE STATUS OF THE WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT
POLICIES & PROGRAM" BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Trustee Oath of Office – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 318 (10-10-26) by M. Pascucci Seconded by B. Iannicca

1. THAT THE REPORT "TRUSTEE OATH OF OFFICE" BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

Motion 319 (10-10-26) by M. Pascucci Seconded by B. Iannicca

2. THAT THE OATH BE ADMINISTERED AS PART OF THE SWEARING-IN OF ALL TRUSTEES IN THE DUFFERN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Naming of School – Saint Andre – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 320 (10-10-26) by L. del Rosario Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REPORT, NAMING OF SCHOOL – SAINT ANDRE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Trustee L. Zanella suggested that the name of the school by the Polish Church on Steeles Avenue be named to reflect the community.

Motion 321(10-10-26) by L. del Rosario Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE BOARD NAME ITS NEXT SCHOOL TO BE BUILT, SAINT ANDRE.
CARRIED

4. OCSTA Membership Fees – G. Robinson

Motion 322(10-10-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "OCSTA MEMBERSHIP FEES" BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

Motion 323 (10-10-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE OCSTA 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP FEES OF \$188,032.
CARRIED

5. Final 2010 – 2011 Budget” – G. Robinson

Motion 324 (10-10-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by F. Di Cosola

1. THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD TITLED “FINAL 2010-2011 BUDGET” BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 325(10-10-26) by T. da Silva Seconded by F. Di Cosola

2. THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE FINAL 2010-2011 CAPITAL BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY \$61.1 MILLION.

CARRIED

6. Co-Ordinated Transportation Eligibility Process – B. Bjarnason

A revised report was presented.

Motion 326 (10-10-26) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY PROCESS BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

CARRIED

I Notice of Motion
Nil

J Additional Business
Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. In response to a question about courtesy ridership, B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations outlined the process and advised that the principal communicates with parents.
2. Trustee L. del Rosario raised an issue about measuring distance from home to school and will forward the details to B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations.
3. In response to Trustee L. del Rosario’s inquiry about translation, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that staff are investigating the predominant languages in the area.
4. Trustee M. Pascucci thanked staff for the update about St. Dominic Elementary School and Lynwood School.

5. Trustee M. Pascucci inquired about the board's OCSTA resolutions. D. Oude-Reimerink indicated that the resolutions are due in her office on November 1 and will be forwarded to the board for approval at the November board meeting.
6. In response to Trustee M. Pascucci's question with respect to learning for boys, R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services advised that staff is looking at ways to service boys, in the area of literacy, more effectively.

M. Mazzorato, Superintendent of Program, explained that the boys' only literacy class is showing some promise in engaging boys through technology and that staff continue to follow research.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Educations, noted that there is a concern with respect to finding male elementary teachers.

7. Trustee T. da Silva inquired about the process for redefining school boundaries. B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations explained that when it becomes apparent that one school is over booked and a school nearby has space, Planning staff will bring it to senior staff's attention for further analysis.
8. Trustee T. da Silva expressed his concern with respect to obtaining fire certificates for the Before and After Programs. B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations confirmed that staff continue to work on the matter and that the St. Leonard Elementary School issue has been resolved and it is expected that the matter at St. Anthony Elementary will be resolved in the next few days.
9. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about the board's succession plans. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education advised that staff completed a study and looked at succession planning.

An information package will be prepared for trustee's information.

10. Trustee F. Di Cosola requested a report on student transportation and that the report includes the following:
 - process of including pathways and walkways and no sidewalks;
 - courtesy ridership and time line for same;
 - special education buses;
 - eligibility for flex boundaries;
 - calls to Student Transportation department;
 - measuring home and school property lines and how it impacts student eligibility.
11. In response to Trustee T. Thomas' request regarding the port-a-pak at St. Joseph School, staff will gather information and report back to trustees.
12. Trustee L. Zanella inquired as to when portables are checked and where the report is filed. R. Lawton, General Manager, indicated that portables are check by a consultant once a year. Any deficiency should be reported by the school principal.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 328(10-10-26) 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 329 (10-10-26) by T. da Silva 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

November 23, 2010

December 14, 2010

Inaugural Meeting

December 7, 2010

O Adjournment

Motion 330 (10-09-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by T. da Silva

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED