

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
August 23, 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 E. O'Toole
M. Pascucci T. Thomas L. Zanella

Student Trustees: A. Binlayo N. Fernandes

Director of Education: J. B. Kostoff
Associate Director of Corporate Services and
Chief Financial Officer J. Hrajnik
Associate Director of Instructional Services: R. Borrelli

Superintendents: B. Bjarnason C. Blanchard J. Geiser
L. Kazimowicz S. Kendrick P. McMorrow
S. McWatters N. Milanetti G. Prajza
D. Oude-Reimerink G. Robinson C. Saytar
A. Tucciarone

Acting Superintendent: C. Pitroscia
Assistant Superintendent: M. Vecchiarino
Acting Assistant Superintendent: M. DeVellis

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

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

- a) Secretary to the Board and Director of Education, J. B. Kostoff, administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to A. Binlayo and N. Fernandes student trustees. These students will represent Dufferin-Peel's students for the 2011-2012 school year.

Chair A. Abbruscato welcomed A. Binlayo and N. Fernandes to the Board table.

3. Declaration of Interest
Nil
4. Approval of the Agenda
i Approval of Consent of Calendar Items

Appendix B of report G 7 - Ministry of Education Operation Review Report – was distributed.

Motion 215 (11-08-23) by T. Thomas Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.
CARRIED

- 5 Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, May 24, 2011

Motion 216 (11-08-23) by P. Ferreira Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 14,
2011 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- ii) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations

1. Presentation to the Board on behalf of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association (OCSOA) – T. Harris, Executive Director

T. Harris, Executive Director for OCSOA, presented the board with a brass candlestick, in recognition of the board's generous support in sharing the expertise of N. Milanetti as President of OCSOA. The candlestick will reside in the chapel.

Motion 217 (11-08-23) by T. Thomas Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE
ONTARIO CATHOLIC SUPERVISORY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (OCSOA),
BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. 24th Annual Wilf Hartzenberg Memorial Walk/Run/Rollerblade/Stroller Fundraising Event – P. McMorrow, P. Basran and M. Mascucci

P. McMorrow, Superintendent of Schools and Chairperson of the United Way/Sharelife Campaign, introduced the Wilf Hartzenberg fundraising event Co-Chairs P. Basran and M. Mascucci.

The annual Wilf Hartzenberg fundraising event for United Way will be held in the morning on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at the Catholic Education Centre. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. The walk/run/rollerblade/stroller event begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a barbecue and prizes at noon. All Dufferin-Peel staff and their friends and family are encouraged to attend.

A video developed showcasing past events over the past 24 years was presented.

Motion 218(11-08-23) by S. Hobin

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 24TH ANNUAL WILF HARTZENBERG MEMORIAL WALK/RUN/ROLLERBLADE/STROLLER FUNDRAISING EVENT, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

C Pastor's Remarks
Nil

D Delegations

1. Delegation Regarding Student Transportation at St. Therese of the Child Jesus
- P. Lattimore

P. Lattimore delegated on behalf of some parents and students at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Elementary School. She asked that transportation be reinstated for the safety of students until a safer and secure alternative is found.

During the discussion, B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, confirmed that if a parent identifies in an appeal that the measured walking distance was under construction, that information would be considered. Superintendent Bjarnason also clarified that part of the E & E review is to reassess situations where changes have been made in an area.

Trustee L. Zanella was asked to take the information provided by P. Lattimore to the Governance Committee and if the minutes could be provided for trustees prior to board meetings. Trustees suggested to the delegation that the issue of student transportation should be brought to the attention of the local MPP.

Motion 219 (11-08-23) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by M. Pascucci

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING STUDENT TRANSPORTATION AT ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports

1. Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Update

The following update was provided by Trustee L. Zanella.

Since the last report to the Administration and Finance Committee, the STOPR Governance Committee has held one meeting on June 17, 2011.

Issues addressed at this meeting include:

- Trustee David Green has replaced Trustee Steve Kavanagh as the Peel District School Board Trustee representative on the STOPR Governance Committee;
- The Governance Committee bid farewell to Jim Smith who retired June 30. David Neale replaces Jim as the Controller of Corporate Services for the Peel District School Board and as a member of the STOPR Governance Committee;
- A year to date expenditure analysis, as of May 31, 2011, was received by the Committee. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board expenditure for 2010-2011 is projected to be close to budget;
- The Committee received an update on integrated transportation. The process to provide an explanatory letter and frequently asked questions document to all potentially impacted families has been completed and to date, STOPR administration has received only one communication expressing concern;
- The Committee received a verbal report pertaining to the May 12, 2011 Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee meeting. Issues addressed include timing of revision to eligibility criteria for secondary students, STOPR responsibility for eligibility determination and reassessment, and potential for Ministry presentation regarding Effectiveness and Efficiency studies;
- A request to implement grandfathering for Dufferin-Peel students who become ineligible for transportation as the result of reassessments was considered and denied. STOPR is required to provide equitable service levels to both Boards and has, this year and in previous years, conducted numerous other reassessments which have impacted schools from both Boards with no provision of grandfathered status for any other effected students. The Governance Committee further identified that approved grandfathering in this circumstance would generate an expenditure which is not included in the budget and which would negatively impact efforts to achieve an improved E&E rating. Eligibility reassessments are necessary on an annual basis to achieve efficiencies and to secure a high E&E rating.

- The Committee approved a recommended 0.84% increase to Bus Operator rates. This minimal increase reflects the projected net allocation increase for the two Boards, and is within budget;
- The Committee received a report regarding the draft Stakeholder Responsibility Document. This document, supported by the City of Mississauga and the Chairs of both Boards, outlines specific agencies and their responsibilities pertaining to eligibility determination and transportation services. The final report should hopefully be available from the City in September 2011.

The next STOPR Governance Committee meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2011.

In response to a question asked about grandfathering students, J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Auditor explained that the expenditure was not included in the 2011-2012 budget because students were not eligible for transportation.

Trustee E. O'Toole gave a letter to Trustee L. Zanella for STOPR regarding an appeal letter on behalf of the St. Teresa of Avila Elementary School.

Motion 220 (11-08-23) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR) UPDATE BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

ii) Good News Item – Vice-Chair S. Hobin

1. This summer, the Adult and Continuing Education Department invited all secondary summer schools to participate in the 'Milk Bags for Haiti Project.' The response was overwhelming -- over 11,000 students collected over 15,000 milk bags, which will be crocheted into sleeping mats for use in Haiti.

Students and staff from John Cabot Secondary School collected almost 7,000 milk bags. Congratulations to all who participated!

2. Congratulations are also in order for Our Lady of Mount Carmel student, Leya Buchanan. Leya took home three medals at the recent *Royal Canadian Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships* held in Ottawa. Sanctioned by Athletics Canada, this is the national championship for Canadian athletes in the under 18, and under 15 categories.

Leya won golds in the 100-metre dash, and in the 4-by-100-metre relay; and earned a silver medal in the 200-metre dash. She is also the reigning Ontario high school championship in the midget 100 and 200 metre sprints.

3. Kudos once again to the Adult and Continuing Education Department, which collected over \$6,000 this summer for the 'Students Supporting Kenyan Youth', or SSKY project. This project supports Catholic students in Kenya, who are orphans due to AIDS. The funds raised help give students the opportunity to attend school, and have basic necessities, like clean water.

The SSKY project was originally launched four summers ago by Adult and Continuing Education and it continues to make a difference globally.

Good News Item – Trustee S. McLauchlan

This summer of team of 17 Dufferin-Peel employees and 5 students travelled to Jacmel, Haiti. With donations collected from Dufferin-Peel schools, the team was able to feed 400 families, give medical care to over 500 people, provide essential items for thousands of people and provide school supplies for local students.

Trustee S. McLauchlan thanked everyone who made this outreach project possible.

Motion 221 (11-08-23) by E. O'Toole 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 Central Committee For Catholic School Councils Meeting, May 12, 2011 – G. Prajza

Motion 222 (11-08-23) by A. da Silva Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, MAY 12, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. September Start-Up Verbal Report – J. B. Kostoff

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

Trustees are well aware that this board begins planning for September by February of each year. Agendas move quickly to talking about the year to come as opposed to the year we are in. As we begin during the next two weeks to prepare for the beginning of school, a number of activities have already taken place.

In terms of Planning and Operations, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School will be ready to receive students in September despite a slow start due to difficulty with weather. There was a chance that this school might not have been ready on time but after a variety of activities, the school will be ready.

Renovations took place at Blessed Trinity Catholic Education Centre for Learning which has allowed us to facilitate Archbishop Romero students at the site as well as the Continuing Education programs and the addition of meeting rooms.

Considerable progress has been made on the new Loyola Catholic Secondary School site. The foundation is well underway and soon the first floor will be completed. The school is meeting the projected timeline.

This summer new energy efficient mechanical systems were installed in a number of our schools. New solar roof panels were installed at St. Edmund Campion Catholic Secondary School, St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School, St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School. As well, renovations to roofs, windows and stairwells, parking lots and port-a-paks took place in over fifty locations. Capital improvements have taken place at eight schools in preparation for full day kindergarten.

In the area of Employee Relations, Trustees received e-mails during the month of July to indicate there was an activation of our disaster management plan. There was a possibility that we would be asked to house a significant number of people from northern areas of Ontario due to fires. Staff from Employee Relations met on a regular basis with staff from the City, Region and Province to determine whether we would move forward. Sites were selected, but at the very end, we did not need to absorb the evacuees into our community. However, we were pleased that our Plan was in place to deal with that catastrophe and any other potential emergency.

In the area of Human Resources during the past two months, staff has in-serviced 28 administrators appointed last year as well as placed the 62 elementary teachers declared surplus in April. One Hundred and Ten Long Term Occasional teachers have been hired for both elementary and secondary schools and a total of 10 secondary teachers were hired for specific areas.

A total of 15,000 learners in the Elementary and Secondary levels were served through summer school. That is an incredible number of students to be served in a seven week period. At the Adult Education level, we took in students in Adult Co-op, as well as Adult ESL and FSL. As part of our Global Learning Institute, we took in 60 teachers from Korea.

At the elementary level, we offered Grade 7 and 8 students our remedial summer camps for numeracy and literacy at thirteen sites this year. This program supports those students who would benefit from an additional month of learning. Our secondary schools had a Global Learning Program that saw students go to Italy as part of our regular program and secondary summer credits. This year, E-Learning was offered for the first time. Also this year, an Alternative Education program for those students who did not fit well into the regular school program was offered.

Summer Co-op was offered at two sites for students who wanted to obtain accreditation for the Co-op process. Our Get Ready for Literacy/Numeracy program was offered in August for those students transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

In June, Trustees asked that the document dealing with complaints and the role of trustees be made available. This document has been forwarded to Principals, it is on school web pages and on the board's web page. In-services on that document for Principals and Vice-Principals will be provided as well as for all school councils. Copies have also been sent to Councillors at the Regional and Municipal levels.

The new Graduation Policy and the companion document for GAP was approved at the June board meeting. It will be sent to all administrators immediately and will be part of the in-servicing at the Director's meeting and also at the Superintendents' meetings.

Trustees also approved the "Achievement" Community Report Card Newsletter insert at the June Board meeting. It will be sent electronically to all schools immediately for distribution as a Newsletter and will be posted on all school and board web pages. It will also be forwarded to this board's associations.

Our Summer Institute, which offers professional development for administrators, teachers and our non-teaching staff, saw 1, 525 people benefit from the programs during the last two weeks of August.

In the area of Special Education, trustees approved the largest investment at the budget meeting. I am pleased to state that by the end of September, 37.5 ERWs will be placed in our schools, 4 additional support teachers, 1.5 additional psychologists, 1.5 speech and language pathologists and 1.3 social workers, 10 child and youth workers, a technician to deal with assistive technology and a .7 social worker. All of these placements will deal with specific areas in our schools.

In the area of Transportation in Dufferin-Peel, 19,400 routes have been established for the beginning of September. STOPR will transport 61,500 students. This year it is estimated that we will have 1,263 buses on our roads and we will do a total of 5, 150 bus routes every day.

Trustees also approved the addition of French Immersion sites. One will be opening at St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School and one at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Elementary School. Each site will have two Grade 2 classes added to them. Extended French has been added to St. Jean Brebeuf Elementary School and an additional Grade 5 class at St. Monica Elementary School, St. Rose of Lima Elementary School and St. Therese of the Child Jesus Elementary School.

In conclusion, this summer has been a very busy time and I want to thank the many in this organization, especially those who had to forego summer vacation in order to have everything in place for September.

Trustees requested an e-copy of the report.

Motion 223 (11-08-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE SEPTEMBER START-UP VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

2. Letter of Resignation from M. Tesoro, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, acknowledged M. Tesoro for her years of service in Dufferin-Peel. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended his thanks and very best wishes.

On behalf of trustees, Trustee L. Zanella said M. Tesoro was an outstanding administrator at Dufferin-Peel and wished her all the best.

Motion 224(11-08-23) by P. Ferreira Seconded by L. Zanella

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

CARRIED

3. Letter from the Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 225 (11-08-23) by A. da Silva Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE LETTER FROM THE MOST REVEREND JOHN A. BOISSONNEAU, REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF "OUR STORY, OUR TRADITION, OUR JOURNEY," BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Letter from Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 226 (11-08-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE LETTER FROM DALTON MCGUINTY, PREMIER OF ONTARIO, REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF "OUR STORY, OUR TRADITION, OUR JOURNEY," BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5. Letter from the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 227(11-08-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF "OUR STORY, OUR TRADITION, OUR JOURNEY," BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

6. Letter from Sister Joan Stafford, General Superior, Ursulines of the Chatham Union
– J. B. Kostoff

Motion 228 (11-08-23) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE LETTER FROM SISTER JOAN STAFFORD, GENERAL
SUPERIOR, URSULINES OF THE CHATHAM UNION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

7. Ministry of Education Operational Review Follow-Up Report
(*Appendix B of the report was distributed at the meeting.*)

G. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services and Treasurer, highlighted the information in the report. Superintendent Robinson explained that in February of this year, the Ministry conducted a follow-up review to determine what actions the board had taken to address the opportunities for improvement contained in the original report.

Appendix A of the report encapsulates the status of each of the recommendations that were part of the follow-up review in February and the current status which reflects changes since that time. Appendix B is a letter from the Ministry, dated June 24, 2011, as well as the Follow-up Report to the Operation Review dated June 2011.

Motion 229 (11-08-23) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OPERATIONAL
REVIEW FOLLOW-UP REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Selection of Brampton Public Library Board Representatives

Motion 230 (11-08-23) by L. Zanella Seconded by A. da Silva

1. THAT THE REPORT, SELECTION OF BRAMPTON LIBRARY BOARD
REPRESENTATIVES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 231 (11-08-23) by L. Zanella Seconded by A. da Silva

2. THAT PATTY WALKER AND GENEVIEVE REPRESENT DUFFERIN-PEEL
CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD'S INTERESTS ON THE
BRAMPTON LIBRARY BOARD.

CARRIED

Motion 232 (11-08-23) by L. Zanella Seconded by A. da Silva

3. THAT THE NAMES OF THE TWO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES BE FORWARDED TO THE BRAMPTON CITY CLERK.

CARRIED

Motion 233 (11-08-23) by T. Thomas Seconded by P. Ferreira

4. THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

CARRIED

2 Draft Policy on Fees for Learning Materials and Activities - J. B. Kostoff/C. Pitroscia

C. Pitroscia, Acting Superintendent Secondary School Student Achievement/Special Projects, explained that in March 2011, the Ministry of Education brought forward the *Fee for Learning Materials and Activities Guideline*. The Guideline is meant to clarify to a greater degree the Education Act by outlining the types of fees from which schools are able to charge students in the regular day school program and to identify guiding principles and best practices at the system level. School boards were asked to have a policy in place for the 2011-2012 school year, effective this September.

In order to effectively roll out this new Guideline, the implementation process will occur over the course of the upcoming school year. This phased in roll out is to ensure transparent and consistent application of this new policy and procedure across all schools.

Motion 234 (11-08-23) by S. Hobin Seconded by A. da Silva

1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED, DRAFT POLICY ON FEES FOR LEARNING MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 235 (11-08-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE DRAFT NEW POLICY ENTITLED "FEES FOR LEARNING MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

3. Online Posting of Board and Committee Minutes – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 236 (11-08-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE REPORT, ONLINE POSTING OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 237 (11-08-23) by M. Pascucci Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES BE POSTED TO THE BOARD WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, WITH HARD COPY ACCESS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, INDEFINITELY.

CARRIED

I Notices of Motion
Nil

J Additional Business
Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. In response to Trustee F. Di Cosola's inquiry, J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer confirmed that staff will provide the criteria around re-assessment.
2. Trustee A. da Silva requested a copy of the letter, including addresses, notifying St. Augustine Catholic Secondary School students that transportation will not be provided.
3. Trustee A. da Silva inquired about the article in the Brampton Guardian announcing that the Peel District School Board changed the walking distance for secondary students. J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer clarified that any change was contingent on budget.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 238 (11-08-23) by B. Iannicca Seconded by T. Thomas

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

CARRIED

M Rise and Report

Motion 239(11-08-23) by B. Iannicca Seconded by T. Thomas

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

CARRIED

