

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair:	M. Pascucci		
Vice-Chair:	L. Zanella		
Trustees:	A. Abbruscato	A. da Silva	F. Di Cosola
	P. Ferreira	S. Hobin	B. Iannicca
	S. McLauchlan	E. O'Toole	T. Thomas
Student Trustees:	N. Lizzi	M. MacNeil	
Director of Education:			J. B. Kostoff
Associate Director of Instructional Services			S. McWatters
Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer			J. Hrajnik
Superintendents:	D. Amaral	B. Bjarnason	C. Blanchard
	T. Cruz	J. Geiser	S. Kendrick
	M. Mazzorato	N. Milanetti	D. Oude-Reimerink
	L. Papaloni	C. Pitoscia	G. Robinson
	S. Steer	L. Storey	M. Vecchiarino
Assistant Superintendents:		D. Finegan-Downey	E. Fischer
General Managers	B. Campbell	J. Cherepacha	R. Eberhardt
	T. Fioravanti	R. Moriah	
Recorder:	L. Mackereth		
Late Arrival:	Trustee A. da Silva		

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Smudging Ceremony-Larry McLeod, Anishinabe Elder, North Bay;
Nancy Rowe-Henry, Traditional Practitioner, Mississaugas of the New Credit

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, welcomed L. McLeod and N. Rowe and noted that Board office is located on the sacred territory of the New Credit. To show our appreciation Chair M. Pascucci and Director J. B. Kostoff presented the elder with a red package of tobacco.

M. Gucciardi introduced the smudging ceremony noting it is customary to begin a meeting with a smudge to demonstrate a relationship of trust. It is a purification ceremony to aid in good decision making.

3. Opening Prayer

Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci, led the Opening Prayer.

4. Declaration of Interest (*as defined in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*)

The following trustees declared in interest in agenda items:

A6-(H4-Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget)

A7-(H1-Minutes of the Special Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting,
August 1, 2013)

H1-(H2-Marketing and Communication Strategy-Approval of Unspent 2012-
2013 Budget)

M1- Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting (Special
Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting)-August 1, 2013

M5-Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Contract and Negotiations
Committee, September 24, 2013

Trustee M. Pascucci–family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee L. Zanella–family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee S. Hobin–family members belongs to OECTA

Trustee A. Abbruscato–family members belongs to OECTA

Trustee B. Iannicca–family member belongs to CUPE 2026

Trustee A. da Silva–family member belongs to OECTA (*interest declared upon arrival
and prior to discussion of the items*)

Student Trustee M. MacNeil–family member belongs to OECTA

Student Trustee N. Lizzi–family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee F. Di Cosola declared an interest in agenda items A6, A7, H1, M5 – family
member at another board.

Motion 229 (13-09-24) by S. Hobin

Seconded by B. Iannicca

**THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM L.
CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Agenda

Item M6 was deleted from the In Camera Agenda.

Item M7 was added to the In Camera Agenda.

i) Approval of Consent of Calendar Item

a) Employee Population Report of August 31, 2013.

Motion 230 (13-09-24) by T. Thomas

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.
CARRIED**

Motion 231 (13-09-24) by T. Thomas

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

**THAT THE EMPLOYEE POPULATION REPORT, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED**

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2013

Motion 232 (13-09-24) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013, EXCLUDING H4 (PROPOSED 2013-2014 OPERATING BUDGET), BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- i) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 1, 2013

Motion 233 (13-09-24) by P. Ferreira Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2013, EXCLUDING ITEM H1 (MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2013) BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

- i) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation—UNESCO World Teachers' Day—October 5, 2013—J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education announced that it is a tradition to annually proclaim October 5th as UNESCO World Teachers' Day in Dufferin-Peel, as a means to recognize the importance of teachers globally and locally. As October 5th falls on a Saturday this year, Dufferin-Peel will celebrate the occasion on Friday, October 4th.

Motion 234 (13-09-24) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by P. Ferreira

- 1. THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) WORLD TEACHERS' DAY—OCTOBER 5, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 5, 2013 BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED AS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY IN DUFFERIN-PEEL SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES AND

THAT ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO THANK TEACHERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN DUFFERIN-PEEL AND FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THEY DO WITH STUDENTS EACH AND EVERY DAY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Proclamation—Bus Driver Appreciation Day, October 23, 2013—J. Hrajnik

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer announced that each year the board proclaims October 23 as Bus Driver Appreciation Day, where schools and students are encouraged to thank and celebrate the men and women who are a vital part of our student transportation system.

Motion 235 (13-09-24) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by T. Thomas

1. THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY—OCTOBER 23, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 23, 2013 TO BE BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY WHEREBY ALL DUFFERIN-PEEL SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED, IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER, TO CELEBRATE AND THANK THEIR BUS DRIVERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Proclamation—Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day—October 30, 2013—S. McWatters

S. McWatters, Associate Director of Instructional Services announced the Board annually proclaims October 30 as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Day in Dufferin-Peel.

Motion 236 (13-09-24) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by S. Hobin

1. THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE CHILD CARE WORKER AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY—OCTOBER 30, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. THAT OCTOBER 30, 2013 BE DESIGNATED THE 13TH ANNUAL “CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY” IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EDUCATION, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF CHILD CARE WORKERS TO CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 26th Annual Wilf Hartzenberg Walk Run Roll, September 29, 2013—L. Storey and P. Basran

L. Storey, Superintendent Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Family of Schools, stated that Dufferin-Peel is a proud sponsor of United Way. He attributed the success to retired Superintendent P. McMorrow’s leadership over the past few years. L. Storey introduced the Committee Co-Chair, P. Basran.

P. Basran noted that last year there were over 350 participants and invited all to come and support the event on Sunday, September 29, 2013. A video capturing the event was presented.

Motion 237 (13-09-24) by T. Thomas

Seconded by B. Iannicca

1 THAT THE VERBAL REPORT, 26TH ANNUAL WILF HARTZENBERG WALK RUN ROLL-SEPTEMBER 29, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

C Pastor’s Remarks

Nil

D Delegations

Nil

E Information/Reports from Trustees, for Receipt

i) Regular Reports

- 1) Letter from L. Sandals, Minister of Education—M. Pascucci

Trustees expressed their disappointment and frustration with the response received from L. Sandals, Minister of Education, indicating that she is not available to meet with the chair at this time.

Motion 238 (13-09-24) by A. Abbruscato

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE LETTER FROM L. SANDALS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO M. PASCUCCI, CHAIR OF THE BOARD, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 239 (13-09-24) by A. Abbruscato

Seconded by L. Zanella

THAT THE BOARD PREPARE A LETTER TO PREMIER K. WYNNE, IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER OF MINISTER L. SANDALS DATED JULY 18, 2013.

CARRIED

ii) Good News Items

Trustees expressed their gratitude for the many open houses and in celebration of the new school year.

Trustee S. Hobin shared the following good news:

- All Saints (1988-2013) celebrates 25 years of excellence in Catholic education! On October 1, All Saints Catholic School invites you to join our celebrations that include: Liturgy of the Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. and our BBQ/Open House and Meet the Teacher starting at 5:00 p.m. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- On September 27, Loyola Catholic Secondary School will host the “Head for the Cure.” We are hopeful that over one thousand students will participate in the afternoon event to raise money for the Gerry and Nancy Pencer Brain Trust, a not-for-profit organization with a mandate to make a difference in the quality of life of people living with brain tumours. Staff and students will walk the track of the school in support of the Pencer Brain Trust. In addition, the school will host a barbeque for participants of the event.
- On September 25, Loyola Catholic Secondary School will be in full force, planting and beautifying our property on National Tree Day. It will be a celebration for staff and students to appreciate the great benefits that trees provide us - clean air, wildlife habitat, reducing energy demand and connecting with nature. Approximately 100 students will be actively involved in planting bulbs and shrubs on the school property. There will be a large a large Pyramidal English Oak tree which will be planted on site on National Tree Day. This tree has been donated by a local business.
- Loyola Catholic Secondary School and St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School will play football on Friday, September 27th under the lights at the Loyola field. And October 4th Loyola Catholic Secondary School and Clarkson will again play under the lights. Games begin at 7:00. All are welcome.

Trustee A. da Silva joined the meeting in process.

- Student Trustees N. Lizzi and M. MacNeil expressed their thanks to trustees for a warm welcome to the Board and to Superintendent M. Vecchiarino for his support.

- Trustee B. Iannicca welcomed the new Supervisory Officers to the Board and noted that we continue to be successful. Dufferin-Peel has a tremendous relationship between the Administration and the Board and our continued success is built on these relationships.
- Trustee E. O'Toole thanked the community in Wards 9 and 10, the school administration, and thanked our priests noting the many liturgies that have taken place.
- Trustee E. O'Toole invited all to the upcoming movie night at St Teresa of Avila and wished all schools good luck on the Terry Fox Run.

Trustee L. Zanella shared the following good news:

- Congratulations to Dufferin-Peel psychologists, Dr. Golden Millar and Dr. Debra Lean, who have been appointed to the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of School Psychology, a peer-reviewed professional journal.
- Congratulations to St. Pio of Pietrelcina School, which was featured in the August/September issue of Canada's History Magazine in recognition of their national win of the Ultimate Class Field Trip Contest in 2012.
- Congratulations to the Special Education Advisory Committee for 3 years of successful initiatives to provide community engagement for parents of students with diverse learning needs. The 2013-14 Committee was awarded a grant of \$15,000 to engage our parents/guardians in supporting student well-being. Over three years SEAC has secured funding of over \$50,000. Trustee L. Zanella extended special thanks to L. Eschli, ERW for her work in helping the committee secure this grant and to Trustees P. Ferreira, T. Thomas, S. Hobin, parents and guardians, association representatives, members at large and staff for their continued support.

Trustee S. McLauchlan shared the following good news:

- A warm welcome was extended to our new supervisory officers and student trustees.
- Trustee S. McLauchlan noted our EQAO results are a testament to all, a reflection of the greatness of Dufferin-Peel.
- Congratulations and thanks to the Plant Operations staff and the custodial staff for their extra efforts to ensure schools were opened on schedule.
- Trustee P. Ferreira thanked all staff and offered his appreciation for the work done day in and day out.

- Trustee P. Ferreira congratulated P. Mifsud, teacher at Blessed John XXIII upon receiving the Ontario Agri-Food Education (OAFE) Teacher Award of Excellence for 2013. The award was presented on September 10 by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture.
- Trustee A. da Silva thanked all principals and superintendents who worked diligently welcoming our students and families to a new school year. Trustee A. da Silva welcomed the student trustees to the Board.

F Reports from Committees, for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting—June 12, 2013
—L. Zanella

Motion 240 (13-09-24) by P. Ferreira

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING, JUNE 12, 2013, BE RECEIVED**

CARRIED

G Information/Reports from Administration, for Receipt

1. First Nations, Metis, Inuit Update—D. Oude-Reimerink

Superintendent D. Oude-Reimerink invited M. Gucciardi, consultant, to provide an overview of the report.

M. Gucciardi, through the support of Administration travelled north with students and teachers, to gain cultural appreciation, to understand the Inuit world, and to understand their tradition and culture. The journey allowed staff to learn extensively about First Nations, Metis and Inuit and form a relationship of trust.

The documentary film “On The Land”, prepared and presented by J. Flaherty, teacher at Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School, was based on the trip north in May 2013. The moving, professional film was produced as a tool for Professional Development for teachers and as an authentic experience for all students. A second, longer film will be produced with more in-depth context to allow teachers to become more familiar with the subject area.

Trustees thanked the staff for truly professional production and enquired as to how the Board could encourage an exchange program. Staff responded that there are several opportunities: bike race, Inuit games, art based programs, Unity Charity and social justice initiatives. A major challenge in this area is cost.

Responding to inquiries regarding classrooms, staff noted that schools are well equipped in technology, but internet bandwidth is a challenge. The classrooms reflect a more casual atmosphere, and their greatest challenge is getting students to school on a daily basis. It was noted that education in Iqaluit is federally funded.

Motion 241 (13-09-24) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by A. da Silva

**THAT THE REPORT FIRST NATIONS, METIS, INUIT UPDATE, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED**

2. Public Awareness Campaign: Kindergarten Registration 2014-15
—J. B. Kostoff/B. Campbell

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education introduced the report and explained that this year's Kindergarten registration is significantly different. The aggressive campaign is already underway whereby in previous years the campaign would start in November. It is a two tiered program: awareness followed by registration. On-line registration provides the parent with an eBook "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" and presents an opportunity to invite parents to join our system.

B. Campbell, General Manager of Communications and Community Relations, outlined the details of the public awareness campaign. The target group is families who are eligible to attend our Catholic schools and the campaign focuses on promotion of registration dates and "Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education".

Trustees expressed their excitement with the new program and were supportive of the enhanced opportunities.

Motion 242 (13-09-24) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by A. da Silva

**THAT THE REPORT, PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN: KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION 2014-15, BE RECEIVED**

CARRIED

H Trustee, Committee, Administration Reports, Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, September 9, 2013—S. Hobin

Motion 243 (13-09-24) by S. Hobin

Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, EXCLUDING ITEM H1 (REPORT H2-MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY), BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 244 (13-09-24) by S. Hobin

Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE 2013 LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION PLAN AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX 3, IDENTIFYING NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS, BOUNDARY REVIEWS, AND AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT ENROLMENT DECLINE, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, September 16, 2013 —E O’Toole

Motion 245 (13-09-24) by S. McLauchlan

Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

3. Report—Ministry of Education Community Consultations, Next Steps —J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education brought forward the questions provided by the Ministry of Education for the development of its new educational strategy. As part of this process there will be local community-based consultation to reflect on seven specific questions. The Ministry of Education will gather this information and refine its visions, aspirations and goals for our students.

Trustees discussed that the Strategic Direction is the responsibility of the Board and these questions could aid in the development of our next Strategic Plan. The Ministry neglected to include trustees in this community-based consultation.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to reflect on the questions and provide input. Superintendent J. Geiser will receive the electronic submissions and present a report in October. The Board response will be submitted to the Ministry.

In response to question about parents' concern over the lack of cursive writing in the curriculum, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that staff would provide information.

Trustees requested a letter be sent to the Minister of Education identifying that it is Trustees' role and responsibility to participate in formulating responses as per the legislation and in future correspondence should be sent to the board.

Motion 246 (13-09-24) by A. da Silva Seconded by P. Ferreira

1 THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED MINISTRY OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS, NEXT STEPS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 247 (13-09-24) by A. da Silva Seconded by P. Ferreira

2 THAT THE BOARD RESPOND ELECTRONICALLY TO THE QUESTIONS AND THAT THE REPORT COME FORWARD BY THE END OF OCTOBER FOR APPROVAL EITHER AT THE BOARD MEETING IN OCTOBER OR AT THE LATEST AT THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MEETING IN NOVEMBER. A STAFF SUPERINTENDENT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS TASK TO ASSIST THE TRUSTEES.

CARRIED

4. Capital Priorities—2013—B. Bjarnason

Superintendent B. Bjarnason introduced staff S. Cox, Acting Manager of Planning and J. Rogers, Senior Planner who were present to walk the Board through the report. In the presentation trustees were reminded that the Board approved the 2013 Long Term Accommodation Plan at the September 9, 2013 Administration and Finance Committee. This Plan is used to assist in developing the Capital Priorities Plan for the Ministry.

S. Cox, Acting Manager of Planning explained that the Ministry has indicated that the priorities will be growth projects, projects with an FDK component and projects related to school consolidation. In addition staff identified that they utilized the criteria, approved at the December 14, 2010 Board meeting, to rank the list of capital priorities. Dufferin-Peel's Capital Priorities that will be submitted to the Ministry for funding are: New Elementary School Bram West, New Elementary School Mount Pleasant, addition to Holy Name of Mary, New Elementary School Credit Valley, and the Port-a-Pac replacement/addition at St. Joachim Elementary School.

Trustee S. McLauchlan voiced concerns in the future growth of the area of St. Patrick School. Staff responded that when looking at a development it is a gradual process; staff anticipate that students are not all attending at one time.

This rationale is taken into account when yields are calculated.

Trustee A. da Silva raised a safety concern with respect to “shared use facilities” given the number of students. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, noted that this is a provincial guideline and it may be a consideration for boards in more rural areas rather than large urban areas.

Trustee S. Hobin queried the life of the Capital Priorities list. Staff responded should an item not receive approval this year, the item would be revisited when identifying Capital Priorities for the next submission.

Trustee S. Hobin enquired about funding for aging infrastructure. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education noted the Ministry will only fund schools that generate student places. Associate Director J. Hrajnik indicated that the Capital Funding Model does not include retrofits for aging infrastructure and needs to be addressed by the Ministry.

Trustee L. Zanella questioned the ranking of Holy Name of Mary over the new Credit Valley elementary school. Staff responded the Board has recently opened St. Jean-Marie Vianney in that community and Holy Name of Mary’s portables generate points in the priority criteria.

Trustee L. Zanella enquired about the possibility of a lottery at Holy Name of Mary. Director J. B. Kostoff indicated that due to the interest in Holy Name of Mary, if demand exceeds pupil places a lottery process will be considered.

In response to Trustee T. Thomas’ inquiry regarding maintaining enrollment at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Secondary School, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education indicated that enrollment at the school has increased this year and there has been an improvement in EQAO scores.

Motion 248 (13-09-24) by T. Thomas

Seconded by S. Hobin

1. THAT STAFF PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING A SPORTS FIELD ADDITION AT ASCENSION OF OUR LORD SECONDARY SCHOOL, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Trustee A. da Silva requested staff prepare a motion for trustees to present at OCSTA regarding aging facilities.

Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired in regards to the enrollment for Brampton West elementary schools and noted the capacity at St. Brigid, Our Lady of Peace and Pauline Vanier, once adjusting for the number of students in the holding school. S. Cox, Acting Manager of Planning, indicated that the new schools are two to three concessions west of the holding schools. Superintendent B. Bjarnason

noted that distance from the holding school to the homes is an issue and Program Department will take a look at low enrollment schools.

Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired as to the type of homes in Mayfield West and Strawberry Fields subdivision. S. Cox, Acting Manager of Planning indicated that the development consists of townhomes, semi-detached and single family homes are in that area and further assessment will be conducted in that area.

Trustee F. Di Cosola requested details of the ranking of priorities by school in future Capital Priorities Criteria and requested staff provide yield for Strawberry Fields.

Motion 249 (13-09-24) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by T. Thomas

2. THAT THE REPORT, CAPITAL PRIORITIES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 250 (13-09-24) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by T. Thomas

3. THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2013 CAPITAL PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX B BASED ON THE BOARD APPROVED CRITERIA IN APPENDIX A.

CARRIED

5. French Immersion Program: Review and Update—D. Oude-Reimerink

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, recapped the discussion that took place in the spring, when staff were asked to present a report regarding children with siblings in the French Immersion Program.

Associate Director McWatters indicated the French Immersion Report helped to examine the development and well-being of each student and the varied opportunities to support all learners.

French Immersion is a program of choice and as with other regional programs, information regarding registration and lottery process is annually communicated through the Board website, school newsletters, parent/guardian letters to Kindergarten students and parent information meetings. A survey completed in spring 2013 indicated 92% of parents/guardians are satisfied with the French Immersion program and 97% responded the registration and lottery process is clear.

Superintendent D. Oude-Reimerink explained that students have equitable access to French Immersion, a program of choice. At the present time parents/guardians may apply to one or all French Immersion sites and are aware that transportation is not provided. Parents/guardians are advised lotteries are implemented at sites where the demand exceeds the pupil places available. French Immersion Program comparisons of other boards was provided.

Superintendent S. Kendrick noted that since the inception of the program, the Board has maintained a consistent and transparent process for families applying to this program. The lottery process has become a widely accepted method for supporting fair and equitable access to programs. It does not discriminate against those families who have not previously registered children in the program, nor the single child family. Guaranteed access would significantly reduce the number of spaces for families with no children in the program and may precipitate a challenge for other programs of choice.

In response to questions asked, Associate Director S. McWatters clarified that the on-line registration process will allow for preference of choice but not limit the number of schools parents can apply to. Many factors influence the choice of sites such as: interest, budget, space, and staffing. Superintendent N. Milanetti advised Dufferin-Peel has been successful in recruiting qualified French Immersion teachers.

Trustee E. O'Toole commented that the sister sites means some families may have children attending more than one school. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education noted this can happen at schools of declining enrollment where space may be available for this program. Associate Director S. McWatters indicated the response to interest was possible by creating sister sites which allow more students access to French Immersion.

Motion 251 (13-09-24) by E. O'Toole

Seconded by B. Iannicca

- 1. THAT SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN ALREADY IN FRENCH IMMERSION MUST STILL APPLY AND BE PART OF THE LOTTERY PROCESS EXCEPT FOR THE FOUR SCHOOLS WITH SISTER SITES: DIVINE MERCY, ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA, ST. ELIZABETH SETON AND ST. ANGELA MERICI ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.**

A recorded vote was requested:

YEA: Trustee E. O'Toole

NAYS: Trustees A. Abbruscato, A. da Silva, , B. Iannicca, P. Ferreira, S. McLauchlan, T. Thomas, M. Pascucci, L. Zanella, F. Di Cosola, S. Hobin

DEFEATED

Motion 252 (13-09-24) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by A. Abbruscato

- 2. THAT THE REPORT, "DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD'S FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM: REVIEW AND UPDATE", BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Motion 253 (13-09-24) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by B. Iannicca

3. THAT THE BOARD MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT PRACTICE IN WHICH SIBLINGS OF THOSE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL, AND WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM, APPLY TO THE PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LOTTERY PROCESS, WHERE REQUIRED.

A recorded vote was requested:

YEAS: Trustees A. Abbruscato, B. Iannicca, P. Ferreira, S. McLauchlan,
T. Thomas, M. Pascucci, L. Zanella, F. Di Cosola, S. Hobin

NAYS: Trustees A. da Silva, E. O'Toole

CARRIED

Motion 254 (13-09-24) by P. Ferreira Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE MEETING BE EXTENDED TO COMPLETE THE AGENDA.

CARRIED

I Notices of Motion

Nil

J Additional Business

Nil

K Questions asked of, and by Trustees

1. Trustee B. Iannicca enquired about engaging JK students. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, explained a cooperative approach is used to engage students in classroom activities. Director J. B. Kostoff will provide additional information.
2. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about the Criminal Reference Checks (CRC) not being accepted from police forces outside of Peel. In response, N. Milanetti, Superintendent of Human Resources, explained our policy is to accept CRCs from various police forces. Trustee B. Iannicca will forward details of his inquiry to Superintendent N. Milanetti for follow-up.
3. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about the time change for Awards Ceremonies at Secondary Schools, noting his concern that parents will have a difficult time attending ceremonies in the morning. Trustee B. Iannicca will provide the school name for follow-up.
4. Trustee S. McLauchlan asked if parents of Grade 9 students could be advised of busing eligibility and possible changes in eligibility at the time of registration for secondary school. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education advised staff will follow-up.

5. Trustee A. da Silva inquired if spelling tests were no longer mandated. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education responded that given our students are excelling in EQAO scores they are learning how to spell. Assessment rests at the school level for teachers and there has been no mandate regarding spelling tests.
6. Trustee S. Hobin asked about future IB program sites in Mississauga. Associate Director S. McWatters advised that staff will be investigating the possibility of future sites and locations.
7. In response to a request by Trustee P. Ferreira, Associate Director S. McWatters will provide information regarding Saturday International Language Programs.
8. Trustee L. Zanella noted that Toronto School Board has been able to repair roofs without expenditure through the installation of solar panels. Superintendent B. Bjarnason advised that staff require more information on this subject which will involve further investigation.
9. In response to Trustee F. Di Cosola's inquiry regarding EQAO scores, Associate Director S. McWatters advised the embargo on the Secondary results would not be lifted until September 25.

Trustees requested electronic copies of:

- Board Calendar of Reports Overview
- French Immersion Report

L Declared Interest Item

The following trustees declared an interest and left the meeting:

Trustee M. Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee L. Zanella—family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee S. Hobin—family members belongs to OECTA

Trustee A. Abbruscato—family members belongs to OECTA

Trustee B. Iannicca—family member belongs to CUPE 2026

Trustee F. Di Cosola—family member of another board

Trustee A. da Silva—family member belongs to OECTA (interest declared upon arrival and prior to discussion of the items)

Student Trustee M. MacNeil—family member belongs to OECTA

Student Trustee N. Lizzi—family member belongs to OECTA

Declared Interest Items:

A6-(H4-Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget)

A7-(H1- Minutes of the Special Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting, August 1, 2013)

H1-(H2-Marketing and Communication Strategy-Approval of Unspent 2012-2013 Budget)

M1- Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Special Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting-August 1, 2013)

M5-Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Contract Negotiations Committee, September 24, 2013

1. Approval of Item H4 (Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget) in the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2013

Motion 255 (13-09-24) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT ITEM H4 (PROPOSED 2013-2014 OPERATING BUDGET) OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting of August 1, 2013

Motion 256 (13-09-24) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2013, ITEM H1 (MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2013) BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of Administration and Finance Committee Meeting of September 9, 2013- Item H1 (H2- Marketing and Communication Strategy— Approval of Unspent 2012-2013 Budget.)

Motion 257 (13-09-24) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE UNUSED ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FROM 2012-2013 FOR USE IN 2013-2014 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY, ITEM H1 (REPORT H2-MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY).

CARRIED

M In Camera Session

Motion 258 (13-09-24) by S. McLauchlan

Seconded by T. Thomas

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

CARRIED

N Rise and Report

Motion 259 (13-09-24) by P. Ferreira

Seconded by E. O'Toole

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

CARRIED

O Future Meetings

Regular Board Meetings

October 22, 2013

November 26, 2013

December 10, 2013

Organizational Meeting of the Board

December 3, 2013

p Adjournment

Motion 260 (13-09-24) by F. Di Cosola

Seconded by P. Ferreira

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED