

MINUTES

Inaugural Meeting of the Board

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

A. Call to Order by the Secretary of the Board - Director Mazzorato

At 7:00 p.m. the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Marianne Mazzorato, called the meeting to order. All elected and acclaimed trustees and student trustees were in attendance.

B. National Anthem

C. Opening Prayer - The Most Reverend Bishop Camilleri led the opening prayer.

D. Land Acknowledgment – Director Mazzorato

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 912 (22-11-22)

Moved By Darryl D'Souza

Seconded By Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

F. Director's Address to the Board

Your Excellency, Members of the Board of Trustees, staff, and our honoured guests. It is a Dufferin-Peel tradition that the Director deliver a year-end address to the board of trustees, and it is my pleasure to provide some very brief remarks to you this evening.

I will be presenting the 2021-2022 Directors Annual Report at the Regular Meeting of the Board on November 29. This report outlines the progress we have made as a system toward meeting the goals of the Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan. My remarks this evening will be aligned with the purpose of the Inaugural Meeting in both recognizing and acknowledging the work of the previous board of trustees and welcoming the new board.

I begin by personally extending gratitude to the Board of Trustees and each individual trustee for the remarkable job you have done in advocating for, and supporting, Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel. The presence of previous trustees and staff, and the representation from the archdiocese of Toronto, provincial and local associations and unions, here this evening is in tribute to the collective trust we have in you to govern as stewards of Catholic educational excellence; defining, delivering and reporting system-wide strategies for student success and well-being; strategic planning and priority setting; policy development and responsible financial management.

While each of you has your own perspective - and that provides for vigorous debate - when the time comes, you rise and speak as a single entity with one unified voice contributing to the implementation and sustainment of the organization's mission and vision with focus and profound clarity. A powerful voice.

The unified voice in pursuit of achieving the mission and vision has been the hallmark and tradition of successive Boards of Trustees in Dufferin-Peel since we were created in 1969. It is fundamental to our notion as a Catholic community.

As we make the transition to a new Board of Trustees, I would like to first recognize outgoing trustees: Anna da Silva, Frank Di Cosola, and Sharon Hobin, former Chair of the Board. Their individual and collective passion, advocacy and support for students, families and Catholic education has been nothing short of remarkable. They have modelled Catholic servant leadership throughout their tenure as trustees of this board. We will miss their experience and wisdom. I wish them God's richest blessing as they embark on new beginnings.

I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Board of Trustees for your support and leadership. I truly believe we are one of the leading boards in this province and this is in no small part due to the dedication, commitment, passion, and sense of duty that each of you bring to the table. You cannot produce and sustain a vital faith-informed education system without a dedicated, highly competent community of governors working together for the continuous betterment of the programs and services on behalf of students.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest members of the Board of Trustees, Anisha Thomas, Herman Vilorio and Paula Dametto-Giovanazzi. On behalf of Executive Council and the Senior Management team, we are grateful and excited to have you join the board and bring your unique talents, expertise, and perspectives to further the Board's vision of "Changing the World Through Catholic Education."

To quote Hall of Fame basketball coach Phil Jackson, "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each individual member is the team." We have a strong team around the table, and we look forward to working with you on behalf of students, families, and Catholic education for the next four years.

We are about to embark on our Advent journey towards Christmas, where we, as a community of believers, anticipate the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the Gospel that encourages us "to open our horizons" to further dimensions, giving meaning even to everyday occurrences.

During this time of waiting, Pope Francis invites us to reflect and be mindful that, "we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness."

In closing, it is my honour and privilege to work with you. I feel blessed and comforted knowing that whatever challenges we will face in the times ahead, we will respond for the common good, anchored in our faith.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Motion 913 (22-11-22)

Moved By Shawn Xaviour

Seconded By Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 914 (22-11-22)

Moved By Thomas Thomas

Seconded By Mario Pascucci

THAT THE DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE READ INTO THE MINUTES.

CARRIED

G. Returns of Elections - Director Mazzorato

Director Mazzorato read the official results of the October 24, 2022 elections.

Brampton:

Wards 1, 3 & 4 Anisha Thomas

Wards 2, 5 & 6 Darryl D'Souza

Wards 7, 8, 9, & 10 Shawn Xaviour

Caledon/Dufferin: Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

Mississauga:

Wards 1 & 3 Mario Pascucci

Wards 2 & 8 Herman Vioria

Ward 4 Stefano Pascucci

Ward 5 Thomas Thomas

Wards 6 & 11 Luz del Rosario

Ward 7 Bruno Iannicca

Wards 9 & 10 Brea Corbet

Motion 915 (22-11-22)

Moved By Thomas Thomas

Seconded By Luz del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE 2022 ELECTORAL RESULTS.

CARRIED

H. Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance from the Education Act, and the Oath for Catholic Trustees in Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Following the reading of the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance from the Education Act, and the Oath for Catholic Trustees in Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and signing by trustees, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board for 2022-2026 was declared legally constituted by the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Marianne Mazzorato.

I. Election of the Chair of the Board in Accordance with the By-Law

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Associate Director of Instructional Services, David Amaral, Executive Superintendent of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Julie Cherepacha, and Superintendent of Finance Brian Hester were appointed scrutineers.

Nominations for the Chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board of Trustees were opened by the Secretary of the Board, Director Mazzorato.

Trustee Luz del Rosario was nominated by Trustee Bruno Iannicca. Trustee Luz del Rosario accepted the nomination.

Trustee Mario Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Mario Pascucci accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Secretary of the Board, Director Mazzorato, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 916 (22-11-22)

Moved By Brea Corbet

Seconded By Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

The scrutineers conducted the secret voting.

Director Mazzorato announced that Trustee Luz del Rosario has been elected the Chair of the Board.

Trustee Luz del Rosario assumed the Chair to conduct the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion 917 (22-11-22)

Moved By Bruno Iannicca

Seconded By Darryl D'Souza

MOTION TO DESTROY THE POLLING.

CARRIED

J. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Board

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Chair Luz del Rosario called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board of Trustees.

Trustee Thomas Thomas was nominated by Trustee Stefano Pascucci. Trustee Thomas Thomas accepted the nomination.

Trustee Brea Corbet was nominated by Trustee Bruno Iannicca. Trustee Brea Corbet accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 918 (22-11-22)

Moved By Mario Pascucci

Seconded By Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

The scrutineers conducted the secret voting.

Chair of the Board Luz del Rosario announced that Trustee Thomas Thomas has been elected the Vice-Chair of the Board.

Motion 919 (22-11-22)

Moved By Herman Vilorio

Seconded By Stefano Pascucci

MOTION TO DESTROY THE POLLING.

CARRIED

K. Remarks from the Vice-Chair of the Board

Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas thanked the Board of Trustees for their trust. He congratulated Chair of the Board, Luz del Rosario and thanked Trustee Stefano Pascucci for his nomination.

L. Remarks from the Chair of the Board

Chair Luz del Rosario deferred to the Closing Remarks.

M. Election of the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour was nominated by Trustee Stefano Pascucci. Trustee Shawn Xaviour accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 920 (22-11-22)

Moved By Stefano Pascucci

Seconded By Brea Corbet

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Shawn Xaviour was acclaimed the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

N. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Stefano Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Mario Pascucci. Trustee Stefano Pascucci declined the nomination.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza was nominated by Trustee Thomas Thomas. Trustee Darryl D'Souza accepted the nomination.

Trustee Brea Corbet was nominated by Trustee Mario Pascucci. Trustee Brea Corbet accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 921 (22-11-22)

Moved By Mario Pascucci

Seconded By Thomas Thomas

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

The scrutineers conducted the secret voting.

Chair of the Board Luz del Rosario announced that Trustee Brea Corbet has been elected the Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Motion 922 (22-11-22)

Moved By Anisha Thomas

Seconded By Thomas Thomas

MOTION TO DESTROY THE POLLING.

CARRIED

O. Election of the Chair of the Faith and Program Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Chair of the Faith and Program Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Stefano Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Thomas Thomas. Trustee Stefano Pascucci declined the nomination.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was nominated by Trustee Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Bruno Iannicca accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 923 (22-11-22)

Moved By Thomas Thomas

Seconded By Herman Vioria

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was acclaimed the Chair of Faith and Program Committee.

P. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Herman Vioria was nominated by Trustee Mario Pascucci. Trustee Herman Vioria accepted the nomination.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza was nominated by Trustee Brea Corbet. Trustee Darryl D'Souza declined the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 924 (22-11-22)

Moved By Mario Pascucci

Seconded By Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Herman Vioria was acclaimed the Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

Q. Election of the Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Stefano Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Brea Corbet. Trustee Stefano Pascucci accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 925 (22-11-22)

Moved By Mario Pascucci

Seconded By Thomas Thomas

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Stefano Pascucci was acclaimed the Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee.

R. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Anisha Thomas was nominated by Trustee Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Anisha Thomas accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 926 (22-11-22)
Moved By Brea Corbet
Seconded By Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Anisha Thomas was acclaimed the Vice-Chair of Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee.

S. Election of the Chair of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Chair of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Mario Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Thomas Thomas. Trustee Mario Pascucci accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 927 (22-11-22)
Moved By Stefano Pascucci
Seconded By Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Mario Pascucci was acclaimed the Chair of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee.

T. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee were opened by Chair Luz del Rosario.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza was nominated by Trustee Herman Viloría. Trustee Darryl D'Souza accepted the nomination.

Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi was nominated by Trustee Mario Pascucci. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Motion 928 (22-11-22)
Moved By Mario Pascucci
Seconded By Herman Viloría

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

The scrutineers conducted the secret voting.

Chair of the Board Luz del Rosario announced that Trustee Darryl D'Souza has been elected the Vice-Chair of the Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee.

Motion 929 (22-11-22)

Moved By Bruno Iannicca

Seconded By Anisha Thomas

MOTION TO DESTROY THE POLLING.

CARRIED

U. Closing Remarks from the Chair of the Board

Chair of the Board Luz del Rosario thanked His Excellency Bishop Camilleri for celebrating Mass with us this evening. Thank you to my fellow trustees for their vote of confidence. It is my honour to represent you and this board as Chair of the Board, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District. This is a hardworking and caring Board of Trustees. We have faced a lot of challenges and opportunities in the last few years. We have a long history of defending Catholic education and we stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before us. We will continue to face challenges together as we support Catholic education and promote student success and well-being.

Congratulations and welcome to Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas. I look forward to working with you. Congratulations to all elected and acclaimed Chairs and Vice-Chairs for accepting the challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Director Marianne Mazzorato, Associate Directors David Amaral and Daniel Del Bianco, Executive Superintendent Julie Cherepacha and our superintendents for your dedication on behalf of our students and school communities.

Thank you to our parents/guardians and our students for choosing Catholic education.

Motion 930 (22-11-22)

Moved By Bruno Iannicca

Seconded By Brea Corbet

THAT THE CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, LUZ DEL ROSARIO, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

V. Adjournment

Motion 931 (22-11-22)

Moved By Stefano Pascucci

Seconded By Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

CARRIED