

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
November 23, 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: 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

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C. Pitoscia
Assistant Superintendent: 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 A. Abbruscato called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Abbruscato welcomed students from York and Niagara Universities.
2. Opening Prayer
Chair A. Abbruscato led the Opening Prayer.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 331 (10-11-23) by T. Thomas Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

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

Motion 332(10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by E. O'Toole

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

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

B Awards and Presentations

Nil

C Pastor's Remarks

Nil

D Delegations

Nil

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports

Nil

ii) Good News Items - Vice-Chair S. Hobin

1. Congratulations to Dave Couture, a Custodian at St. Nicholas School in Bolton, and his wife, Brenda Couture, a teacher at Firgrove Public School, an inner-city school in Toronto. Dave and Brenda helped organize a new relationship between the two schools. Grade 4, 5, and 6 students from St. Nicholas donated hockey equipment to the Firgrove students. Parent drivers then brought the students from the St. Nicholas Junior Hockey team in Bolton to the Jane-Finch neighbourhood of Toronto to skate and play hockey with Grade 1-5 students from Firgrove.

Many of the Firgrove children had never skated before and our St. Nicholas students, 'acted like teachers,' and helped the Firgrove students learn to skate. This experience gave the St. Nicholas students an opportunity to see first-hand, how they can help others. Students from Firgrove intend to visit Bolton in the new year, and perhaps give a demonstration on how to play the Steel pan drums.

2. Congratulations to Kieran Donworth, a Grade 11 student in the Vocal Arts program at Iona Catholic Secondary School, who participated in the 21st International Festival of Religious Song competition held at the John Paul II Cultural Centre this past weekend. Kieran was successful in the Adult soloist competition division. The festival featured two evenings of quality music, song and a joyful celebration of faith, all highlighted with multimedia effects.
3. Congratulations to Dufferin-Peel social worker, **Janace King-Watson**, who will be presented with a Community Service Award by the Peel Elementary Occasional Teachers' Local (PEOT).

Janace will receive the award for her long-term, volunteer services with Spectra Community Support Services, formerly Telecare Distress Centre. Janace has been a member of Spectra's Board of Directors for over ten years, volunteering in various roles including Co-chair, Secretary and Acting Treasurer. She helped to start up phone-support services to isolated seniors and mothers with post-partum disorder – in various languages. She has also assisted in training other Spectra volunteers who help people in crisis by providing support over the phone.

Good News Items – A. Mansur – Student Trustee

From the start of my term, I have been receiving emails from Ms. Sharon McMillan, the Coordinator of Communications and Media Resources at OCSTA. These emails were good news stories from the various Catholic school boards across Ontario. Though, at the board level, we are well aware of the numerous amazing things that students do to promote community and spiritual growth, I felt that our board's involvement was not adequately promoted and represented at the provincial level. Therefore, I decided to run a North Region event with the purpose of sharing it with OCSTA and OSTA-AECO, advertising Dufferin-Peel's ongoing student/community engagement. I organized a Dufferin-Peel North Region Jean Drive where the jeans from the community are recycled into insulation for Habitat for Humanity. I wrote an article for OSTA-AECO outlining the event's objectives and next week, an article will be sent to Ms. McMillan on behalf of DPCDSB illustrating the success of the event and the impact youth leadership has on our board's environment as a whole. So far, I am happy to say that several hundred jeans have already been collected at the school level alone. Jeans from the parish community will be picked up on Monday and included in the total."

Motion 333 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE GOOD NEWS ITEMS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt

1. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 20, 2010

Motion 334 (10-11-23) by L. del Rosario Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Letter of Retirement – A. Nardi, Principal

Motion 335 (10-11-23) by L. Zanella Seconded by J. Anderson

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM A. NARDI, PRINCIPAL,
BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

2. Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten – Year 3 Site Selection

Trustees T. da Silva and M. Pascucci joined the meeting in progress (7:15 p.m.)

S. Cox, Acting Senior Planner and N. Tallevi, Facility and Accountability Officer
were present to respond to questions.

B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations reviewed the criteria
and process undertaken by staff to select the most appropriate Full Day Early
Learning Kindergarten (FDELK) sites for Year 3 implementation in September 2012.

In response to questions asked, Acting Superintendent Bjarnason explained that there
are nine sites where the board will apply for capital funding to renovate existing core
facilities or to construct additions. Eight other schools may need to accommodate
older students in portables. Most schools that will require portables already have
enough units on site that are not currently in use.

Trustees asked that staff communicate to parents the cost for the Before and After
program.

Motion 336 (10-11-23) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REPORT, FULL-DAY EARLY LEARNING KINDERGARTEN –
YEAR 3 SITE SELECTION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the By-Law/Policies Review Committee, November 1, 2010

Motion 337(10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

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

CARRIED

Motion 338 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT REVISED PROCEDURAL BY-LAW #1-10, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 339 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

3. THAT NEW POLICY, SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE META POLICY BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS FURTHER REVISED.

CARRIED

Motion 340 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

4. THAT REVISED POLICY 1.00, POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS FURTHER REVISED.

CARRIED

Motion (10-11-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by F. Di Cosola

- THAT REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 2.00, COMPLAINTS-PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND PUBLIC TO TRUSTEES, BE MOVED TO DISCUSS FURTHER.

Defeated

Motion 341 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

5. THAT REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 2.00, COMPLAINTS-PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND PUBLIC TO TRUSTEES, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS FURTHER REVISED.

CARRIED

Motion 342 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

6. THAT REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 2.01, COMPLAINTS-PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND PUBLIC TO SENIOR OFFICIALS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS FURTHER REVISED.

CARRIED

Motion 343 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

7. THAT REVISED POLICY 5.01, PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD AGENDA, MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS FURTHER REVISED.

CARRIED

Motion 344 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

8. THAT BOARD POLICY 8.07, WEARING OF KIRPANS, BE RESCINDED.
CARRIED

Motion 345 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

9. THAT REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 2.10, APPROVAL AND USE OF
STUDENT LEARNING MATERIALS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.
CARRIED

Motion 346 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

10. THAT REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 2.32, BOARD LEARNING PLAN
FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.
CARRIED

Motion 347 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

11. THAT REVISED POLICY 6.69, RECOGNITION OF SERVICE, BE
APPROVED AND ADOPTED.
CARRIED

Motion 348(10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

12. THAT REVISED POLICY 8.03, EMERGENCY INSTRUCTORS, BE
APPROVED AND ADOPTED.
CARRIED

Motion 349 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

13. THAT NEW POLICY, INVESTMENT OF BOARD FUNDS, BE APPROVED
AND ADOPTED.
CARRIED

Motion 350 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

14. THAT REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS, 6.70, SIGNING AUTHORITY,
BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.
CARRIED

Motion 351 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

15. THAT POLICY/REGULATIONS, 8.70 RESERVES FOR WORKING FUNDS,
BE RESCINDED.
CARRIED

Motion 352 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

16. THAT NEW POLICY, DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 353 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

17. THAT NEW POLICY, PRIMARY PROTOCOL, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 354 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

18. THAT POLICY 4.77, PARKING ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

Motion 355 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

19. THAT POLICY 7.05, TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS (FORMERLY TRANSPORTING OF STUDENTS), BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS FURTHER REVISED.

CARRIED

Motion 356 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

20. THAT POLICY 7.10, TRANSPORTATION SERVICE – ELIGIBILITY BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

CARRIED

Motion 357 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

21. THAT POLICY 7.11, ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL HOURS, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services, advised that Policy 7.10 regarding transportation will be discussed when the report is presented in January.

Motion 358 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by T. Thomas

22. THAT POLICY 1.45, ASSAULTS, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, November 8, 2010

Motion 359 (10-11-23) by T. da Silva Seconded by L. del Rosario

1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 2010, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. 2011-2012 Budget Development Process

Motion 360 (10-11-23) by L. del Rosario Seconded by E. O'Toole

- THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED 2011-2012 BUDGET CALENDAR, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 361(10-11-23) by L. del Rosario Seconded by E. O'Toole

2. THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET CALENDAR.

CARRIED

4. Resolutions for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association

Motion 362 (10-11-23) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. da Silva

1. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVE THE REPORT REGARDING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION.

CARRIED

Motion 263 (10-11-23) by E. O'Toole Seconded by T. da Silva

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD APPROVE THE RESOLUTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION.

CARRIED

Appendix i

MOVED BY: Trustee S. Hobin

SECONDED BY: Trustee E. O'Toole

TOPIC: THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CYCLE OF CURRICULA
REVIEW

WHEREAS: The Ministry of Education has undertaken to review the content and pedagogical orientation of Ontario Curricula on a five year cycle;

WHEREAS: Changes to curricula can sometimes include significant changes in content and pedagogical orientation;

WHEREAS: A change in content and/or pedagogical orientation necessitates an update in the student learning resources and/or teacher professional development that support the teaching of the revised expectations;

WHEREAS: Boards incur timeline and financial pressures to keep up with replacement of learning and teaching materials and the subsequent professional learning required to support implementation of new curricula and/or pedagogical orientation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Each Ministry of Education curriculum review cycle build in sufficient time and supports to ensure that all resources and training are available to all boards in order to move forward with new pedagogical approaches/ or content revisions.

Appendix ii

MOVED BY: Trustee T. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Trustee F. Di Cosola

TOPIC: PROVIDERS FOR THE FULL DAY EARLY LEARNING
EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS: The Ministry mandated the implementation of the Full Day Early Learning Program (FDELP) across the province of Ontario in September, 2010 and the implementation of affiliated Extended Day Programs provided directly by school boards for September 2011;

WHEREAS: School Boards have historically contracted with third party providers for Extended Day (formerly known as Before and After School) Programs and have developed long standing partnerships with these providers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

OCSTA request that The Ministry of Education permit school boards to continue to enter into contracts with third party providers to offer Extended Day Programs to the students enrolled in the Full Day Early Learning Programs.

Appendix iii

MOVED BY: Trustee L. del Rosario

SECONDED BY: Trustee L. Zanella

TOPIC: REQUEST TO FINALIZE TEMPLATES AND FORMS FOR
THE CAPITAL WRAP UP AND PUBLIC SECTOR
ACCOUNTING BOARD REPORTING CHANGES

WHEREAS: The new Capital Wrap Up process is intended to replace the previous New Pupil Places (NPP) funding model;

WHEREAS: Boards are required to complete the process for Capital Wrap Up using appropriate forms and templates;

WHEREAS: The Ministry continues to modify and revise the templates and the Education Finance Information System (EFIS) as problems are identified, requesting ongoing and continuous patches and updates from boards, making it difficult, inefficient, and time consuming for boards to complete while at the same time substantially impacting the external auditors' ability to complete their annual audit as originally planned and scheduled;

WHEREAS: The Capital Wrap Up process and the many Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) reporting changes have significantly impacted the year-end processes, causing delays in the timing of the annual external audit and the associated audit fees overruns for boards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

OCSTA request that The Ministry of Education finalize new forms and reporting requirements prior to circulating to boards for completion and that any future reporting changes be well planned and completed well ahead of the year-end process.

Appendix iv

MOVED BY: Trustee B. Iannicca

SECONDED BY: Trustee F. Di Cosola

TOPIC: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH
DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS INCLUDING SPECIAL
EDUCATION NEEDS

WHEREAS: The changing paradigms in Special Education are provincially and internationally aligned with the Ministry's mandate to promote success for all students;

WHEREAS: The principles of the Ministry resources Education for All K-6, draft Learning for All: K-12 and Caring and Safe Schools in Ontario are founded on beliefs that all students can succeed and that student achievement and well being need to be supported in an inclusive learning environment;

WHEREAS: Boards continue to be challenged as they design effective system improvement plans when pressures may arise in delivering a Ministry mandated criterion referenced curriculum with related targets, while adhering to a universally design for learning approach which honours success for all through personalized instruction;

WHEREAS: Building capacity through professional learning in support of all diverse learners is critical to student achievement and well being recognizing the need for staff to have adequate time for consolidation and practice of new learning;

WHEREAS: Community, social and health services have not kept pace with growth communities. Correctional, care and treatment facilities for students with very high needs have long wait lists. Hence, many students with extremely high needs cannot access treatment and schools are often expected to take on this role which extends beyond our educational domain.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

OCSTA petition the Ministry of Education to review on-going commitments and aligned supports for student achievement and well being for all diverse learners including learners with special education needs.

That OCSTA petition the Ministry of Education to address the changing nature of high needs of students in consultation with other Ministries.

Appendix v

MOVED BY: Trustee T. da Silva

SECONDED BY: Trustee T. Thomas

TOPIC: ROLE OF TRUSTEES IN RELATIONSHIP TO
TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIA

WHEREAS: The Ministry of Education requires the establishment of consortia, involving coterminous boards within Ministry of Education defined geographic areas, to provide common administration of transportation services for students on behalf of the boards;

WHEREAS: Transportation consortia are required, by the Ministry of Education, to be overseen by a separate governance entity comprised of representation from all participating school boards;

WHEREAS: There is a perceived loss of authority for a school board to direct specific operational and administrative actions within the consortia structure;

WHEREAS: Provincial funding for provision of student transportation is allocated specifically to each school board within a consortium by the Ministry of Education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

OCSTA petition the Ministry to initiate a collaborative review with trustees, through their provincial associations, of the governance structure of transportation consortia.

Appendix vi

MOVED BY: Trustee F. Di Cosola

SECONDED BY: Trustee T. Thomas

TOPIC: ALIGNMENT OF TRUSTEE HONORARIA TO INCLUDE
FACTORS OTHER THAN ENROLMENT

WHEREAS: Trustee honoraria are currently calculated using a formula based on pupil enrolment;

WHEREAS: Pupil enrolment in most school boards in Ontario is in decline;

WHEREAS: Trustee duties remain unchanged and, in some cases, have actually increased;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Trustee honoraria not be aligned exclusively to enrolment and that other factors be considered when determining trustee honoraria.

Appendix vii

MOVED BY: Trustee S. Hobin

SECONDED BY: Trustee E. O'Toole

TOPIC: REQUEST TO EXPEDITE THE UPDATING OF CURRICULUM

WHEREAS: The Ministry of Education curriculum is critical to the learning process of a student;

WHEREAS: The availability of textbooks is one critical resource for students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

OCSTA request that the Ministry of Education expedite the updating of curriculum and thus the availability of appropriate textbooks.

5. The Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association The Justice Higgins Award

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education explained that the Justice Higgins Award information was provided for trustees' consideration. Nominations are to be submitted in writing by January 15, 2011.

Motion 364 (10-11-23) by S. Hobin

Seconded by L. Zanella

1. THAT THE INFORMATION FROM THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE JUSTICE HIGGINS AWARD BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

I Notices of Motion

1. Notice of Motion - Joint Committee Regarding Transportation Policies

At the October 26, 2010 Board meeting, STOPR Governance Committee submitted the following recommendations for consideration:

1. THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT COMMITTEE WITH THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.
2. THE BOARD APPOINT 3 TRUSTEES TO SERVE WITH THE CURRENT STOPR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Board passed the following Motion 326 (10-19-26):

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

Presented by Trustee L. Zanella, Brampton Wards 2, 5 and 6 for discussion at the December 14, 2010 Board meeting. Trustee L. Zanella will bring back the original motions submitted at the October 26, 2010 Board meeting.

2. Notice of Motion Regarding Bill 177

WHEREAS: Bill 177 has a fundamental impact on the duties of the Trustees and their relationship with the electorate;

WHEREAS: Bill 177 potentially can further impact the role of the Catholic Trustee and the electorate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Dufferin-Peel request OCSTA to provide ongoing update in their discussion with the ministry as it relates to Bill 177.

Presented by Trustee M. Pascucci, Mississauga Wards 1 and 3 for discussion at the December 14, 2010 Board meeting.

J Additional Business

Address to the Board - Anna Abbruscato – Chair

Ladies and gentlemen, parents and guardians, members of staff, fellow trustees ...it is a Dufferin-Peel custom for the chair to address the board at its regular November meeting. My remarks this evening will be brief, but hopefully meaningful to you.

Let me begin by saying that it has been an honour, a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your chair and to work with you in this capacity over the past year. Before I speak about the past year, though, I think it is important to reflect upon our entire four-year term as a board.

Trustees will recall that when we took our positions around this very table four years ago, we did so under very different circumstances than we are in today. Coming off our very bitter but ultimately vindicating public awareness campaign about chronic underfunding, we were under provincial supervision ... severely limited in our decision-making ability. We remained, however, strong advocates on matters related to Catholic education. This is a non negotiable. This is what we are all about and this will never change. Our year under supervision was indeed a dark period in our history, but iron sharpens iron, and we emerged from this period determined to move forward.

And over the next three years, we continued to do so. We conducted the largest community consultation in many years with our Strategic System Review; we celebrated 40 years of excellence in Catholic education in our community, we have ensured that our schools remain safe, caring, healthy and inclusive places to learn and to work, we have forged closer ties with our parishes, we have approved new policies that enhance student learning, we have maintained ongoing communications with our community through initiatives such as our very successful Are You Ticked? school support awareness campaign that was supported by the Archdiocese and replicated by Catholic boards across the province.

Our focus on student achievement has resulted in a steady and sustained increase in EQAO test scores. This past year, our EQAO assessments met or surpassed the provincial average in most areas. We continue to put resources and energies in making sure that Dufferin-Peel students have every opportunity for success.

This past year we initiated Full Day Kindergarten in 16 schools across the board. And, we did so in a fiscally responsible manner by ensuring that funding was in place for each and every classroom we opened.

We have been very successful on many, many fronts and are well positioned moving forward. As trustees, we continue to fulfill our responsibilities as stewards of Catholic education. And, while we may have seen a change in the scope of the role of trustee as a result of legislative changes, none of these changes reduce our primary focus which is to maintain a strong and viable Catholic school system and to ensure that student achievement remains a priority.

This is why parents send their children to our schools and why over 400,000 ratepayers continue to support our system in Peel and Dufferin County. These parents want their children to learn in a faith-filled school system, with textbooks and other resources that will help their children be successful.

Despite our discomfort, as a board, with the changes to the Education Act, we can never let it erode the confidence of our parents and system supporters. We must find appropriate places to demonstrate our disagreement and be mindful not to ever create in the minds of our supporters that we have no authority ...for that is not the case. We must always remain dignified and professional in our approach for when we do such, as our own history has taught us, we are always successful. We will have other avenues to raise our concerns about the new law, through OCSTA, with our MPPs and in other forums.

Those of you who have sat at this table for the past year have seen the momentum of the board continue. You have seen our successes multiply, and resources for supporting our students increase. You have witnessed new schools being built, new programs being offered that benefit a wider range of students and you have observed a greater alignment to our Catholic nature. We have regained our leadership position as one of the largest and most progressive school boards in the province, both in reality and in perception.

We all have much to be thankful for over the past four years. As to the future, challenges will remain. But I have every confidence that the men and women around this table, supported by our staff, will meet the challenges and exceed the expectations of our community. This is a strong, healthy and vibrant board that I have had the privilege of serving on as a chair, vice chair and trustee. It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

I look forward to the new board and to continue mounting success after success, keeping the momentum alive, not being distracted from our core task And let us never forget that we do it all for our students, our ratepayers and the greater Catholic community.

Thank you.

Motion 365 (10-11-23) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE ADDRESS OF THE BOARD CHAIR BE READ INTO THE MINUTES.
CARRIED

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. Trustee S. Hobin inquired about the cost of transporting Extended French and Gifted students. Staff will provide cost to trustees and the number of students that could be provided transportation.
2. Trustee M. Pascucci asked about the play ground at St. Dominic School.
B. Bjarnason, Acting Superintendent of Planning and Operations indicated that the Peel Board stated that our students could continue to use their site.

3. Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired if there will be an opportunity for delegations to present in front of STOPR. J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services, advised that information regarding delegations will be part of the STOPR update to be presented at the December 14, 2010 board meeting.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 366 (10-11-23) by T. Thomas Seconded by T. da Silva

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

CARRIED

M Rise and Report

Motion 367 (10-11-23) by T. Thomas Seconded by T. da Silva

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
December 14, 2010
Inaugural Meeting
December 7, 2010
Regular Meetings 2011
January 25, 2011
February 22, 2011
March 22, 2011
April 26, 2011
May 24, 2011
June 14, 2011

O Adjournment

Motion 368 (10-11-23) by J. Anderson Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED