

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice-Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Paula Dametto-Giovanazzi	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vioria	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Bailey Clyne	Indigenous Student Trustee
	Jia Sharma	Student Trustee
	Raheem White	Student Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Max Vecchiarino	Executive Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research, Safe Schools
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Scott Keys	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Ivana Maclsaac	Chief Information Officer
	Richard Moriah	Acting Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Drago Radic	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Viviana Varano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Kevin Wendling	Assistant Superintendent: Math Lead
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Luz del Rosario called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. 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.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour arrived at 7:04 p.m.

3. Opening Prayer

Trustees Brea Corbet and Stefano Pascucci led the Opening Prayers.

a. Declaration of Office and the Student Trustee Oath for: Jia Sharma, Raheem White and Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne

Director Mazzorato Secretary to the Board, administered the Declaration of Office and Oath for Catholic School Trustees with Raheem White, Jia Sharma and Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne. Each student trustee received a round of applause by the assembly.

Chair of the Board, Luz del Rosario, congratulated and welcomed our two new Student Trustees and returning Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne.

4. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Herman Vilorio

Chair Luz del Rosario drew attention to the *Remembering Our Deceased* report for July and August 2024 and honoured and recognized the passing of our Associate Director, Instructional Services David Amaral. We keep all recently departed staff, students and family members of staff and trustees in our prayers. May they rest in peace.

5. Approval of Agenda

Distributed: the *Remembering Our Deceased* report, G4 copy of GAP 210.00, D1 Speaking Notes for Delegate, H6 with spelling correction, H7 revised 511.01 track changes and clean copy and L4b.

Re-order: H7 to H1 (H1 becomes H2, H2 becomes H3, H3 becomes H4, H4 becomes H5, H5 becomes H6, H6 becomes H7).

Motion 1259 (24-08-27)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items A7 item K1:

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

Motion 1260 (24-08-27)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM K.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2024

Trustee Brea Corbet: Advised of correction to Questions Asked by Trustees #6, should read St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School (CSS).

Director Mazzorato: The correction is noted.

Motion 1261 (24-08-27)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 18, 2024, EXCLUDING ITEM A7 ITEM K1, BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

B. Pastor's Remarks: Video Presentation by Monsignor Shiels - Hope/Jubilee Year 2025

Director Mazzorato welcomed our Student Trustees and introduced our new Superintendents Viviana Varano and Drago Radic. The assembly gave a welcome round of applause.

Chair Luz del Rosario asked the Director to offer our sincere gratitude to Monsignor Shiels.

C. Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Truth and Reconciliation Week

Whereas: The Government of Canada implemented for over 100 years residential schools designed to separate Indigenous children from their families and communities to indoctrinate them into predominantly Euro-Christian settler culture; and

Whereas: The Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations were placed in charge of the residential schools that perpetrated harm to students, contributed to a legacy of intergenerational trauma, and failed to uphold each student's dignity of the human person; and

Whereas: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada identified among its 94 Calls to Action number 80, the establishment of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a federal statutory holiday; and

Whereas: The Government of Canada passed on June 2, 2021, *Bill C-5*, the legislation to amend select acts to add the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a new holiday observed annually on September 30; and

Whereas: School boards are provincial entities and remain open on September 30, where it does not fall on a weekend, and so are in the position to ensure National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is observed.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

DPCDSB commits to recognize and observe, at all DPCDSB schools and sites, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation each September 30, or on the Friday prior to this date where September 30 falls on a weekend. While DPCDSB schools continue to recognize the contributions of Indigenous peoples year-round, all DPCDSB schools and sites shall ensure that, during the full week preceding and including each September 30 (or the preceding Friday where September 30 falls on a weekend), students and staff will engage in sharing the truth of Canada's residential schools and the actions that need to be taken for reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. This week shall be identified in DPCDSB as Truth and Reconciliation Week. Schools will engage in meaningful activities during Truth and Reconciliation Week.

2. Proclamation: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Literacy Day September 8

Whereas: The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Literacy Day has been celebrated globally on September 8 since 1967, and;

Whereas: The importance of Literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights is critical in the advancement of a more literate and sustainable society, and;

Whereas: The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) strives to ensure that each learner is provided with opportunities to develop and enhance their literacy skills to the best of their ability.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

UNESCO International Literacy Day be recognized and celebrated on Monday, September 9, 2024 in all DPCDSB schools with events and activities highlighting the importance of literacy.

D. Delegations

1. Delegate - Iwona Malinowski, Regarding the Polish International Language Program Location

Motion 1262 (24-08-27)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

MOTION TO ALLOW THE DELEGATE TO HAVE SEVEN MINUTES RATHER THAN THE FIVE MINUTES ALLOTTED IN THE PROCEDURAL BY-LAW.

CARRIED

Questions of Clarification to Delegate:

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: When and how was the community advised of the change?

Delegate Iwona Malinowski: We were not notified directly, we learned of the change by the report that was posted on the website.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: The delegate in June said that the community would be willing to pay a fee for the program. Is \$449.17 agreeable for families?

Delegate Iwona Malinowski: That amount is higher than anticipated, we would need to survey our families, and we could work with our MPP to find a resolution.

3. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Have you spoken to the MPP regarding the report?

Delegate Iwona Malinowski: Not yet. I only found out a few days ago when I was asked to speak on behalf of the June delegate, Marzena Dawid, as she is out of the country.

Questions of Clarification to Staff:

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: When were the parents/guardians informed of the new location?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: When registration for International Language Programs (ILP) opened in April 2024.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Has there been any communication from the board to the MPP?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Natalia Kusendova-Bashta MPP had asked us to advise her when the report would be posted, and we did.

3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Is there any indication that the MPP obtained extra funding?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: My understanding is that no extra funding was found.

4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff advise which districts (i.e., Halton, York, Toronto) have Polish ILP?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Toronto Catholic District School Board (CDSB) has an online program and there is a small in-person program run by Halton CDSB, however, I am not certain it is running in 2024-2025.

5. Trustee Mario Pascucci: What is our current enrolment?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We have 99 secondary and 314 elementary students registered. Enrolment is open for three more weeks.

E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Shawn Xaviour advised that the first meeting of the new school year will be September 6, 2024. The official Catholic Education Week (CEW) song will be released shortly. The song *Pilgrims of Hope* was created and is sung by former DPCDSB teacher Nancy Bodsworth. We welcome the new Minister of Education, Judy Dunlop. The Toronto Catholic District School Board will host the fall regional meeting, please register via Michelle Vritsios.

b. Student Voice Report

Student Voice Report: Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne and Student Trustees Jia Sharma (North) and Raheem White (South) introduced themselves and Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne spoke in Anishinaabemowin.

We are grateful to be here before you today as we begin as student trustees representing the diverse and talented student body of DPCDSB, and we are excited to present our first student voice report.

This year we hope to increase collaboration between all our student advisory groups by having a joint meeting at some point throughout the year. Elementary student voice and engagement will continue to be a priority, while considering student well-being, and additional educational experiences in diversity and equity.

Some initiatives that we look forward to this year are to continue hosting the elementary leadership conference in partnership with our mental health champions. Additionally, we are looking forward to continuing to develop the Elementary Student Advisory Council.

We are excited to have our first Student Senate Meeting in late September where we will meet with our newly elected senate to discuss continuing projects from last year, and goals for the upcoming school year.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What is the schedule and frequency of meeting with the elementary panel to gather their input?

Student Trustee Raheem White: We plan to meet in late September and again in June, with different dates for each Family of Schools. The meetings will include the Mental Health and Well-Being Champions.

Director Mazzorato: Staff can provide a detailed schedule in Issues and Events.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: It would be beneficial to meet more than twice a year to gather input from the elementary student voice.

Director Mazzorato: We can review the possibility.

3. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: In May or June, we talked about the possibility of having an arena gathering of students, can staff provide an update?

Director Mazzorato: With the assistance of Superintendent Murphy, we have had preliminary discussions and will provide an update in Issues and Events.

c. Good News Reports

Trustee Bruno Iannicca

Mississauga Wards 7

On behalf of myself, staff and the school community at Mary Fix CES we are incredibly grateful to Acting Superintendent Moriah and his team for taking care of the skunk problem around Mary Fix CES over the summer.

Student Trustee Raheem White - South

Commented on the remarkable success of the Focus on Youth Camp held over the summer at Ascension of Our Lord CSS. Many students from Grades 4 to 8 attended and secondary students were leaders. This was a wonderful experience. We hope the funding continues as this is an excellent program for the Malton Community.

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Receipt of the Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, May 9, 2024

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Retirement: S. Gos, Superintendent - Director Mazzorato

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Silvana Gos. Unfortunately, Silvana was not able to attend this evening. Silvana has been a fervent Catholic leader, and mentor, who has dedicated an incredible 26 years to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB).

Throughout Silvana's tenure, her unwavering commitment to education, passion for fostering a nurturing learning environment, and dedication to the well-being of students and staff have left an indelible mark on several school communities. Under her guidance, many schools have not only achieved academic excellence but have become environments for growth, compassion, and inclusivity.

Silvana's career with Dufferin-Peel began in 1998 as a teacher at St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School (CES). Silvana also taught at St. Alfred CES, Queen of Heaven CES, Holy Cross CES. In 1993 began teaching in the secondary panel at St. Paul CSS. Silvana took on the role of department head at St. Paul CSS and St. Augustine CSS before becoming a vice-principal in 2001 at Father Michael Goetz CSS.

Silvana served as both a vice-principal and principal at Holy Name of Mary CSS from 2002-2012, moving to Ascension of Our Lord CSS in 2012. Silvana became principal of St. Marguerite d'Youville CSS in 2016. Her leadership journey led her to become Superintendent of Mississauga North in 2017 and finally as Superintendent of Mississauga South from 2020-2024.

Beyond her leadership vocation, Silvana has created an environment where every student and staff member feels valued, heard, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Her

commitment to fostering a sense of community, rooted in faith and shared values, has created a lasting legacy that will continue to shape the character of many school communities. The impact of Silvana's leadership extends far beyond the walls of our classrooms, touching the lives of students, parents, and colleagues alike.

As Silvana embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for her enduring contributions to education. May this new chapter be filled with joy, relaxation, and the fulfillment of all the dreams and aspirations of retirement. May this new chapter be as fulfilling and rewarding as the legacy she leaves behind.

1. Trustee Brea Corbet: Heartfelt thanks for her dedication and leadership in the Mississauga North Family of Schools, we appreciate her service and commitment to students and their families. I wish Silvana all the best.
2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I appreciate the level of dignity and respect she gave trustees. She has a great sense of humour and is kind and gracious to our role. I wish her luck, health, and enjoyment for her retirement. God bless.
3. Trustee Herman Vioria: I wish to congratulate Silvana; our roles have crossed paths many times through our careers. I wish her a long, happy and blessed retirement.

Trustee Luz del Rosario passed the chair to vice-chair Thomas Thomas.

4. Trustee Luz del Rosario: I receive this letter of retirement with regret. Silvana tried hard to make things fun and enjoyable and whenever there was an event she made sure that trustees were recognized. I hope she relaxes and enjoys retirement.

Trustee Luz del Rosario resumed the chair.

2. Polish International Language Program: Site Feasibility Study

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino summarized the report.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Has staff reached out to our coterminous board to see if we can combine our International Language Programs (ILP)?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Peel District School Board does not offer the same programs, some overlap but not all. They do not follow the same delivery model, as some ILP are offered online. All of our ILP are in-person.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we look at providing an online option for ILP?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We can review; however, language acquisition works better in-person and with the benefit of community. All large school boards have seen a decline in ILP enrolment.

3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Commented that the MPP said it may be possible to have government funds to help the Polish ILP, if this opportunity exists, we should ensure all other ILP communities are offered the opportunity.
4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Commented that originally ILPs were to be funded by the Ministry and at no cost to school boards. Online programs may be the best approach. I would request that staff keep trustees apprised of the Polish ILP development.

5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Why would we need to un-shutter other classrooms?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Based on the population of the day school, which is operating under capacity throughout the week. If more students attended through the weekend program, we would need to un-shutter classrooms to accommodate 300 elementary students.

6. Trustee Herman Vioria: As the former Principal of Continuing Education, I found the Polish ILP a very vibrant Catholic cultural community. Perhaps funding can come from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. If we run both elementary and secondary programs at St. Pio Pietrelcina CES what would the cost be?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: As seen in Table 1 of the report we would require and additional site supervisor, the cost of un-shuttering classrooms, technology costs and additional custodial costs, which would cost \$28,728 for the first year and almost \$12,000 for subsequent years.

7. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Has staff spoken to the community, other than to the delegates about the findings that 61% of those enrolled live closest to St. Joseph CSS?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We have spoken to the delegates and some community members, and they state that there are more cultural opportunities closer to John Cabot CSS.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Commented that it seems logical that with the reduced costs and the fact that 61% of students registered are living closest to St. Joseph CSS that the program be there.

3. Ministry of Education Program Changes and Curriculum Update Report

Superintendents Murphy summarized the report.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: In the report it says that Grade 9 students of this year will take the financial literacy test in their Grade 10 year based on work covered in Grade 1 through 9, how will they be evaluated on work that they did not cover earlier?

Superintendent Murphy: For the first batch of students, we have the components and expectations in order to prepare the students for the Grade 10 test. We are confident under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent, Math Lead Wendling, students will have interest and success with learning about money and finance.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Regarding the Technology Education credit, do we have enough materials and facilities to accommodate the requirement (i.e., in automotive - will there be enough cars to work on, or in woodworking - do we have enough saws and nails)?

Superintendent Murphy: Due to the release date by the Ministry, there has not been enough time to review and digest all the requirements, however they have given us leeway to interpret the information and support all learners equitably with what we have. We are reviewing finances to establish how we can assist.

3. Trustee Brea Corbet: “All students entering Grade 9 in September 2024 will now have 10% of their final grade in their course derived from their EQAO assessment.” Can staff explain the grade breakdown?

Superintendent Murphy: The final exam and/or culminating performance task (CPT) are worth 30% and term work is 70%. We await direction from the Ministry on the details of how that 10% fits into the overall grade.

4. Trustee Brea Corbet: Will this be communicated to all parents/guardians?

Superintendent Murphy: There is an obligation for teachers to send out course outlines. In addition, we will request that administrators share this information with all families as well as all guidance departments. There will be a broad scope of communications including our DPCDSB website.

5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What will be taught in financial literacy?

Superintendent Murphy: Offered a brief summary. In Grade 1 to 3 students will learn how to make change, Grades 4 to 6 students will learn how much things costs, in Grade 7 to 8 students learn budgeting, money exchange and interest rates, and in Grade 9 they learn about variable and fixed interest rates and review the culmination of financial literacy.

6. Student Trustee Raheem White: Why is the pass mark set at 70%?

Superintendent Murphy: The Ministry determined what all students are capable of achieving.

4. Review and Rescission of Human Resources General Administrative Procedures (GAP)

Associate Director Del Bianco summarized the report.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: How many consultants does DPCDSB have on staff?

Director Mazzorato: We can provide in Issues and Events.

H. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action

1. Motions Recommended by the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee, June 4, 2024

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: In Policy 6.58 can we ensure that if a Trustee's name is used on a plaque that the full name be used, first and last name?

Director Mazzorato: We can take that direction and ensure the language is included.

Motion 1263 (24-08-27)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY 4.70: HEALTH AND SAFETY, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1264 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY 8.12: PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1265 (24-08-27)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE *POLICY 8.04: PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1266 (24-08-27)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY 6.58: SCHOOL BLESSINGS/SCHOOL RE-DEDICATIONS/OFFICIAL OPENINGS, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1267 (24-08-27)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE RESCISSION OF *POLICY 7.18: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE/SCHOOL UNIFORMS.*

CARRIED

Motion 1268 (24-08-27)
Moved by Anisha Thomas
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY 7.19: DRESS CODE AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1269 (24-08-27)
Moved by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi
Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY 26.00: SMOKE, TOBACCO-FREE AND CANNABIS-FREE ENVIRONMENT, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1270 (24-08-27)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY 35.00: THIRD PARTY IN-SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1271 (24-08-27)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE RESCISSION OF POLICY 1.77: GUEST SPEAKER APPROVAL FOR MINISTERING ON FAITH AND MORALS.

CARRIED

2. Revised Policy 0: Procedural By-Law and Policy 1.06: Electronic Attendance at Board of Trustees' and Committee Meetings

Director Mazzorato summarized the changes to begin 2024-2025.

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can we grandfather items and bring them forward in a subsequent meeting? If so, is the 12 month period a rolling 12 months?

Director Mazzorato: The Board of Trustees can provide local guidelines around a policy. When a motion is reconsidered, it occurs within a meeting. It is a rolling 12 months. The Procedural By-Law is coming back in October.

2. Trustee Mario Pascucci: In granting permission, only the Chair is listed; can we also include the Vice-Chair in case the Chair is not present?

Director Mazzorato: We can improve the language to include the cascade of authority, where the Chair is not available i.e., Vice-Chair, Past Chair and Past Vice-Chair.

3. Trustee Brea Corbet: Regarding Section 5.9, there does not seem to be approval for virtual attendance if a trustee is out of country (i.e., vacation) but is willing and able to log on remotely, or occupied on board business (i.e., Catholic School Council meeting or school event) but able to log on late. Could these factors be considered acceptable criteria for electronic attendance in this updated policy?

Director Mazzorato: I am not sure that we can decide this locally. We will seek clarification from the Ministry.

Trustee Luz del Rosario passed the chair to Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas.

4. Trustee Luz del Rosario commented that she would bring the issue to OCSTA regarding the opportunity of a trustee attending virtually while away on board business or vacation.

Trustee Luz del Rosario resumed the chair.

5. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Commented that electronic attendance should be acceptable, and if it is not allowed, it could prevent quorum.

Director Mazzorato: A request to the Chair to attend should be covered under the regulation. If the reason is not covered and the Chair denies the trustee's request to attend virtually, the trustee may appeal. The need to request permission from the Chair is only for Regular Board Meetings not Committee Meetings. We will seek clarification of the appeal process.

6. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can staff clarify if this requirement is only for elected Board of Trustees, not Student Trustees?

Director Mazzorato: That is correct, this is regarding attendance by the Board of Trustees.

7. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff remind administrators of the importance of not scheduling graduations, school events or Catholic School Council (CSC) meetings on Tuesdays?

Director Mazzorato: We continue to remind administrators and Family of School superintendents.

Motion 1272 (24-08-27)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT, REVISED *POLICY 0: PROCEDURAL BY-LAW AND POLICY 1.06: ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AND COMMITTEE MEETING, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

3. Capital Priorities Program 2024-2025

Manager Stephanie Cox summarized the report.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: I understand that the Mount Pleasant CSS was declined by the Ministry, will we appeal the decision?

Manager Stephanie Cox: That is correct, it was declined in the last round. One of the main factors in the change from last year to this year is that new residential development has not materialized as expected. If the numbers increase, we will resubmit a Capital Priority business case.

2. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: When staff submit Capital Priority business cases can we include multiple cases to include schools that are considered high on the facilities condition index (FCI).

Manager Stephanie Cox: We have filed multiple submissions in the past; the requirements have changed and are extremely specific and detailed. Business cases must be very solid to be considered. If a school is high on the FCI we need to also conduct an enrolment assessment to meet the specific requirements.

Associate Director Del Bianco: There are constraints in submissions as we cannot close or combine schools, and we do not want to propose items that may limit us to build in the future. We must look at surrounding schools to assess declining enrolment and underutilization of schools.

Motion 1273 (24-08-27)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CAPITAL PRIORITIES PROGRAM
SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR 2024-2025**

CARRIED

4. Policy Amendments for Compliance with Policy/Program Memoranda (PPM) 128 and PPM 170

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino summarized the report.

1. Trustee Brea Corbet: I recall that our board was looking to arrange Vaping and Cannabis guest speaker(s) for the upcoming school year with messaging to our school communities. Is there an update that can be provided?

Superintendent Scigliano: Unfortunately, our guest speaker in May 2024 had to cancel due to family matters. We are in communication, and I will provide an update following the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) meeting.

2. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi: In GAP 530.00 staff added a list of prohibited behaviours, “;taking **or** sharing photos or recordings of others without their consent.” Can staff amend the language to read “and” rather than “or”?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: We can make the change.

3. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Do we have an outline of what will occur if a student does not comply with the new PEDs policy?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: As part of the PPM, there are very explicit consequences for non-compliance and details are to be shared with students and their families. At the Director’s meeting we did review with administrators and have requested feedback from their teachers once the students return to school and adjust to the policy.

Director Mazzorato: The Ministry has provided more strength for educators to take action if students continue to be distracted. There are expectations for all students, staff and parents/guardians. We hope with clear consequences students will comply. Progressive discipline will be applied as needed. The expectations will be communicated to families via SchoolMessenger and opening assemblies for students. Trustees will be advised of progress.

4. Student Trustee Raheem White: Why is it not recommended for teachers to take phones or PEDs from students?

Director Mazzorato: It is in a teacher’s purview to take away a device. What we suggest is that the teacher sends the student to the office to have the administrator deal with the phone. We encourage progressive discipline. These are expensive devices, and we are reluctant to invest in lock boxes for classrooms.

5. Student Trustee Raheem White: What if a phone is confiscated and is damaged, who is responsible?

Director Mazzorato: We will have to review case-by-case.

Motion 1274 (24-08-27)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED *POLICY 9.01: CATHOLIC CODE OF CONDUCT AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1275 (24-08-27)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED *POLICY 8.12: PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDS) AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 1276 (24-08-27)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED *POLICY 35.00: THIRD PARTY IN-SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

5. Revised Policy 1.02: Code of Conduct - Trustee

Director Mazzorato summarized the report.

Motion 1277 (24-08-27)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT, *REVISED POLICY 1.02: CODE OF CONDUCT - TRUSTEES, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

6. Revised Policy 1.10: Admissions Policy

Director Mazzorato summarized the report.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: If we admitted non-Catholics we would not be in compliance with the *Education Act*. We have in the past made exceptions on a case-by-case basis to allow a non-Catholic to attend DPCDSB. In section 2.6 of Policy 1.06 it states that elementary principals can admit students of another faith. I would like every case to come through the Director of Education and that a report be provided every three months of non-Catholic students permitted to attend Dufferin-Peel.

Director Mazzorato: The legal opinion received informed that the policy has a case-by-case defined process, and that the student(s) would not be excused from Catholic teaching.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I do not support this; we are a Catholic school board.
3. Trustee Mario Pascucci: I do not support this; we are a Catholic school board and are elected to protect Catholic education.
4. Student Trustee Raheem White: Can staff clarify if the legal opinion is that this will be in violation of the *Education Act*?

Director Mazzorato: The opinion says it is not in violation, because we are still upholding the right of Catholic students to attend, and we are introducing a case-by-case possibility for non-Catholic students, we are not taking anything away, we are introducing local factors.

5. Trustee Herman Vilorio: What is the definition of Catholic according to the Ministry?

Director Mazzorato: This has to do with who is a separate school supporter. As defined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), students eligible to attend are from families of separate school supporter(s) and are residents of Dufferin-Peel, and they need to be Roman Catholic.

Motion 1278 (24-08-27)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Herman Vilorio

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT REVISED *POLICY 1.10: ADMISSIONS AS AMENDED.*

In Favour: Trustees Anisha Thomas, Shawn Xaviour, Herman Vilorio, Thomas Thomas and Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi (5)

Opposed: Trustees Bruno Iannicca, Stefano Pascucci, Brea Corbet, Mario Pascucci, Luz del Rosario, and Darryl D'Souza (6)

DEFEATED

Motion 1279 (24-08-27)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

MOTION TO COMPLETE THE AGENDA.

CARRIED

7. Revised Policy 6.59: School Graduations, Award Ceremonies, and Significant Events
Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino summarized the report.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we ensure that all schools adhere to the policy to ensure consistency, and that all Catholic School Council (CSC) Chair and/or Co-Chairs are asked if they would like to sit on the podium with other special guests/speakers.

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: Following each board meeting we share all changes to policies and general administrative procedures (GAPs) at the monthly Director's Webcast. We also review graduation expectations in the new year as plans get underway for spring graduations.

Trustee Luz del Rosario passed the chair to vice-chair Thomas Thomas.

2. Trustee Luz del Rosario: If both CSC Chair and Co-Chair are present do both speak?

Director Mazzorato: We can articulate in the policy that in the case of a Chair and Co-Chair and both wishing to speak that they should share the allotted time, or one may speak on behalf of their CSC.

3. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Can we vet what they wish to say?

Director Mazzorato: We can create general guidelines around what their address should reflect.

4. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi: Commented that one elementary school had gowns for students to wear at the church which looked so nice and also avoids inappropriate dressing in Church.

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: A number of Family of Schools superintendents do recommend and promote gowns to standardize the dress at graduations.

Motion 1280 (24-08-27)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESCIND POLICY 6.58: SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL OR FACILITY EVENTS.

CARRIED

Motion 1281 (24-08-27)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT, AS AMENDED, REVISED POLICY 6.59: SCHOOL GRADUATIONS, AWARD CEREMONIES, AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

CARRIED

I. Additional Business - Nil

1. Notices of Motion

J. Questions Asked by Trustees

Trustee Luz del Rosario resumed the chair.

1. Trustee Thomas Thomas: The community at Ascension of Our Lord CSS would like to know status of the approved field as no work has begun?

Acting Superintendent Moriah: All permits are in place; the City of Mississauga has to put out the tender for the project. We can request another update.

2. Trustee Mario Pascucci: There was a lot of flooding at St. Edmund CES. Initial communication was sent out by administration. Can we send out further communication to advise that the school is safe and ready for staff and students?

Director Mazzorato: I will have Acting Superintendent Moriah work with General Manager Campbell to assure the community that the school is thoroughly cleaned and safe for the return of students.

3. Trustee Brea Corbet: Is there an update on the split French Immersion (FI) program that requires students to switch schools to continue and complete the program?

Associate Director Del Bianco: In November we will present a report at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting. The plan is to develop an overall FI strategy and feasibility study.

4. Trustee Brea Corbet: During the summer break, a serious incident occurred at St. Elizabeth Seton CES. Parents/Guardians of the school community expressed concerns requesting additional safety measures. Can you please advise on how we can address these concerns?

Associate Director Del Bianco: We take the safety and security of our school sites very seriously. In light of what occurred, we have already requested that our Chief Security Officer, in consultation with Peel Regional Police, undertake a security audit of our school sites, and we will put measures in place to mitigate any future concerns.

5. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Premier Ford has announced \$30 M for vaping detection, can staff provide information on how this will assist DPCDSB?

Director Mazzorato: Once the Ministry provides information, we will put an update in Issues and Events.

6. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: There are some good fundraising opportunities for e-Waste. Do we provide options to administrators?

Director Mazzorato: We do not promote one fundraiser over another, fundraising ideas are shared by word of mouth by CSC members and/or administrators.

7. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Has the survey been distributed to assess principal happiness with the senior team and trustees?

Director Mazzorato: The survey went out to school administrators following the work that was done with administrators to create the questions. It was sent out in late June to capture retiring principals as well. We will remind administrators that the survey closes in a week and following that we will bring back a report.

8. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Respect is important, and disrespect of staff cannot be tolerated. Can staff remind administrators that they are encouraged to send out warning letters if needed, to parents/guardians and secondary students?

Director Mazzorato: We will ask the Family of Schools superintendents to make this a standing item on their monthly meeting. We will seek information from administrators gauge if things improve.

9. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Thank you to the Plant department for the removal of some portables over the summer. Asphalt has been laid in their place. Can we ensure that gates are closed to keep cars off of new asphalt?

Director Mazzorato: We can send out a reminder regarding property gates.

K. Declared Interest Items

Trustees with a declared interest left the meeting.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2024 Item A7 L.

Motion 1282 (24-08-27)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, ITEM A7 L, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Trustees with a declared interest returned to the meeting.

L. In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

Motion 1283 (24-08-27)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO A CLOSED MEETING AS DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE, PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE, OR AN EMPLOYEE.

CARRIED

M. Report from the In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole received In Camera Board Minutes from June 18, 2024 and received two reports: Administrative Supervisory Officers Appointments and Transfers, and Administrative Appointments and Transfers, and a verbal personnel update report.

N. Future Meetings

September 24, 2024

October 22, 2024

November 19, 2024 Organizational Meeting

November 26, 2024

December 10, 2024

January 28, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 25, 2025

April 29, 2025
May 27, 2025
June 17, 2025

O. Adjournment

Motion 1284 (24-08-27)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:31 PM.

CARRIED



E1b Student Voice Report

Q 1	<p>Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What is the schedule and frequency of meeting with the elementary panel to gather their input?</p>	<p>As noted in the DPCDSB Upcoming Events on Sept. 9: Elementary Wellness Leadership Conferences September 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26</p> <p>The Well-Being Department is hosting six student wellness conferences, one per Family of Schools, during the month of September. We are inviting four intermediate student leaders and one teacher from every DPCDSB elementary school to this event. The goal of the conference is to equip student leaders and their designated teachers with good-for-all wellness promotion strategies to share with their schools. Event Facilitators: DPCDSB Well-Being Department, Keynote Speaker - MTCLife, Student Mental Health and Well-Being Champions and Student Senate.</p> <p>Youth Forum – Spring 2025</p> <p>Skills Ontario – 7 and 8 Students and Student Senate (potential) – Fall 2024</p>
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Q 3	<p>Trustee Shawn Xaviour: In May or June, we talked about the possibility of having an arena gathering of students, can staff provide an update?</p>	<p>A youth event is being planned for Catholic Education Week</p>
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G 4 Review and Rescission of Human Resources General Administrative Procedures (GAP)

Q 1	<p>Trustee Darryl D'Souza: How many consultants does DPCDSB have on staff?</p>	<p>As provided in Issues and Events September 13, 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="776 1367 1511 1606"> <thead> <tr> <th>Department</th> <th>Coordinators</th> <th>Consultants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Program</td> <td>8</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equity & Indigenous Education</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Education</td> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Well-Being</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>14</td> <td>35</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Department	Coordinators	Consultants	Program	8	21	Equity & Indigenous Education	2	8	Special Education	3	6	Well-Being	1		Total	14	35
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H 1 Motions Recommended by the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee, June 4, 2024

Q 1	<p>Trustee Mario Pascucci: In Policy 6.58 can we ensure that if a Trustee's name is used on a plaque that the full name be used, first and last name?</p>	<p>This item will come forward at the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee meeting in October.</p>
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H 2	Revised Policy 0: Procedural By-Law and Policy 1.06: Electronic Attendance at Board of Trustees' and Committee Meetings	
Q 2	Trustee Mario Pascucci: In granting permission, only the Chair is listed; can we also include the Vice-Chair in case the Chair is not present?	This item is being reviewed to be amended.
H 7	Revised Policy 6.59: School Graduations, Award Ceremonies, and Significant Events	
Q 2	Trustee Luz del Rosario: If both CSC Chair and Co-Chair are present do both speak?	Language has been amended.
Q 3	Trustee Luz del Rosario: Can we vet what they wish to say?	Language has been amended.
J	Questions Asked by Trustees	
Q 1	Trustee Thomas Thomas: The community at Ascension of Our Lord CSS would like to know status of the approved field as no work has begun?	City of Mississauga proceeding with tender process. The board will be kept apprised during process and will be advised when the tender has been awarded.
Q 2	Trustee Mario Pascucci: There was a lot of flooding at St. Edmund CES. Initial communication was sent out by administration. Can we send out further communication to advise that the school is safe and ready for staff and students?	Letter sent to St. Edmund CES community on Thursday, August 29, 2024.
Q 9	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Thank you to the Plant department for the removal of some portables over the summer. Asphalt has been laid in their place. Can we ensure that gates are closed to keep cars off of new asphalt?	The following communication was sent to administrators and staff on September 13 from Acting Superintendent Moriah. <i>We have been experiencing an increased number of vandalism events caused by people accessing school board property after hours. For schools with gates, please advise the custodial staff to lock the gates at the end of their shift to reduce these activities and avoid graffiti, damage to new asphalt, etc.</i>
Business Arising from Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2024		
G 3	Stewardship and Sustainable Practices Update	
Q 3	Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Can staff provide us the names of the schools under the certification categories?	Please see attached Appendix 1 from September 13, 2024 Issues and Events.