

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 26, 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. McLaughlan	E. O'Toole	T. Thomas
Student Trustees:	M. Rafo	K. Michael	
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
	S. Kendrick	P. McMorrow	
	S. McWatters	N. Milanetti	D. Oude-Reimerink
	L. Papaloni	C. Pitoscia	G. Robinson
	C. Saytar	M. Vecchiarino	
Assistant Superintendent:		L. Storey	
Acting Assistant Superintendent:		M. DeVellis	
General Managers:	B. Campbell	J. Cherepacha	T. Fioravanti
	R. Moriah	R. Eberhardt	
Recorder:	D. Reed		

**A Routine Matters**

- 1 Call to Order and Attendance  
Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer  
Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci, led the Opening Prayer.

3. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared in interest in agenda items:

A 5 – A5-Part 2, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 26, 2013

H 1 – Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Contract and Negotiations Committee, February 26, 2013

L 1 – Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting, February 26, 2013

L 2 - Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Contract and Negotiations Committee, February 26, 2013

A. Abbruscato – Family members belong to OECTA

A. da Silva – Family members belongs to OECTA

F. Di Cosola – Family member works for another board

S. Hobin – Family members belong to OECTA

B. Iannicca – Family member belongs to CUPE 2026

M. Pascucci – Family member belongs to OECTA

L. Zanella – Family member belongs to OECTA

Student Trustee K. Michael – Family member works for another Board

4. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion 117 (13-03-26) by A. da Silva**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

i) Approval of Consent of Calendar Item

5. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, February 26, 2013

**Motion 118 (13-03-26) by S. McLauchlan**

**Seconded by E. O'Toole**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 2013,  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AGENDA ITEM A 5 – PART 2 AND H 1 BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

The trustees who declared an interest left the meeting prior to approving the following sections of the minutes:

**Motion 119 (13-03-26) by S. McLauchlan**

**Seconded by E. O'Toole**

**THAT AGENDA ITEM A 5 – PART 2 AND H 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR**

ii) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

The trustees who declared an interest joined the meeting in session.

**B Awards and Presentations**

1. Marketing of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Schools – T. Lariviere

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced the report and indicated that this year a committee was established made up of senior staff and school staff with the goal of ensuring that our Grade 8 Catholic students are provided with a smooth transition experience from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

T. Lariviere, Principal, Cardinal Ambrozic Catholic Secondary School and C. Mallozzi, used a multi-media presentation to highlight the goals and objectives of the 'New Secondary School Registration Transitions Guideline 2013.' The new process will align and support the upcoming DPCDSB System Direction, Strategic Plan for Technology and the DPCDSB Catholic Board Learning Plan focusing on Catholic Community Culture and Caring, and Pathways and Transitions K-12.

The new Transitions Guideline is rooted in the ability to support and promote proactive 21<sup>st</sup> Century registration at the Secondary and Elementary School levels to enhance the ability to retain and attract Catholic students to our DPCDSB Secondary School communities. This registration process continues to support existing Ministry and Board 'Student Success Transition' initiatives.

During the course of question period, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education advised that a report on Open Access will be presented to the Board in the near future.

Trustee A. da Silva asked that the Guideline be presented to the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils in October and trustees also requested an e-copy of the presentation.

**Motion 120 (13-03-26) by A. da Silva**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE PRESENTATION ON THE MARKETING OF DUFFERIN-CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOLS BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**C Pastor's Remarks**

Nil

## **D Delegations**

Nil

A 5 Pg. 4

## **E Information/Reports From Trustees, For Receipt**

### **E i Regular Reports**

#### **a) Quarterly Report (Verbal) – M. Pascucci, Chair**

It is my privilege, once again, to bring forward the chair's verbal quarterly 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.

Back in November, our schools were engaged in Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week, where student-produced videos and posters were created and distributed throughout the board and community.

In December, the board acclaimed yours truly and Linda Zanella as chair and vice chair, respectively, for a second consecutive term.

In January, we opened our fifth Parenting and Family Literacy Centre at Christ the King Elementary School in Mississauga.

Also in January, we held an information session and registration week for our new Catholic Global Learning Centre. The response has been very strong and we will open the program as a K-6 school at the former St. James Elementary School site in Port Credit this coming September.

We take pride in nurturing good relations with our local and provincial political representatives and in January, the board sent a letter of congratulations to new Premier Kathleen Wynne. We are in the process of scheduling our annual summit meeting with our local MPPs and look forward to continuing to dialogue with our Queen's Park representatives in this regard.

Trustees recently approved funding for five capital projects that were part of the board's capital priority project list. The Ministry of Education subsequently gave us the green light to move forward with these projects and the process for doing so is now underway.

In February, Dufferin-Peel schools celebrated Black History Month with many events and activities across the board, including a large and very successful conference for secondary school students.

A 5 Pg. 5

We all watched with fascination, the events leading to the installation of Pope Francis, and pray for him as he leads our Church forward. Some of our Grade 8 students from St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School had the opportunity last week to speak directly with Cardinal Collins via Skype from Rome following the Pope's inaugural mass. This is symbolic of the connection that our students have, not only with the daily faith life of our schools, but with the living history and global current events of our church.

Trustees continue to be very active and engaged in school and community events and activities, promoting the Dufferin-Peel brand and sharing our stories which illustrate the continued relevance and success of Catholic education.

We take our role as stewards of Catholic education very seriously. Catholic education is strong, vibrant and healthy in Dufferin-Peel. But we know that we must never take it for granted. We must continue to share the good news of the gift of Catholic education whenever and wherever we can.

My sincere thanks to my fellow trustees, and to staff, for your dedication and commitment to Dufferin-Peel and Catholic education.

ii) Good News Items

1. Congratulations to St. Martin Grade 12 student Victoria Baker who was surprised in class recently by representatives from the University of Guelph-Humber who presented her with a \$20,000 Founders' Academic Merit Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement, leadership, and extracurricular activities. Congratulations Victoria and good luck as you pursue your post secondary education.
2. On March 8, the Mock Trial Team from St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School won the 2013 Peel Mock Trial Tournament at the A. Grenville and William Davis Courthouse in Brampton. The Gonzaga team of lawyers and witnesses were victorious over St. Joseph Secondary School in the Semi-Final and Gordon Graydon in the Finals. Congratulations to the students and teachers for your efforts and accomplishment.
3. Trustee S. McLauchlan delivered the following Good News:

Congratulations to the staff, students and parents at Cardinal Ambrozic for the recent sold out CaraCardinal multicultural event. The night celebrating ethnic diversity within our school community featured fabulous food stations and amazing native dances by students.

A 5 Pg. 6

Congratulations to both the St. Marguerite d'Youville Junior and Senior boys basketball teams for capturing gold medals at this year's ROPSSA tournament. The powerful Panther athletic program continues.

Two wonderful school sports events occurred recently in support of ShareLife. At Venerable Michael J. McGivney students challenged staff and Neighbouring Police Unit officers in a friendly volleyball game while Holy Spirit students faced off in hockey against staff and former Superintendent Alex Tucciarone and myself at a packed Mayfield arena. In both games, the students resoundingly won.

Congratulations to our area OFSAA swimmers. David Aguilera from St. Thomas Aquinas finished fourth in the province in the Men's 100m butterfly and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Men's 200m individual medley. Megan Heughan of Holy Name of Mary captured OFSAA gold in the para multi-class division's Women's 50m and also finished fourth in the 50m freestyle.

Congratulations also go out to Holy Name of Mary students and staff for being recognized as the fifth ranked school in the province on this year's Fraser report. The school continues to carry on their proud tradition of academic excellence.

Holy Name of Mary drama students also advanced to the provincial finals in the prestigious Sears Drama Festival with a student written and performed play. Good luck to our Holy Name of Mary girls this May in the finals!

4. Trustee P. Ferreira thanked staff involved with the singing of the Memorandum of Understanding with representatives from the Consul General of Portugal whereby the Portuguese Government will offer support and resources to the Board's International Languages program.
5. Trustee F. Di Cosola congratulated staff and students at St. Michael Catholic Secondary school on raising \$3000. for Breast Cancer research by running a fashion show event.
6. Trustee S. Hobin delivered the following Good News:

Sincere congratulations to the students who participated in the Mississauga South Speaking Contest. I was a judge again this year and all the students were

really good! Thanks to their teachers and parents for supporting them in their efforts and thanks to all the schools that participated.

The winners for the Junior Public Speaking Contest:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – St. Mark student Matthew for his topic Robotics

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – St. Dunstan student Daniel for his topic The iPad Mini

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – St. Jerome student Eric for his topic Bermuda Triangle

A 5 Pg. 7

The winners for the Intermediate Public Speaking Contest:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – St. Dunstan student Emily for her topic Positive Thinking

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – St. Luke student Ryan for his topic Do Teachers Make Enough?

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – All Saints student Jaymie for her topic Reality Television.

Also, special thanks to Superintendent Cathy Saytar and her wonderful committee who organized the Seder Meal this year for over 200 staff. This event was held at Iona Secondary and was a very moving experience. The prayers and music were very inspiring and the food was exceptional. Thanks to one and all.

7. Trustee E. O’Toole delivered the following Good News:

Congratulations to staff and students at St. Joan of Arc on their school officially becoming a Rotary Club.

Congratulations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Secondary school for their ‘Out of the Cold’ program whereby once again staff and students went to a shelter to prepare a meal.

A special thanks to all schools for their invitations to various Holy Week events.

**F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt**

1. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, February 20, 2013  
- L. Zanella

**Motion 121 (13-03-26) by L. Zanella**

**Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
FEBRUARY 20, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

2. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, January 24, 2013  
- E. O’Toole

**Motion 122 (13-03-26) by A. da Silva**

**Seconded by B. Iannicca**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, JANUARY 24, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

A 5 Pg. 8

**G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt**

1. Letter of Retirement – H. Tyndorf, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, thanked H. Tyndorf for his 25 years as an educator in Dufferin-Peel encompassing a variety of positions. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended his heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.

M. Pascucci, Chair of the Board stated it was with regret that he received H. Tyndorf's letter of retirement and noted his appreciation for his years of service.

**Motion 123 (13-03-26) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM H. TYNDORF, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.**

***CARRIED***

2. Letter of Retirement – R. Romanet, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, thanked R. Romanet for his 31 years as an educator in Dufferin-Peel. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended his heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.

L. Zanella, Vice-Chair of the Board, on behalf of trustees congratulated R. Romanet and wished him well.

**Motion 124 (13-03-26) by L. Zanella**

**Seconded by B. Iannicca**

**THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM R. ROMANET, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.**

***CARRIED***

3. Letter of Retirement – G. Corrigan, Principal



J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education thanked G. Corrigan for his 34 years as an educator in Dufferin-Peel. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended his heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.

L. Zanella, Vice-Chair of the Board, on behalf of trustees congratulated G. Corrigan and wished him well.

A 5 Pg. 9

**Motion 125 (13-03-26) by F. Di Cosola**

**Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

**THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM G. CORRIGAN, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.**

***CARRIED***

4. French Immersion Program: An Update – J. B. Kostoff, R. Borrelli, S. McWatters, S. Kendrick (The report was distributed at the meeting)

Using a multi-media presentation, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services, S. McWatters, Superintendent of Program, S. Kendrick, Superintendent of Special Education and Support Services and M. DeVellis, Acting Assistant Superintendent MISA/SEF, provided an update on the Board's French Immersion Program.

The update provided details dating back to the 2008-2009 French Immersion program pilot at two schools up to the six sites of today. The update addressed communication of the Program, the lottery process, parental satisfaction, programs of choice in general, siblings and considerations for human, financial and capital resources.

In summary, J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education noted that moving forward, the ongoing planning, growth and development of the French Immersion program in Dufferin Peel will continue to be responsive to a cyclical review of the French Immersion program needs, the process and communication for annual program access, registration and lottery process will continue to be established for each year mindful of transparency and consistency within the yearly timeframes, and the principles of fairness and equity of access for all interested students and families will be addressed.

**Motion 126 (13-03-26) by E. O'Toole**

**Seconded by S. Hobin**

**THAT THE REPORT ON THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM BE REFERRED TO THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE.**

***DEFEATED***

**Motion 127 (13-03-26) by B. Iannicca**

**Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM: AN UPDATE, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

A 5 Pg. 10

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

1. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Contract and Negotiations Committee, February 26, 2013 – P. Ferreira

**Motion 128 (13-03-26) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 26, 2013 BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 129 (13-03-26) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

2. **THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2013.**

**CHAIR:** P. Ferreira

**VICE-CHAIR:** E. O'Toole

**TRUSTEES:** S. McLauchlan T. Thomas

(ALL TRUSTEES WITHOUT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

**RESOURCE STAFF**

**PRIMARY:** Superintendent, Employee Relations Joseph Geiser

**ADDITIONAL:** Manager of Employee Relations Department John Horgan

**MONITORING:** Associate Director Corporate Services and  
Chief Financial Officer John Hrajnik

**STAFF:** Employee Relations Department

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 1) On the basis of recommendations received from the Negotiation Teams operating with the leadership and direction of the Superintendent and Manager of Employee Relations review all contractual matters with respect

to various employee Collective Agreements and Employment Terms and Working Conditions including approving the mandate and negotiating

Parameters for the Negotiating Teams and make appropriate recommendations to the Board for approval.

**Reports to:** The Board

**Meetings:** At the Call of the Chair – 6:00pm or as predetermined

***CARRIED***

A 5 Pg. 11

2. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, March 4, 2013 - S. Hobin

**Motion 130 (13-03-26) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 4, 2013 BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 131 (13-03-26) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

2. **THAT TRUSTEE FRANK DI COSOLA BE APPOINTED AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CALEDON ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

***CARRIED***

3. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, March 18, 2013 - S. Hobin

**Motion 132 (13-03-26) by E. O'Toole**

**Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 18, 2013 BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 133 (13-03-26) by E. O'Toole**

**Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

2. **THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 6.59 SCHOOL GRADUATIONS TO INCLUDE LOCAL MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT (MPPs) (NO DESIGNATE) AND MAYOR (NO DESIGNATE) ON THE LIST OF SPEAKERS AT GRADUATION EXERCISES.**

**CARRIED**

**I Notices of Motion**

Nil

**J Additional Business**

1. Motion by Trustee E. O'Toole Regarding French Immersion Sibling Policy  
- Trustee E. O'Toole

The following was a Notice of Motion presented at the February 26, 2013 Board Meeting:

A 5 Pg. 12

Whereas the French Immersion Program has grown from its original conception in 2008-2009 with two sites and now is offered at eight sites in the board with possible expansion;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
THE BOARD SUPPORTS A SIBLING RULE WHICH ENSURES THAT CHILDEN WITH  
SIBLINGS IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL AND WHO WILL  
BE IN ATTENDANCE THE FOLLOWING YEAR WILL HAVE A PRIORITY PLACEMENT.**

**Motion 134 (13-03-26) by E. O'Toole                      Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

**THAT THE MOTION REGARDING SIBLINGS IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION  
PROGRAM BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.**

***DEFEATED***

**Motion 135 (13-03-26) by E. O'Toole                      Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE MOTION REGARDING SIBLINGS IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION  
PROGRAM BE POSTPONED INDEFINITLY.**

***CARRIED***

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that this matter will be addressed in a report following a cyclical review of the Program in the Fall.

2. Motion by Trustee S. McLauchlan Regarding the Student Voice Council  
- Trustee S. McLauchlan

**Motion 136 (13-03-26) by S. McLauchlan                      Seconded by T. Thomas**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL  
BOARD STUDENT VOICE COUNCIL SHALL BE GRANTED A STANDING ITEM ON**

**THE AGENDA OF EVERY FAITH AND PROGRAM MEETING EFFECTIVE APRIL 2013.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Student Trustees M. Rafo and K. Michael spoke to the motion and outlined the importance of the Student Voice Council being a standing item on the board agenda.

Student Trustees M. Rafo and K. Michael voted in favour of this motion.

**K Questions Asked by, and of, Board Members**

1. Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired about students enrolling in this Board's Extended French program who are currently enrolled in the public system. S. McWatters, Superintendent of Program indicating that students who are eligible to attend a Catholic elementary school can apply to the Extended French program.

A 5 Pg. 13

R. Borrelli, Associate Director of Instructional Services advised that once the maximum number of spaces has been reached, there is a provision in GAP to conduct a lottery.

2. Trustee B. Iannicca asked if all conflict items on the agenda could be grouped together. J. B. Kostoff advised that trustees will be provided with a motion in April given that the order of the agenda is determined in Procedural By-Law 1 – 01.
3. Trustee B. Iannicca asked staff if controls can be put in place re social etiquette with regard to electronic devices. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, advised that this matter will be discussed with R. Eberhardt, Chief Information Officer.
4. Trustee T. Thomas thanked everyone for their prayers during his stay in the hospital.
5. Trustee A. da Silva asked trustees and staff to attend Dufferin-Peel's Technology Skills Competition hosted at St. Augustine Secondary School on April 10, 2013. She also asked that local MPPs be invited.

**L Business/Questions/Information In Camera**

**Motion 137 (13-03-26) by P. Ferreira**

**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 138 (13-03-26) by F. Di Cosola**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

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

***CARRIED***

**N Future Meetings**

April 23, 2013

May 28, 2013

June 18, 2013

**O Adjournment**

**Motion 139 (13-03-26) by B. Iannicca**

**Seconded by S. Hobin**

**THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

***CARRIED***