



Dufferin-Peel  
Catholic District  
School Board

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
May 24, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

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

Trustees: A. da Silva F. Di Cosola P. Ferreira  
B. Iannicca S. McLauchlan 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: B. Bjarnason C. Blanchard J. Geiser  
L. Kazimowicz P. McMorrow S. McWatters  
M. Mazzorato N. Milanetti G. Prajza  
D. Oude-Reimerink G. Robinson C. Saytar  
A. Tucciarone

Acting Superintendent: C. Pitroscia  
Assistant Superintendent: S. Kendrick

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

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.
2. Opening Prayer  
Chair A. Abbruscato led the Marian Prayer.

3. Declaration of Interest

Trustee B. Iannicca declared an interest in agenda item L 4 due to prior knowledge of the situation.

4. Approval of the Agenda  
i Approval of Consent of Calendar Items  
(a) March 31, 2011 Enrolment Report

Motion 164 (11-05-24) by T. Thomas                      Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

*CARRIED*

Motion 165 (11-05-24) by A. da Silva                      Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE CONSENT OF CALENDAR ITEMS BE APPROVED.

*CARRIED*

5 Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, April 26, 2011

Motion 166 (11-05-24) by B. Iannicca                      Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, APRIL 26, 2011 BE APPROVED.

*CARRIED*

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

B Awards and Presentations

1. Thank You to Dufferin-Peel – S. Biffis, Parent

S. Biffis, parent, thanked Dufferin-Peel trustees, administrators and staff members, particularly those involved with Our Lady of God Voyage and Holy Name of Mary Catholic schools over the past 19 years. He applauded trustees and staff for the work done every day for Catholic Education.

Various trustees thanked Mr. Biffis for his comments and for his support and efforts on behalf of Catholic Education

Motion 167 (11-05-24) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE THANK YOU PRESENTATION BY S. BIFFIS, PARENT, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

2. Region of Peel Public Health – Dr. D. Mowat (8:30 p.m.)

J. B. Kostoff introduced F. Bonyun, Manager of School Health. F. Bonyun acknowledged the work of Dufferin-Peel to support the implementation of the Ministry of Education’s School Food and Beverage Policy.

Dufferin-Peel principals participating in the School Food and Beverage Policy were presented with a plaque by Peel Health in recognition of their participation and dedication in implementing a compliant and healthy school environment.

The Ontario Ministry of Education introduced the School Food and Beverage Policy to help students build lifelong healthy behaviours, which may reduce the risk of serious chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers.

Motion 168 (11-05-24) by A. da Silva                      Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE PRESENTATION BY THE REGION OF PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH,  
BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

C Pastor’s Remarks  
Nil

D Delegations  
Nil

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports

1. Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference of 2011

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced the report on the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Inaugural Conference for secondary students, student trustees, staff and partners in Catholic education from English and French Catholic School Boards.

Student Trustees A. Mansur and A. Matic enthusiastically shared their experiences as student trustees. A short media clip was presented which highlighted the conference.

The next Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference will be held in Ottawa n 2013.

Motion 169 (11-05-24) by M. Pascucci                      Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORT ENTITLED ONTARIO  
CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF 2011 “LEADING  
THE WAY”, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

ii) Good News Item – Chair A. Abbruscato

1. Congratulations to Father Michael Goetz graduate, Henoc Muamba, who was the number one draft pick by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in this year's CFL draft. Henoc was also the CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) defensive player of the year, and joins his older brother Cauchy, also a Goetz graduate, in the CFL. Cauchy plays for the B.C. Lions.
2. I would also like to tell you about the recent Mississauga South Family of Schools' Diversity and Safe Schools Conference. Over 930 Grade seven students attended the conference, held at St. Joseph Secondary School. The keynote speaker, Alvin Law, gave an impactful presentation to students, by sharing his story of growing up without arms, and about the many challenges he faces in his day-to-day activities. Despite these setbacks, he maintained a very positive attitude and was an inspiration and role models for the students. Alvin also amazed the audience by playing the piano and drums with his feet. His message, to never give up and to treat everyone with the dignity and respect, was well received.
3. Congratulations to the Dufferin-Peel students who were finalists in the Knights of Columbus' *Leaders of Tomorrow* essay contest. Mississauga students in grades 6-12 were invited to write an essay on '*How they would make Mississauga a World Class City.*' Congratulations to Brandon Dinshaw of St. Gregory Elementary School and Michelle Pakulski of St. Thomas More Elementary School, who won first and third place respectively, in the People's Choice, Grades 6-8 category.

I'm also delighted to announce that our Dufferin-Peel students swept the top three standings in both the *teacher's choice* Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12 categories. Congratulations to Sarah McLay from St. Luke, Renesha Bridgewater from Metropolitan Andrei Elementary School and Stein Sothiratnam from St. Jerome Elementary School, who placed first, second and third respectively, for Grades 6-8.

Congratulations are also in order for Leon Chalil and Dominika Bednarczyk, from John Cabot Secondary School, and Rhianna Speranzo from St. Francis Xavier Secondary School, who earned first, second and third place in the Grades 9-12 category.

4. A big congratulations and thanks goes to students and staff at Loyola Catholic Secondary School, who raised over \$13,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society in their recent *Relay for Life* event. A significant number of people came together to make it a successful event, and through their hard work and charity, many lives will be changed.

Good News Item – A. Mansur, Student Trustee

Student Trustees A. Mansur and A. Matic were proud to attend the Student Voice Conference on May 13 and 14 at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto. Both student trustees thanked the board for this tremendous opportunity.

Motion 170 (11-05-24) by S. McLauchlan    Seconded by A. da Silva

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, April 27, 2011  
- S. McWatters

Motion 171 (11-05-24) by L. Zanella                      Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 27, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

G    Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Letter of Retirement from B. Burmaster, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, acknowledged B. Burmaster for her 30 years of service in education of which 24 of those years were with Dufferin-Peel. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended his thanks and very best wishes.

Motion 172 (11-05-24) by A. da Silva                      Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM B. BURMASTER, PRINCIPAL,  
BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

*CARRIED*

2. Letter of Retirement from M. Boissonneault, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, acknowledged M. Boissonneault for her 32 years of service in education. On behalf of senior management, he extended his thanks and very best wishes.

Motion 173 (11-05-24) by M. Pascucci                      Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM M. BOISSONNEAULT,  
PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

*CARRIED*

3. Letter from S. Pinnock, Executive Director, Best Buddies Canada

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education advised that the letter will be forwarded to the Special Education and Support Services Department.

Motion 174 (11-05-24) by S. Hobin

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE LETTER FROM S. PINNOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BEST BUDDIES CANADA, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

4. Development of Documents: A Guide for Addressing Complaints from Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and the Public and the Role of the Catholic School Trustee – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced the report identifying that both documents were developed on a request by trustees. The documents will be placed on the website and made available to all principals and school council chairs.

C. Pitoscia, Acting Superintendent of Secondary School Student Achievement/Special Projects, reviewed Appendices A and B of the report. Acting Superintendent Pitoscia explained that both documents were developed in conjunction with the Chair and the Vice-Chair and reviewed by H. Kelly, legal counsel.

The documents reflect changes in legislation to the Education Act and Regulations regarding the role and purpose of Trustees, of the Director of Education, and a broader approach in dealing with the issue of governance.

Trustees requested that STOPR consider response time for calls in preparation for September, that an information brochure be part of the June and September Newsletter and that staff forward a PDF version of the documents to trustees.

Trustees commended staff, the Chair and Vice-Chair for the documents.

Motion 175 (11-05-24) by F. Di Cosola

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT OF DOCUMENTS: A GUIDE FOR ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS FROM PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND THE PUBLIC AND THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE , BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

5. Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey – J. B. Kostoff  
The text was distributed at the meeting.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, noted that this project was brought forward to the board by the Director of Education with strong support from the Board of Trustees. The resource will serve as our recorded history of Dufferin-Peel and the contribution

of many women and men who helped build up this Region, our Catholic Community and school system.

The official launch of this resource will occur in September. In-servicing will take place in the fall, followed by a public speaking contest on the themes of this resource.

S. Peterson, Religion Co-ordinator, who took the lead in this project, along with many Program Department staff, Superintendents, Teachers and Administration were commended for their hard work and dedication to this project.

A letter will be sent to existing trustees for trustees to recommend people whom they would like to receive a copy.

Motion 176 (11-05-24) by M. Pascucci                      Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED OUR STORY, OUR TRADITION, OUR JOURNEY – CELEBRATING THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL CONNECTION IN DUFFERIN-PEEL, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

Motion 177 (11-05-24) by F. Di Cosola                      Seconded by M. Pascucci

THAT PAGE 7 OF THE DOCUMENT "A GUIDE FOR ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS FROM (S)/GUARDIANS AND THE PUBLIC" BE AMENDED TO ADD THE REFERENCE FROM PAGE 1 REGARDING TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.

*DEFEATED*

#### 6. Year 4 and 5 Full Day Kindergarten Site Selection – B. Bjarnason

R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services, introduced the report and explained that the report follows the tradition of selecting sites for Years 1, 2 and 3. This Ministry usually sends the board a memorandum indicating the number of sites and spaces that they can fund. Following receipt of that information, the Board is asked to submit to the Ministry the proposed Year 4 and 5 sites after collaborating with the coterminous boards and the Region of Peel.

B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations detailed the information contained in the report. She reviewed the criteria applied by staff to select the most appropriate Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten sites for Year 4 implementation.

Superintendent Bjarnason explained that with instances where sites have insufficient purpose-built kindergarten room to accommodate Full Day Kindergarten, staff will apply for capital funding to renovate existing core facilities or to construct additions. Year 4 site capital submissions are due to the Ministry on June 24, 2011. Year 5 capital submissions are due October 28, 2011. The Ministry intends to announce final approval of Year 4 sites in late fall 2011 and Year 5 sites in early spring 2012.

The list of proposed Year 4 and 5 sites were affixed as Appendix 'A'. Maps representing Year 1, 2 and 3 approved sites and proposed year 4 and 5 sites for the Board, as well as Year 4 sites for the coterminous school boards, were attached as Appendix 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E'.

Staff responded to questions asked by Trustees. As a result of the discussion, trustees asked staff to review the placement of schools.

Motion 178 (11-05-24) by L. Zanella                      Seconded by P. Ferreira

THAT THE REPORT, FULL-DAY EARLY LEARNING KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM – YEAR 4 AND 5 SITE SELECTION, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

#### 7. 2011 – 2012 Public Budget Consultation Update – G. P. Robinson

G. P. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services and Treasurer stated that the purpose of the report is to provide trustees with responses to the issues raised by the delegates at the meeting. During that meeting, trustees received six delegations and one by way of E-mail.

Motion 179 (11-05-24) by L. Zanella                      Seconded by P. Ferreira

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "PUBLIC BUDGET CONSULTATION UPDATE", BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

#### H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

##### 1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, May 9, 2011

Trustee M. Pascucci declared an interest in Agenda item J 1- Motion regarding the 10% reduction.

Motion 180 (11-05-24) by B. Iannicca                      Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 9, 2011 BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

##### 2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, May 16, 2011

Motion 181 (11-05-24) by T. Thomas                      Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE, MAY 16, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

### 3. Nomination for the Award of Merit for Catholic Leadership

Motion 182 (11-05-24) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by B. Iannicca

1. THAT THE REPORT, "NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MERIT", BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

Motion 183 (11-05-24) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by B. Iannicca

2. THAT THE AWARD OF MERIT BE PRESENTED TO THE IDENTIFIED RELIGIOUS ORDERS AT THE SEPTEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING.

*CARRIED*

### 4. Naming of Blessed Trinity Facility – B. Bjarnason

Motion 184 (11-05-24) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by A. da Silva

1. THAT THE REPORT, "NAMING OF BLESSED TRINITY FACILITY", BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

The following three options were presented and voted on:

- BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CENTRE FOR LEARNING;
- BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE;
- BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

A clear majority was reached on the first ballot.

Motion 185 (11-05-24) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by A. da Silva

2. THAT THE BLESSED TRINITY FACILITY BE NAMED BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CENTRE FOR LEARNING.

*CARRIED*

Motion 186 (11-05-24) by T. Thomas                      Seconded by B. Iannicca

3. THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

*CARRIED*

### 5. Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee - Recommendations – B. Bjarnason

Motion 187 (11-05-24) by L. Zanella                      Seconded by A. da Silva

1. THAT THE REPORT "JOINT AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS" BE RECEIVED.

*CARRIED*

2. THAT THE JOINT AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CHAIRS OF BOTH BOARDS TO REQUEST THAT MINISTRY STAFF ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND OTHER TRUSTEES FROM BOTH BOARDS TO DISCUSS THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY STUDY PROCESS.

*CARRIED*

I Notices of Motion  
Nil

J Additional Business  
Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. In response to Trustee B. Iannicca's inquiry about the initiative "Milk Bags for Haiti", J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education advised that the Chair of the School Council will address the matter at the Director's meeting in June.
2. Trustee S. McLauchlan asked about Board funds for the St. Patrick Community, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education indicated that the Board has not participated in the past.
3. Trustee S. McLauchlan raised the issue of school uniforms for students entering grade 12 at St. Thomas Aquinas. A. Tucciarone, Superintendent of Education, explained that it was his understanding that the uniforms at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School were being phased in. Superintendent Tucciarone will follow-up and report back to Trustee McLauchlan.
4. Trustee M. Pascucci inquired about the status of the nine capital projects submitted to the Ministry. Staff will be in a position to update trustees within the next few weeks.
5. In response to Trustee M. Pascucci's inquiry regarding the St. Dominic site, B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, indicated that she would forward information via E-mail.
6. Trustee M. Pascucci asked if trustees' names could be added to the book "Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey.
7. In response to Trustee A. da Silva's question regarding safety at St. Monica School, L. Kazimowicz, Superintendent of Education, explained that of six portables on site, four are being used. Students of French as a Second Language travel with their teacher to and from portables. Regular students have school swipe cards and travel in pairs. All portables are situated away from the street.

8. Trustee A. da Silva advised Trustee L. Zanella, STOPR Governance Committee Representative that she is bringing forth a recommendation to implement a grandparent clause for secondary school students with respect to transportation.
9. Student Trustee A. Mansur asked if the board looked into securing lower prices for student uniforms. In response, J. B. Kostoff explained that a policy was passed with respect to fair trade. The fair trade policy increases the cost of uniforms.

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, explained that there is a formal tender process in place which is fair and transparent.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, added that the committee regarding fair trade meets twice annually.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 189 (11-05-24) by T. Thomas                      Seconded by P. Ferreira

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

*CARRIED*

M Rise and Report

Motion 190 (11-05-24) by P. Ferreira                      Seconded by M. Pascucci

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

June 14, 2011  
August 23, 2011  
September 27, 2011

O Adjournment

Motion 191 (11-05-24) by M. Pascucci                      Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

*CARRIED*