



## MINUTES

### Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Call

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Luz del Rosario	Vice Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Frank Di Cosola	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Thomas Thomas	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Leroy Onuoha	Student Trustee
	Dea Sokoli	Student Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	David Amaral	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Deborah Finegan-Downey	Superintendent Special Education and Learning Services
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Hester	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Jodi Kuran	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Martine Lewis	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Cairine MacDonald	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Tammy-Lynne Peel	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Mathew Thomas	Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Max Vecchiarino	Superintendent, Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
	Richard Smith	Chief Information Officer
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations

	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
Recorder:	Richard Moriah	General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities
	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance  
Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory  
Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. National Anthem  
The chair acknowledged and thanked Martina Ortiz-Luis, Kibwe Thomas and Sole Power Productions for permission to use their recorded version of the national anthem.
4. Opening Prayer  
Chair Sharon Hobin led the Opening Prayer.
5. Approval of Agenda  
Trustee Shawn Xaviour requested to make a Motion to add a Proclamation to C 4.

**Motion 499 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE MOTION TO ADD C 4, PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 3 TO 9, 2021, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

Taupe Sheet: Addition of C 4, A 7 update to Section N, F 1 correct date and correct Minutes attached, H 1 corrected footer, and H 2 replaced report.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Is it possible to have all changes to the agenda made in our calendar invitation?

Director Mazzorato: We apologize for last minute changes and will endeavor to ensure that the most current documents are in your meeting invitation.

**Motion 500 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

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

**CARRIED**

a. Approval of Calendar Items – Nil

6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda item M 1 a sections M 9 a. and M 9 b.:

1. *Trustee Sharon Hobin —family members belong to OECTA*
2. *Trustee Bruno Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026*
3. *Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*
4. *Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*

**Motion 501 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM M 9.**

**CARRIED**

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, August 24, 2021

**Motion 502 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 24, 2021, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

**B. Pastor's Remarks: Monsignor Shiels - Video Presentation on Faith in a Sustainable Community**

Chair Sharon Hobin requested that Director Mazzorato thank Monsignor for the beautiful message received this evening.

**Motion 503 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE PASTOR'S REMARKS BE RECIEVED.**

**CARRIED**

**C. Awards and Presentation**

1. **Proclamation: Empowering Women Day - October 4, 2021**

WHEREAS: "WOMEN POSSESS AN INALIENABLE DIGNITY WHICH COMES TO THEM IMMEDIATELY FROM GOD THEIR CREATOR" (CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 369) AND "GOD GIVES MAN AND WOMAN AN EQUAL PERSONAL DIGNITY" (CCC 2334);

AND

WHEREAS: SACRED SCRIPTURE REMINDS US THAT "AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, HOLY AND BELOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES IN COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS AND PATIENCE" (COLOSSIANS 3:12) AND THAT COMPASSION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS REMAINS AMONG CANADA'S FOREMOST ASPIRATIONS;

AND

WHEREAS: POVERTY AND INEQUALITY DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT CANADIAN WOMEN, LEAVING THEM ISOLATED AND VULNERABLE;

AND

WHEREAS: THERE IS A WAGE GAP BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN CANADA AND CANADIAN WOMEN FACE BARRIERS IN PURSUING AND COMPLETING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREERS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS;

AND

WHEREAS: INDIGENOUS WOMEN, BE THEY FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, OR INUIT, ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND FACE BARRIERS WITH RESPECT TO EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, AND REPRESENTATION IN CANADIAN LEGISLATURE COUNCILS.

AND

WHEREAS: THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA WISHES TO UNDERScore THE IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING AND COMMEMORATING THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADVANCEMENTS OF CANADIAN WOMEN AND ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES FACED BY CANADIAN WOMEN;

AND

WHEREAS: "ONLY FAITH CAN EMBRACE THE MYSTERIOUS WAYS OF GOD'S ALMIGHTY POWER. THIS FAITH GLORIES IN ITS WEAKNESSES IN ORDER TO DRAW TO ITSELF CHRIST'S POWER. THE VIRGIN MARY IS THE SUPREME MODEL OF THIS FAITH, FOR SHE BELIEVED THAT "NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD" AND WAS ABLE TO MAGNIFY THE LORD:

"FOR HE WHO IS MIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME,  
AND HOLY IS HIS NAME." (CCC 273)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
RECOGNIZE THAT IN EACH AND EVERY YEAR,  
THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER IS TO BE KNOWN AS  
*EMPOWERING WOMEN DAY.*

**Motion 504 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci

**Seconded by** Mario Pascucci

**THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO *EMPOWERING WOMEN DAY* BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 505 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 4, 2021, BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED AS *EMPOWERING WOMEN DAY* IN DUFFERIN-PEEL SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES.**

**CARRIED**

2. **Proclamation: Bus Driver Appreciation Day - October 20, 2021**

WHEREAS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR OPERATION AT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

AND

WHEREAS OUR TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM IS THE LARGEST IN CANADA WITH OVER 1,450 TOTAL BUSES AND 6,000 INDIVIDUAL BUS RUNS

AND

WHEREAS OUR BUS DRIVERS DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB TRANSPORTING APPROXIMATELY 68,000 STUDENTS ON BEHALF OF DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ON A DAILY BASIS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 20, 2021, BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED AS 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.

**Motion 506 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO *BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY* BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 507 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

**THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 20, 2021, BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED AS 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**

3. 2020-2021 St. Hildegard of Bingen Viriditas Stewardship and Sustainable Practices Award - Superintendent Peel

Superintendent Peel expressed her pleasure in presenting the **St. Hildegard of Bingen Viriditas award**. The Board of Trustees may recall that in the 2019-2020 school year, due to school closure in March 2020, Ontario Eco Schools resolved that any school that had registered with the program before the closure would be considered an Eco School participant. While the 2020-2021 school year was no less tumultuous, Eco Schools Canada (formerly Ontario Eco Schools) advised school boards early in the school year that the program would run in its full capacity for the year. Eco Schools Canada introduced new software for uploading and tracking certification points and encouraged schools to take advantage of professional learning opportunities and virtual experiences for staff and students as they worked towards Eco Certification goals. The St. Hildegard Award has been presented in the past to well deserving volunteers, teachers, staff, and students. This year, the award is presented to the members of the Dufferin-Peel Interschool Stewardship and Sustainable Practices Committee. The dedicated, passionate, and creative efforts of these individuals supported our schools in attaining Eco Certification under these challenging circumstances. Virtual professional networking sessions, collaborative working groups, drop-in question-and-answer opportunities and one-on-one support allowed DPCDSB to celebrate 100% Eco Schools Certification for the eighth consecutive year. I am pleased to share with you the winners of the 2020-2021 St. Hildegard of Bingen Viriditas Award:

- Julianne Anisko-Clutton, DPCDSB Teacher
- Peggy Cheng, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Coordinator for Peel Eco Schools
- Betty de Groot, recently retired DPCDSB Teacher
- Anthony Marcellino, DPCDSB Vice-Principal
- Irene Mota, Coordinator of Student Success, DPCDSB Program and Learning Services Department
- Janette Roy, DPCDSB Teacher
- Lorraine Spiteri-Scerri, DPCDSB Teacher

Chair Hobin congratulated the participants and asked for a round of applause for their hard work, devotion and determination.

**Motion 508 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Luz del Rosario

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2020-2021 ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN VIRIDITAS STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AWARD TO: JULIANNA ANISKO-CLUTTON, PEGGY CHENG, BETTY DE GROOT, ANTHONY MARCELLINO, IRENE MOTA, JANETTE ROY, AND LORRAINE SPITERI-SCERRI, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week - October 3 to 9, 2021**

WHEREAS THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (DPCDSB) IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF;  
AND

WHEREAS FIRE IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY;  
AND

WHEREAS FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION IS A KEY ELEMENT IN PROMOTING AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS AND STAFF, ALLOWING THEM TO TAKE PERSONAL STEPS TO INCREASE THEIR SAFETY FROM FIRE;  
AND

WHEREAS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, WHICH OCCURS ANNUALLY, HELPS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FIRE SAFETY ACROSS ONTARIO;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (DPCDSB) RECOGNIZE AND PROCLAIM OCTOBER 3 TO 9, 2021,

AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN DPCDSB SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES AND THAT APPROPRIATE RESOURCES BE SHARED WITH SCHOOLS TO ASSIST IN BRINGING GREATER AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION TO STUDENTS AND STAFF.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I recall that the Mississauga Fire department used to have a program for students. Is it possible for staff to check with Brampton, Mississauga, and Caledon to see if they do still conduct such programs and if they have information that they can share with students? Along with fire prevention it would be important to ensure that classes are discussing having a family fire plan.

Director Mazzorato: We know that through the fire departments there will be many activities provided and shared with students next week. We will investigate the presentations that were conducted in the past and see if they are available.

**Motion 509 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO *FIRE PREVENTION WEEK*, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 510 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZE AND PROCLAIM  
OCTOBER 3 TO 9, 2021, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN DPCDSB SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES.**

**CARRIED**

**D. Delegations – Nil**

**E. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt**

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Luz del Rosario advised that she and Trustee Sharon Hobin attended the OCSTA Board of Directors meeting on September 17. Highlights of the meeting were sent to all trustees following the meeting. The OCSTA Board of Directors reviewed and approved the 2021 Finance Brief for submission to the Minister of Education. Some of the items included in the brief are:

- Financial Impact on Boards Related to School Re-Opening due to COVID-19
- Executive Compensation
- Student Transportation
- 21st Century Programs and Services for Students with Differing Abilities Including Diverse Learning Needs
- School Board Flexibility and Autonomy

In addition, it was reported that staff had urgently requested a meeting with the new Finance Minister to update him on the default of property taxes issue. While we wait for a meeting with the Finance Minister, conversations with the Minister's Chief of Staff are going well. A range of information was sent to him for review.

If you have not completed the Trustee Code of Conduct consultation/survey, we encourage you to do so.

Chair Sharon Hobin, Trustee Brea Corbett and I attended the 2021 Central Regional Meeting on September 21 where we shared our challenges and good news.

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can you confirm, has the default mechanism reached the Minister of Finance yet? Or are we still at the conversation phase?

Trustee Luz del Rosario: We have not yet received a scheduled meeting with the Minister of Finance. We do understand that this issue has been spoken of since 1993 and that it is a priority for us as a Catholic school board. Unfortunately, defaults are based on the majority, and I believe that is why the system fix is taking a long time.



Trustee Mario Pascucci: I really do not want this item to fall off the radar, it is a priority issue for Catholic education. I will follow up with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

**Motion 511 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE VERBAL REPORT, ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. Student Voice

Student Trustees Leroy Onuoha and Dea Sokoli presented their first Student Voice Report on behalf of the Student Senate:

Together we are delighted to have the opportunity to be the voice of our diverse student body. Our first meeting will be held virtually on October 7, where we will take the time to meet the elected Student Senate representatives from the 26 DPCDSB secondary schools. The students will have an opportunity to get to know each other and we will work on developing some collective goals to work toward for the remainder of the year. Members of DPCDSB's Equity Team will attend our meeting in the afternoon for an engaging Equity 101 presentation to enhance awareness and ensure that members of the Student Senate are prepared to represent our diverse student population.

For the remainder of the first half of the school year, virtual meetings have been planned from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. on November 4, December 2, and January 13. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Council are welcome to join us.

The schedule for the second half of our term will be decided at a later date as we are looking forward to the possibility of a few face-to-face meetings.

We are hoping to be able to continue to work on the official roll out of the *Free the Flow Initiative* where free menstrual products are to be provided in the washrooms of our secondary schools. The pilot was successful in the five piloted schools during 2019-2020. The initiative has been on hiatus during the last school year due to COVID-19, we are hoping to see this Student Senate vision come to life. We understand the board will be coming out with a report in the coming months on the progress of this initiative.

We have found that some of our overarching concerns are the social and mental well-being of students as we transition back into schools physically for the first time in several months and being able to provide students with confidence in returning back to classrooms.

We will attend the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual Fall General Meeting from November 4 to 7. This conference will provide us with fundamental skills to help us adapt into this exciting new role and provide the best advocacy for our students. We are looking forward to this motivating event and learning opportunity.

As the school year has begun some major concerns of the student body have been brought to our attention. Students still struggle with the mental toll of social isolation, and decreased turnaround time for tests and assignments. With the approval of the Student

Senate Instagram page, it will be a priority to support students with mental health focused content, especially as we edge closer to normalcy. All students are thrilled to have extra-curriculars activities returning to their school communities. Robust morale and school pride are active ways in which we can wade through, hopefully, the closing stages of the pandemic. We look forward to more exciting activities that bolster the quality of the DPCDSB student experience.

We appreciate the time allotted to us to voice our student community's concerns and opinions regarding our first month of returning to classrooms. As the year progresses, we hope to continue to work on goals aimed at building school communities, with anticipation of COVID slowing down. Thank you.

Chair Sharon Hobin thanked the student trustees for their first report.

**Motion 512 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Shawn Xaviour

**THAT THE VERBAL STUDENT VOICE REPORT, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

3. Good News Items

Trustee Luz del Rosario shared that the **St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School** football team has ranked seventh in Canada according to the *Canada Football Chat*, the biggest secondary school football forum.

Trustee Mario Pascucci thanked staff and the Board of Trustees, adding that in 39 years he has not seen such a smooth start-up while faced with such ongoing changes and issues. Thank you.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin moved the chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario.*

Trustee Sharon Hobin: On September 18, I attended the virtual award presentations of scholarships to eight of our DPCDSB graduates presented by the *United Achievers Club of Brampton* in their 37th year of operation.

We can be very proud of each and every one of these graduates who are attending college and university to study Education, Medicine, Nursing, Veterinary Science, Business, Communications and more. Many thanked God, their parents, their teachers and of course the United Achievers of Brampton for these scholarships. Past graduates and recipients were highlighted and are now medical researchers, health care administrators, journalists, lawyers, and in business.

The *Dr. Winston Isaac Inaugural Scholarship* was presented to Christina Campbell a graduate of Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School (CSS). She is enrolled in the French Immersion Nursing program at the University of Ottawa.

Admiring the healthcare field, she co-founded a health sciences club at Cardinal Leger CSS. During the first year of the club's existence, more than one hundred students signed up. With the help of her executive team, Christina organized events that taught students about all matters related to healthcare. In the community, Christina enjoyed volunteering with

constituency youth councils and working at Peel Memorial Hospital as a Diagnostic Imaging volunteer. Her most highlighted achievements include being chosen as the class of 2021 valedictorian at Cardinal Leger. With her degree, she wishes to pursue a career in healthcare administration to tackle the injustices that exist in this field.

In this time of challenges, we can see from this wonderful event that our students, our graduates, are successful and destined to do great things for their communities and for themselves.

Thank you to the United Achievers Club of Brampton for presenting these wonderful scholarships to our DPCDSB graduates.

Tashion Bleary - Cardinal Leger CSS  
Christina Campbell - Cardinal Leger CSS  
Stephanie Henry - Our Lady of Mount Carmel CSS  
Victoria Herlidan - Notre Dame CSS  
Elliot Laughton - Philip Pocock CSS  
Christabel Ntow - St. Joseph CSS  
King-David Olajuwon - Cardinal Leger CSS  
Kimberly Olumese - St. Edmund Campion CSS

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.*

**Motion 513 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

**THAT THE GOOD NEWS REPORT, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt**

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, June 1, 2021

**Motion 514 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 1, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, June 8, 2021

**Motion 515 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Anna da Silva

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 8, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, June 9, 2021

**Motion 516 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 9, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

4. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, June 10, 2021

**Motion 517 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, JUNE 10, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

5. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, May 11, 2021

**Motion 518 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 11, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

6. Minutes of the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting, March 4, 2021

**Motion 519 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Shawn Xaviour

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 4, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt - Nil**

**H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action**

1. Nominations for Membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee - Superintendent Finegan-Downey

**Motion 520 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Frank Di Cosola

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, *NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE*, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 521 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE NOMINATION OF LISA PAPALONI FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. 2021-2022 OCSTA Membership Fee and Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education Levy

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha summarized the report and responded to questions of clarification.

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: My question is for Trustees Sharon Hobin and Luz del Rosario; can you raise the issue at OCSTA of the future invoicing of these two fees? There was discussion about having FACE imbedded in the one fee. My opinion is to keep them separate.

Trustee Sharon Hobin: We can take that back.

2. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: In 2019-2020 the invoice was \$9500, and in 2020-2021 \$3400, and now we are paying \$6700. I did hear Executive Superintendent Cherepacha explaining that they did use accumulated surplus. Did they use accumulated surplus last year?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Looking at the invoice from last year they had reduced the levy by two-thirds by using accumulated surplus in the 2020-2021 year, and this year they are reducing it by only one-third. In 2019-2020 they did not reduce the levy.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza: That means this year they are using accumulated surplus to increase our fee by 100 percent from last year.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: That is one way of saying it, basically they are only reducing it by one-third instead of two-thirds as they did last year.

3. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Is there a standard fee for DPCDSB of \$9500 that we have to pay year on year?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The fee is slightly different every year because it is based on previous year's enrolment which is always changing. There is an amount that it is billed at, if you look at the current invoice you will see it is currently at 8.9 cents per student. I don't think that has changed recently so your basic fee, if there was no use of accumulated surplus, would normally be around \$9000 - unless they change the per student billing fee.

**Motion 522 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2021-2022 OCSTA MEMBERSHIP FEE AND FRIENDS AND ADVOCATES OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION LEVY, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 523 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE 2021-2022 ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (OCSTA) MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$179,803.03.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 524 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Frank Di Cosola

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE 2021-2022 FRIENDS AND ADVOCATES OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION (FACE) LEVY OF \$6,789.49.**

**CARRIED**

3. Revised Policy 4.01: Catholic School Councils

Superintendent Brunton summarized the report and responded to questions of clarification.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin passed the chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario.*

1. Trustee Sharon Hobin: If I read this correctly, Catholic School Councils (CSC) can have 15 parents?

Superintendent Brunton: The DPCDSB's recommendation is a maximum number of 15 members. According to Ontario Regulations, the local CSC By-law would determine the number of members.

2. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Recently I attended a meeting with 25 very experienced parents, if the school's CSC By-law was for 25 members, that would be acceptable?

Superintendent Brunton: Yes

3. Trustee Frank di Cosola: The school board's recommendation of 15 is for 15 voting members, is that correct?

Superintendent Brunton: Yes, that is correct.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.*

**Motion 525 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REVISED POLICY 4.01: CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 526 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Frank Di Cosola

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT, THE REVISED POLICY 4.01: CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED**

**I. Notices of Motion - Nil**

**J. Additional Business - Nil**

**K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees**

1. Trustee Anna da Silva: The media is reporting that parents/guardians are having a difficult time obtaining rapid testing kits.

Director Mazzorato: Are you speaking about the kits that are being provided to the 19 secondary schools in our board?

Trustee Anna da Silva: I am speaking regarding the testing someone who has symptoms would need to take.

Director Mazzorato: If someone has symptoms, they need to go to a COVID testing centre.

Superintendent Thomas: There is a pilot testing program in 19 of our secondary schools that were selected by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. The kits assigned are rapid antigen tests and are to be provided on a voluntary basis, for cohorts where an exposure has been identified by Peel Public Health, to fully vaccinated and asymptomatic students only. We are waiting on shipments from the provincial government and once the materials are in place, we will be rolling out the program.

We are not distributing rapid antigen tests to any elementary students. If a student has symptoms, they are to go to a COVID testing centre and have a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test.

2. Trustee Anna da Silva: Do we have sufficient rapid antigen tests for unvaccinated staff that are to test twice a week?

Director Mazzorato: We have distributed rapid-antigen test kits to unvaccinated staff. We are waiting for more kits and will distribute more to unvaccinated occasional teachers (OT). DPCDSB is working on an app as we await the Ministry of Health app that will record test results.

3. Trustee Anna da Silva: If staff had to go to a pharmacy because they did not have a rapid antigen kit, would that be at their cost?

Director Mazzorato: For a period of time the Ministry of Health has worked with pharmacies to provide rapid antigen tests free of charge. The person must have a letter from their employer that indicates that they require the rapid antigen test.

4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Who is the person responsible for the St. Vincent de Paul Polish school report?

Associate Director Amaral: That is a team made up of myself and the Planning department. Please contact my office if you wish to discuss.

5. Trustee Mario Pascucci: In the past I have requested a listing of our tendered architects. Are you able to provide this information?

Superintendent Thomas: We have provided that to trustees, but I will ensure you have a copy.

6. Trustee Brea Corbet: My question tonight is in regard to the virtual meet-the-teacher nights for our elementary panel. I understand that some schools are planning to proceed with offering an online version for curriculum night for the 2021-2022 school year. In light of the fact that in-person events are not able to happen with COVID restrictions, I think this will be a great opportunity to welcome new parents to the school community, for parents to put a face and a name to their child's teacher and also for teachers to have the opportunity to share any updates they have for their class. Since parents/guardians are not able to enter the schools to meet face to face, hopefully it will help families to initiate a collaborative relationship with their child's teacher. I do feel it is really important for all of our elementary schools to offer something in the way of a virtual meet-the-teacher event and engage their parent communities. I think this opportunity should also be offered for remote-only students.

Would it be possible to provide schools with guidelines centrally? I want to ensure that schools have the support they need to be successful and also the confidence in doing so with a consistent approach - so that all schools participate, and all families have the same opportunity.

I want to avoid parent complaints in advance; and we will have complaints if some schools do not hold an event. This back to school event is much anticipated by parents/guardians and students every year. It's really important to families especially given all of the pandemic restrictions and would help to start the school year on a positive note.

Director Mazzorato: We do have a director's webcast coming up and that will be an opportunity to encourage that kind of connection with community and for us to offer support to administrators.

7. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Do we know if our schools are doing something on September 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: There are a mix of education, events and tangible reminders of the day steeped in recognition and acknowledgement, much like remembrance day, not a celebration, rather a commemorative day. A number of resources have been provided by the Indigenous Education department. Buttons are being provided for all staff and students that come in two different sizes. Orange shirts were not possible as the supply was limited. We



have provided: education for our educators, lesson plans for teachers, education resource workers (ERWs), administrators and students, webinars and activities, elders are available for student presentations.

8. Trustee Luz del Rosario: May I add that at the corner of Hurontario Street and Lakeshore Road in Port Credit that FRAM+Slokker have commissioned a tree carving by local Indigenous carver Sawmill Sid (Gendron). It was just unveiled and would be good to encourage schools in the area to visit the art.
9. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: At the last Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) meeting, a parent asked me to relay her appreciation regarding the vaccination advocacy letter sent to the Ministry of Education.

I have had parent/guardians calls regarding access to water for our students who forget to bring their water container to school. If they have to leave school to purchase a bottle of water, it can in some instances, be too far to leave the school and return in good time. We have no more water in the vending machines. Can we look into this issue?

Director Mazzorato: Thank you for raising the issue, we will raise it tomorrow on the webcast. If a student forgets their water bottle, we will ensure that they can get water. All of our vending machine contracts have expired. Last year the Board of Trustees passed a motion regarding the elimination of single source plastic bottles.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We are working through the vendor and others, to see if there is an option for different drinking containers, made with less plastic, prior to issuing a tender. Until that can be completed, we will encourage schools to remind students to bring refillable water bottles, ensure water refill stations are operating and being used and ensure water is available for those students that really need it. Regarding cafeterias, due to the cautious re-opening we are not in the position to open all 25 cafeterias. We have taken into consideration the proximity to access of food and beverages for students.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I do know that some secondary school offices do offer water, but students are reluctant to go and ask. I do not want to circumvent the motion raised by board of trustees regarding single use plastic containers, could we perhaps pause or suspend the motion?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We are working with vendors to see what sustainable options are available. We do not need to suspend or pause the motion as the language is that we will work toward a reduction of single use plastics.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I am hoping that water will be in the vending machines as soon as possible.

10. Trustee Brea Corbet: This is an important issue. If students forget a water container to use the water filling station, the school offices could offer paper cups. The language of the motion also indicated that there would be situations that may require us to have water bottles on hand.

Director Mazzorato: All schools have water filling stations, and some have multiple stations. We do encourage staff and students to bring their own water container. We do understand that this is a priority and staff are currently working on this issue. The wording of the motion

is that as a system we are motivated and working toward reducing and eliminating single use plastics.

11. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Realizing that the ventilation systems are run two hours before and after the school day, how do we know the quality of air in classrooms during the day?

General Manager Moriah: The purpose of flushing air between occupancy is to clear out any residual air. Typical air studies show we meet four of five (4 of 5) exchanges of fresh air coming through each hour.

12. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Is there a minimum requirement?

General Manager Moriah: The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards are a minimum of three of four (3 of 4) air exchanges within an hour. Our performance is much higher than the standard.

13. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I have raised this issue before, and I believe my colleagues have as well, is it possible to put a sign up at our schools about acceptable behaviour toward secretarial staff, administration, and teachers? I feel that unacceptable behaviour has increased with frustrations during the pandemic.

Director Mazzorato: The vast majority of our visitors to schools are very appreciative, cordial, and respectful. We do from time to time have an encounter that is challenging, and we use a variety of strategies in these circumstances: a conversation, calling the police, having security present, or trespassing notices. We have reiterated to our leadership team that they should not accept aggressive behaviour and that they should follow strategies with the help of the family of school superintendents. I will acknowledge that, from time to time, it does occur, and those occurrences are dealt with individually.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: The one person that acts aggressive or inappropriate does create a serious challenge for the staff and for students who observe. I would agree with the Director that there is a minimal amount of aggressive people. I would appreciate if staff took the idea of signage back for consideration.

Director Mazzorato: We will take that back for consideration.

14. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Why is the pilot testing program in secondary schools and not elementary schools?

Director Mazzorato: As referenced earlier, it is a voluntary program in secondary schools for vaccinated students who are asymptomatic. Students are able to return to school faster if they have been exposed to a COVID case. There has been no information provided from the public health authorities regarding Grades 7 and 8 elementary students who are vaccinated. We can raise that issue.

15. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we find out how many classes have been closed due to lack of supervision?

Director Mazzorato: I cannot recall that we have had to do so. We can probe for challenges due to educator absences.

16. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: In the wintertime when we have to close windows, will we be outfitting every class with an air purifier?

Superintendent Thomas: All schools have a mechanical ventilation system, an exchange of fresh air. None of our schools rely solely on circulated air. The portable units we received were from a limited amount of funding from federal and provincial governments that provided 1700 units. The Ministry of Education mandated that Kindergarten classrooms be outfitted with a portable HEPA unit, the reason is based on the COVID findings from last school year. For schools that rely on natural circulation, windows open, they would require a mechanical or portable ventilation system, however, we have mechanical systems in all schools.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin passed the chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario.*

17. Trustee Sharon Hobin: We have run a successful public awareness campaign, *Are You Ticked?* Given the slow speed around default of taxes, would we be able to reintroduce the program and involve our churches again? Perhaps doing so online or through social media. The movement of this important issue is very slow; however, it is a priority for Catholic education.

Director Mazzorato: We will work through our Communications and Community Relations department to highlight the program.

18. Trustee Sharon Hobin: At a CSC meeting the scenario was raised regarding students from the same family attending two different schools. What happens if at one of the schools there is a classroom outbreak?

Director Mazzorato: The public health authorities has recommended that the siblings stay at home if they have been exposed. The child from the class with the exposure may be asymptomatic but they could carry the virus and affect their sibling.

19. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Could we put out a one-page on scenarios and definitions?

Director Mazzorato: The public health authorities i.e., Peel Public Health, have exceptional resources on their websites. Our Communication and Community Relations department can highlight these websites on our social media platforms.

20. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Commented that on the call with the Ministry of Education on Monday, the main reason that the rapid antigen tests are not being provided to schools and parents according to Dr. Moore, Chief Medical Officer is that there are many false positive results.

21. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Commented that he had the opportunity to meet with regional chairs and that he spoke with Dr. Loh, Medical Officer of Health and that he is willing to speak to our parents. Last year our evening with Dr. Hau, Associate Medical Officer of Health was a great success. If dates were provided perhaps CCCSC could present to parents, trustees, and staff.

Director Mazzorato: We will take that back and see what we can organize.

22. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: If CSC would like to purchase technology would the devices stay at the school who purchased them or be distributed throughout the system?

Associate Director Del Bianco: The devices would remain at the school.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.*

L. **Declared Interest Items - Nil**

M. **In Camera Session**

**Motion 527 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN RESPECT OF, APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CRITERIA SET OUT ABOVE.**

**CARRIED**

N. **Report from In Camera**

Report: Approval of In Camera Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, Faith and Program Committee Meeting and the Audit Committee Meeting.

**Motion 528 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA, APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.**

**CARRIED**

O. **Future Meetings**

October 26, 2021

November 30, 2021

December 7, 2021 (Organizational Board Meeting)

December 14, 2021

January 25, 2022

February 23, 2022

March 29, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 31, 2022

June 21, 2022

P. **Adjournment**

Chair Sharon Hobin thanked staff for their hard work.

**Motion 529 (21-09-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:33 P.M.**

**CARRIED**