

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 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

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. Pitoscia

Acting Assistant Superintendent: M. DeVellis

General Managers: B. Campbell J. Cherepacha R. Eberhardt
T. Fioravanti 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.

3. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda item L3:

- A. Abbruscato – family members belong to OECTA
- A. da Silva – family member belongs to OECTA
- S. Hobin – family member belongs to OECTA
- B. Iannicca – family member belongs to CUPE 2026
- L. Zanella – family member belongs to OECTA.

4. Approval of the Agenda

i) Approval of Consent of Calendar Items

The in camera agenda was re-ordered as follow:

- L6 to become L7
- L7 to become L6
- L8 removed.

Motion 295 (11-12-22) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

5 Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, October 25, 2011

Motion (11-12-22) by T. Thomas Seconded by A. da Silva

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 2011
BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

- ii) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations

1. ShareLife – A. Peters, Executive Director

A. Peters, Executive Director of Sharelife, thanked trustees, staff and students of Dufferin-Peel for their outstanding support of ShareLife.

A. Peters updated the board on the results of the 2011 Campaign and advised that the support to ShareLife is used to serve the most needy and vulnerable in our communities.

The 2011 Report to Donors was distributed to trustees and staff.

C Pastor's Remarks

Nil

D Delegations

Nil

E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt

i) Regular Reports

1. Address to the Board – A. 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, will resonate with you.

As this will be my last meeting as chair, let me begin by saying that it has been an honour, a pleasure and a privilege to serve and to work with you in this capacity over the past two years.

This is the second year of our term and I can say without reservation that we are in outstanding shape as a board and as a system.

Our ongoing focus on student achievement has resulted in a steady and sustained increase in EQAO test scores. This past year, our EQAO scores met or surpassed the provincial average in most areas. We are outperforming our co-terminous boards and that is but one element of our success as the board of choice for our community. We continue to put resources and energies in place, making sure that Dufferin-Peel students have every opportunity for success ... and it is paying off.

In September, we began our second year of Full Day Kindergarten. We now offer the program in 24 schools across the board. And, we are doing so in a fiscally responsible manner by ensuring that funding is 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, yes, we have seen a change in the scope of the role of trustee as a result of legislation. But these changes must not reduce our focus on doing all we can to maintain a strong and viable Catholic school system and to ensure that student achievement remains a priority. The fact remains that trustees still play a critical role as advocates for Catholic education and we must remain ever vigilant in this regard.

We are strong. We are vibrant. And we are relevant. That is why parents and guardians send their children to our schools and why Catholic ratepayers continue to support our system in Peel Region and Dufferin County. Our parents and guardians want their children to learn in a faith-filled school system; a system with textbooks and other resources that will help their children be successful. I believe we are meeting and exceeding their expectations.

Our schools remain safe, caring, healthy and inclusive places to learn and to work.

Our Catholic school councils are active and engaged and our communities are engaged.

The momentum of the board continues. Our successes have multiplied, and resources for supporting our students have increased. New schools are being built, new programs are being offered that benefit a wider range of students and we have seen a greater alignment of programs and resources with our Strategic Plan, which is rooted in our Catholic values.

We are one of the largest and most progressive school boards in the province, both in reality and in perception. We are leaders. What we do and how we do it are always under scrutiny. Let's always strive to do our very best.

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 as strong, healthy and vibrant a board on which I have had the privilege of serving. I will never waver in my support for this board, our community, and Catholic education.

There is a Nike ad with the slogan, "There is no finish line."

That's how I see our role as trustees. The issues and challenges change but they never go away and we must always look for ways to do better and to "raise our game." We must continue to be aggressive, progressive, bold and adept. We must be unified and we must be strategic. We must be selfless, united, committed and focused on children. We must be true to our mission and to our faith.

To my colleagues around the table, I appreciate the support, wisdom, encouragement, energy and friendship that you have shared with me over the past two years.

To staff, I thank you for the support, expertise, patience and sense of team that has helped me tremendously over the past two years.

Henry Ford once said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Let us move forward together in continued success.

Thank you.

Motion 296 (11-12-22) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by B. Iannicca

**THAT THE CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE BOARD BE READ INTO THE MINUTES.
CARRIED**

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

1. Grade 5 student is Mayor for the Day

On November 9, the City of Brampton was run by Noah King, a Grade 5 Extended French student from St. Anne School. Noah won the job of *Mayor for a Day* after entering a draw in September. Wearing the official chain of office, Noah took the helm at the council meeting and even stood to vote on a planning issue. All councilors and delegates addressed him as "Mr. Mayor" and "Mr. Acting Mayor".

2. Notre Dame student receives Environmentalist Award

Our student trustee, Aian Binlayo, a Grade 12 student at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School is one of the youngest recipients of this year's Top 25 *Environmentalist Under 25* award by Starfish, a volunteer-based organization that engages communities in conversations about environmental concerns. In addition to his participation in many community-based green initiatives, Aian is the founder of the Environmental Club at his school. Two years after it was launched, the environmental club accomplished its goal of making Notre Dame an eco-certified institution. Aian hopes to pursue a career as an environmental lawyer or a politician. Congratulations Aian.

3. St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School was one of many schools that celebrated "National Bullying Awareness Week" from November 14-18. The students at St. John Fisher had an assembly where they discussed bullying, and there were also student-led classroom visits where students encouraged their peers to stand up to bullying. Blue ribbons were sold in support of the Kids Help Phone. All events were organized and led by St. John Fisher's "Students for Solidarity," which is a group of intermediate students who dedicate their time towards issues of social justice in our community and around the world, as well as promoting a positive school climate.

Good News Items – Trustee E. O'Toole

4. St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School has a new optional uniform item that is being launched. It is a dry fit golf shirt that will be available to all students as an option to their current expected uniform wear. It will have the slogan "iStand against bullying, Have the Courage" on it as a year round reminder that we don't tolerate bullying at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School. This is part of our "Courage to Commit" week. We will also be asking students to sign a pledge card which will include their picture and will be on display in the Matrix.

Good News Items – Trustee B. Iannicca

5. **St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School's** Grade 7 class of Silvana Sgro won the 2011 RCMP Name the Foal Contest. They were one of 6 other winners. The winning name is 'Iona'. They will receive an authentic RCMP Stetson, a colour photo of the foal they named and a certificate signed by the commissioner of the RCMP.

Motion 297 (11-12-22) by A. da Silva

Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE GOOD NEWS ITEMS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt

1. Minutes of the Brampton Library Board Meetings, June 28 and August 23, 2011

Motion 298 (11-12-22) by A. da Silva

Seconded by S. McLaughlan

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS, JUNE 28 AND AUGUST 23, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meeting, September 21, 2011

Motion 299 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira

Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting, September 22, 2011

Motion 300 (11-12-22) by A. a Silva

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 19, 2011

Motion 301 (11-12-22) by T. Thomas

Seconded by S. McLaughlan

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2011, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt

Nil

H Trustee, Administration, Committee Reports Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Contract Negotiations Committee Meeting, November 7, 2011
- E. O'Toole

Motion 302 (11-12-22) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by S. McLauchlan

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING,
NOVEMBER 7, 2011, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, November 7, 2011
- B. Iannicca

Prior to receiving the Administration and Finance Committee minutes, Trustee P. Ferreira asked for further discussion on the frequency of meetings. The following motion was put forth and voted on. A recorded vote was requested.

Motion 303 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira

Seconded by B. Iannicca

**THAT THE REPORT "FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS" BE REFERRED TO THE
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5,
2011.**

Yea: P. Ferreira, B. Iannicca, T. Thomas, A. Abbruscato, A. da Silva

Nay: S. McLauchlan, M. Pascucci, S. Hobin, E. O'Toole

CARRIED

Motion 304 (11-12-22) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by E. O'Toole

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2011, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, November 14, 2011
- T. Thomas

Motion 305 (11-12-22) by T. Thomas

Seconded by E. O'Toole

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING,
NOVEMBER 14, 2011, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Motion 306 (11-12-22) by T. Thomas Seconded by E. O'Toole

- 2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZE THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER AS HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the By-Law/Policies Review Committee Meeting, November 15, 2011
- P. Ferreira

Motion 307 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas

- 1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 2011, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Motion 308 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas

- 2. THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT THE DRAFT OF THE REVISED POLICY/REGULATIONS 5.25, STUDENT TRUSTEES, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.**

CARRIED

Motion 309 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas

- 3. THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT THE DRAFT OF THE REVISED POLICY 4.05, STUDENT HOLIDAY TRAVEL, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.**

CARRIED

Motion 310 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas

- 4. THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT THE DRAFT OF THE NEW POLICY 21.00, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.**

CARRIED

5. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Resolutions
– D. Oude-Reimerink

Motion311 (11-12-22) by A. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REPORT, *OCSTA RESOLUTIONS*, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 312 (11-12-22) by A. da Silva

Seconded by T. Thomas

**THAT THE OCSTA RESOLUTIONS BE APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE
ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Nomination for Membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee
For the Term January 2011 to December 2014 – S. Kendrick

Motion 313 (11-12-22) by A. da Silva

Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE REPORT, *NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP*, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 314 (11-12-22) by A. da Silva

Seconded by B. Iannicca

**THAT THE NOMINEES LISTED IN THIS REPORT BE APPOINTED TO THE SPECIAL
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

I Notices of Motion

Nil

J Additional Business

Nil

K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members

1. Trustee B. Iannicca asked that reports be listed first on the agenda when additional staff must be present for those reports. J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, advised that listing of reports is a procedural matter but whenever possible, reports will be listed as requested.
2. Trustee M. Pascucci requested an architect list and the projects they were awarded in the last five years.
3. Trustee M. Pascucci asked that Superintendent B. Bjarnason meet with St. Dominic School Council to discuss the traffic plan.
4. Trustee M. Pascucci inquired about the status of the St. James site. J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, advised that the St. James site is both planning and instructional item and is still in exploratory modes.

Trustee L. Zanella joined the meeting in progress. (7:50 p.m.)

5. Trustee T. Thomas advised that OCSTA is proposing a fee increase.

Motion 315 (11-12-22) by T. Thomas

Seconded by M. Pascucci

**THAT THE PROPOSED OCSTA FEE INCREASE BE REFERRED TO THE
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2011.**

CARRIED

6. **Motion 316 (11-12-22) by P. Ferreira**

Seconded by M. Pascucci

**THAT A LETTER OF THANKS BE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO FOR
THEIR DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE POWER PLANT.**

CARRIED

7. Trustee A. da Silva inquired about the meeting with Ministry staff scheduled for November 29, 2011.

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, stated that staff will ask Ministry staff two questions at the meeting:

1. Can we re-open our capital priority list?
2. Can we utilize our proceeds of disposition any way we wish?

A report will be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for December 5, 2011.

L Business/Questions/Information in Camera

Motion 317 (11-12-22) by

Seconded by

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

CARRIED

M Rise and Report

Motion 318 (11-12-22) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by A. da Silva

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

CARRIED

Motion 319 (11-12-22) by T. Thomas

Seconded by S. McLaughlan

- 1. THAT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 22, 2011 JEAN-PAULO GUILHERME BE DISMISSED FROM THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE BOARD BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED TO THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 320 (11-12-22) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by M. Pascucci

- 2. THAT THE DISMISSAL BE REPORTED TO THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS.**

CARRIED

N Future Meetings

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 321 (11-12-22) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by P. Ferreira

- THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

CARRIED

Secretary of the Board

Chairperson