

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 25, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

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

Trustees: A. da Silva F. Di Cosola B. Iannicca
S. McLaughlan 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 J. Hrajnik
Chief Financial Officer
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. Pitoscia
Assistant Superintendent: M. Vecchiarino
Acting Assistant Superintendent: M. DeVellis

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

Recorder: D. Reed

Regrets: P. Ferreira

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.

3. Declaration of Interest
Nil

4. Approval of the Agenda
i Approval of Consent of Calendar Items

Motion 268 (11-10-25) by T. Thomas

Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5 Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, September 27, 2011

Motion 269 (11-10-25) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by S. McLaughlan

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations
Nil

C Pastor's Remarks
Nil

D Delegations

1. Transportation of Students – D. Peluso

D. Peluso delegated the board on behalf of himself and a group of ten parents regarding student transportation eligibility.

Motion 270 (11-10-25) by L. Zanella

Seconded by S. McLaughlan

**THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS,
BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

2. Transportation of Students –R. Seles

R. Seles delegated on behalf of Catholic Parents in Brampton 'N' section regarding the current transportation policy specific to the walking distance limits for Catholic secondary school students. A copy of his presentation was distributed for information.

During the discussion, B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, was asked to provide information with respect to the courtesy rider load and process. Trustee E. O'Toole will forward a request to Trustee L. Zanella with respect to a policy change.

Motion 271 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva

Seconded by L. Zanella

**THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS,
BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports
Nil

ii) Quarterly Verbal Report – A. Abbruscato, Chair

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ We have had a tremendous start-up to the 2011-12 school year. Our student enrolment is higher than projected and that speaks well of the value that Catholic education holds for our parents and guardians.
- ▶ Our EQAO results indicate that our students continue to meet or exceed the provincial standard in increasing numbers. Some of the gains in the recent assessments are particularly noteworthy and are indicative of the hard work of teachers, parents, students, support staff, administrators and trustees, as we all work together to ensure student achievement remains high on our agenda.

- ▶ Our retention rate from Grade 8 to our secondary schools is in excess of 96%
- ▶ Our FDK program is fully subscribed and we look forward to full implementation at all our elementary schools in the coming years.
- ▶ We opened our latest elementary school – Our Lady of Lourdes, in Brampton.
- ▶ We opened the Blessed Trinity Catholic Adult Learning Centre in Mississauga.
- ▶ Construction on the new Loyola Catholic Secondary School continues to move forward in anticipation of its September 2012 opening.
- ▶ We have implemented new policies and procedures.
- ▶ We have opened additional French Immersion sites.
- ▶ We published and posted the document, The Role of the Catholic School Trustee, for parents and guardians to better understand our roles.
- ▶ We recently recognized a number of religious orders and our diocesan priests with our Catholic Award of Merit, for the key roles they played in establishing and maintaining Catholic education in our region. This was a wonderful opportunity to thank some of those who were instrumental in helping bring us to where we are today as a thriving and successful Catholic school board
- ▶ We also held a highly successful launch of our latest locally developed curriculum resource and history book outlining the key role that our church and local parishes played in the development of Peel Region and Dufferin County. *Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey* is a document which we are all very proud of.
- ▶ October has indeed been a very busy month. We celebrated World Teachers Day and Bus Driver Appreciation Day earlier this month and tomorrow, we celebrate our Childcare Workers and Early Childhood Educators as part of our annual recognition days as proclaimed by the board of trustees.
- ▶ We, as trustees, continue to take our role as stewards of Catholic education very seriously. Catholic education is strong, vibrant and healthy in Dufferin-Peel. We continue to share the good news of the gift of Catholic education but we must remain vigilant in doing so.
- ▶ Thanks to you, my trustee colleagues ... as well as our faculty, staff, and administrators for living our promise a promise of excellence in Catholic education.

Motion 272 (11-10-25) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE QUARTERLY REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

iii) Good News Items – S. Hobin, Vice-Chair

1. Congratulations to the students and staff of St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School, who raised over \$17,000 to support families and children dealing with cancer, through their event, *The Inside Ride*. Students and staff participated in this team relay event, riding stationary bicycles for two hours. The money will fund oncology camps, community support programs, research scholarships and other areas that contribute to inspiring hope and improving prognoses.
2. Congratulations to St. Francis Xavier Secondary School student, Gabriella Rodgers, who sang the national anthem during a Breakfast Television competition this morning! Gabriella did a phenomenal job, won the live-on-air competition and will be rewarded with the opportunity to sing the national anthem again, at this Sunday's Buffalo Bills/Washington Redskins football game at the Rogers Centre. Way to go Gabriella!
3. When St. Patrick Catholic school invited its students to collect milk bags, to be crocheted into sleeping mats for people in Haiti, Grade 7 student, Mimika Muscillo, decided that she could get a lot more bags if she asked people outside of her home and school community. Mimika wrote a letter to the editor of the Caledon Enterprise newspaper, asking for community residents to drop off their milk bags at a local grocery store, with which she had made arrangements. In two months, over 5,800 milk bags were collected. Mimika's initiative and leadership is a shining example of how one person can bring an entire community together and make a difference.

Motion 273 (11-10-25) by T. Thomas

Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE GOOD NEWS ITEMS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt

1. Letter from the City of Brampton regarding the Board's Representatives on the Brampton Library Board

Motion 274 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva Seconded by S. McLaughlan

THAT THE LETTER FROM THE CITY OF BRAMPTON REGARDING THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BRAMPTON LIBRARY BOARD, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 21, 2011

Motion 275 (11-10-25) by L. Zanella Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

1. Strategic Report – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, updated trustees on the strategic reporting method in the board. Director Kostoff referred to Appendix A and B of the report which illustrated the actions and reporting that transpire following the board's approval of the Strategic Plan.

Trustees congratulated the board and staff for their accomplishments. Trustees asked if staff could develop a process prior to dealing with the Plan.

Motion 276 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE REPORT, *STRATEGIC REPORTING*, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Frequency of Meetings – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 277 (11-10-25) by M. Pascucci Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE REPORT, *FREQUENCY OF BOARD MEETINGS*, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 278 (11-10-25) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REPORT, *FREQUENCY OF BOARD MEETINGS*, BE REFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION.

CARRIED

3. Utilization of Proceeds of Disposition and Ministry Meeting – Verbal Update
– J. B. Kostoff/J. Hrajnik

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, provided background information about the nine capital projects, submitted in January 2011. The projects were ranked by trustees and strong business cases were provided. Two of the nine projects were approved.

Associate Director Hrajnik explained that primarily the purpose of proceeds of disposition is to assist boards in building a new school or a major addition. A meeting has been scheduled for November 8, 2011 with the Ministry of Education. The purpose of the meeting is to (a) ask if the list of projects can be opened and (b) can we use the proceeds of disposition towards some of the projects including ones that may not fall exactly in the definition of proceeds of dispositions. The outcome of the meeting will be reported to the board.

Motion 279 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE VERBAL UPDATE, *UTILIZATION OF PROCEEDS OF DISPOSITION AND MINISTRY MEETING*, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Local Police and School Board Protocol – Oude-Reimerink

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced the updated 2000 Provincial Model for a Local Police and School Board Protocol. The Protocol was revised to reflect the recommendations made by the Safe Schools Action Team.

D. Oude-Reimerink, Superintendent of Education, used a power point presentation to demonstrate the principles and key elements of the Protocol.

Trustees requested a copy of the report via e-mail.

Motion 280 (11-10-25) by S. Hobin

Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE REPORT, *LOCAL POLICE AND SCHOOL BOARD PROTOCOL*, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5. September 27, 2011 Enrolment Report – B. Bjarnason

B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, provided a summary of the Enrolment Report and responded to questions of clarification.

Motion 281 (11-10-25) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by S. McLaughlan

**THAT THE REPORT *SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 ENROLMENT REPORT*, BE RECEIVED.
*CARRIED***

6. Student Transportation Stakeholder’s Responsibilities – J. Hrajnik/B. Bjarnason

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, explained that the Stakeholder Responsibilities Breakdown document was approved by the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council on September 28, 2011 and subsequently, approved by Mississauga City Council on October 12, 2011.

B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, reviewed the information with respect to the approved Stakeholder Responsibilities Breakdown document.

Trustees asked for the appropriate extension numbers to be forwarded to them.

Motion 282 (11-10-25) by S. Hobin Seconded by L. Zanella

**THAT THE REPORT, *APPROVED STAKEHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES BREAKDOWN DOCUMENT*, BE RECEIVED.
*CARRIED***

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, October 3, 2011
- B. Iannicca

Motion 283 (11-10-25) by B. Iannicca Seconded by E. O’Toole

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 2011, BE RECEIVED.
*CARRIED***

Motion 284 (11-10-25) by B. Iannicca Seconded by E. O’Toole

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2012/2013 BUDGET CALENDAR.
*CARRIED***

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, October 17, 2011
- T. Thomas

Motion 285 (11-10-25) by T. Thomas Seconded by E. O’Toole

- 1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING,
OCTOBER 17, 2011, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

3. Correspondence from the Town of Caledon – J. B. Kostoff

Motion 286 (11-10-25) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by S. McLauchlan

- THAT THE REPORT *CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE TOWN OF CALEDON
REGARDING THE GRAFFITI COMMITTEE*, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Motion 287 (11-10-25) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by S. McLauchlan

- THAT TRUSTEE F. DI COSOLA SERVE AS DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD’S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TOWN OF CALEDON’S GRIEVANCE
COMMITTEE.**

CARRIED

4. Draft Fundraising Guidelines Consultation – Trustee Feedback – D. Oude-Reimerink

Motion 288 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva Seconded by S. Hobin

- THAT THE REPORT *DRAFT FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES CONSULTATION –
TRUSTEE FEEDBACK*, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Motion 289 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva Seconded by S. Hobin

- THAT THE LETTER FROM THE REPORT, DRAFT FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES
CONSULTATION – TRUSTEE FEEDBACK, BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION.**

CARRIED

5. 2011-2012 OCSTA Membership Fees – G. P. Robinson

Motion 290 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva

Seconded by M. Pascucci

**THAT THE REPORT 2011-2012 OCSTA MEMBERSHIP FEES, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED**

Motion 291 (11-10-25) by A. da Silva

Seconded by M. Pascucci

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE 2011-2012 OCSTA
MEMBERSHIP FEES OF \$188,017.**

CARRIED

I Notices of Motion

Nil

J Additional Business

Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. In response to Trustee E. O'Toole's request for an update regarding the floods at several schools, B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, advised that maintenance staff responded quickly to clean and repair the damage. No classes were disrupted.
2. Trustee M. Pascucci raised the matter of the Ukrainian Famine. The matter will be forwarded to the Faith and Program Committee meeting in November.
3. Trustee M. Pascucci asked if staff would re- measure walking distance in the area of the Eastgate Parkway due to construction in the area.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 292 (11-10-25) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

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

CARRIED

M Rise and Report

Motion 293 (11-10-25) by T. Thomas

Seconded by S. McLauchlan

**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

November 22, 2011

December 13, 2011

Organizational Board Meeting – December 6, 2011

2012

January 24, 2012

February 28, 2012

March 27, 2012

April 24, 2012

May 29, 2012

June 19, 2012

O Adjournment

Motion 294 (11-10-25) by T. Thomas

Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED