



## MINUTES

### Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 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
	Heather Fernandes	Student Trustee
	Alejandro Garcia Polo	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
	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
	Cairine MacDonald	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Well-Being, Experiential Learning and Learning Services
	Tammy-Lynne Peel	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Les Storey	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Mathew Thomas	Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Max Vecchiarino	Superintendent of 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:	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  
Motion to add H 2 Letter to the Premier of Ontario re: Vaccinations was carried.  
H 2 was distributed at the meeting.  
*Trustee Frank Di Cosola joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.*

**Motion 379 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Brea Corbet

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE MOTION TO ADD H 2, LETTER TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO RE: VACCINATIONS, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 380 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

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

**CARRIED**

- a. Approval of Calendar Items – Nil
- 6. Declaration of Interest - Nil
- 7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, February 23, 2021

**Motion 381 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 23, 2021, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes  
The chair called attention to the Agenda attachments.

**B. Pastor's Remarks - Monsignor Joseph Shiels**

Monsignor Shiels delivered Pastor's Remarks in video format on the theme of kindness. The video has been posted to the DPCDSB YouTube channel, DPCDSBVideos.

**Motion 382 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Shawn Xaviour

**THAT THE PASTOR'S REMARKS, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**C. Awards and Presentation - Nil**

**D. Delegations – Nil**

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

- 1. Regular Reports - Nil
- 2. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report - Chair Sharon Hobin and Vice Chair Luz del Rosario

*Trustee Mario Pascucci joined the meeting 7:15 p.m.*

**OCSTA Special Award**

Trustee Luz del Rosario presented information on the nominee put forth for the OCSTA Special Award. The award recognizes an individual other than a sitting trustee who has made significant contributions to the Catholic education community of Ontario.

It is our honour to nominate Ms. Nancy Bodsworth-Boss, a secondary educator with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, for the OCSTA Special Award.

Nancy Bodsworth-Boss has been an educator with DPCDSB for eighteen years. Nancy is a talented teacher who has taught a broad range of subjects including Vocal and Instrumental Music, Drama, Religion, and Special Education.

An outstanding educator, Nancy has taught and motivated students to appreciate music through her engaging teaching of Concert Choir to Junior Concert Band and much more. Nancy has brought communities together to appreciate the skills and talents of diverse groups of students through her outstanding work with school musicals and plays, supporting the work of the chaplaincy, and the Terry Fox committee.

Nancy is committed to her faith and to music as a form of praise. She has worked with many youth choirs at several churches as well as a music ministry leader with the *Lift Jesus Higher Rally* in Toronto.

Her music has been featured on Christian radio across Canada, US, and Europe. Nancy is an award nominee for Inspirational Song of the Year and has recorded four gospel albums.

Nancy has written and sung 11 songs for OCSTA's Annual Catholic Education Week. These songs have been featured and sung in all Catholic school boards in Ontario and are used to support many video productions to celebrate Catholic Education Week.

Our focus for this nomination is to recognize this outstanding educator for her commitment to our students and to her faith, and to recognize the impact her wonderful songs have had on our Catholic communities as we celebrate Catholic education. The impact that she has had on all of us, but mostly, on our students is tremendous.

Marin Luther King said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." Psalm 150:1-6 "Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance!" Nancy's music is happy, moving, and powerful!

We nominate Nancy Bodsworth-Boss because of the impact that her music has had on all of us; giving us tools to praise our Lord with voices raised.

It is our hope that the OCSTA Board of Trustees will honour Nancy's work by selecting her for this most prestigious award.

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

#### **OCSTA Award of Merit**

Trustee Sharon Hobin presented information on the nominee for the OCSTA Award of Merit – Trustee Bruno Iannicca.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca has worked tirelessly for families not only in his communities but for those across the entire DPCDSB. His signature phrase, "I don't see problems, I see challenges and opportunities" is well known among his colleagues and encapsulates his positive spirit and desire to find solutions to difficult situations. Many times, he has identified a need whether it is to further education or to raise awareness to a challenge that needs to be addressed. For example, in the Region of Peel, there is a significant issue with human trafficking. Many years ago, Bruno began parent engagement events to bring together parents from across the board with Peel Regional Police to present facts and ways to avoid human trafficking. These events are always well attended and, while eye opening for most, are well received by all. It is due in no small part to Bruno's initiative, that this issue is receiving greater attention and that many young people were and continue to be saved

from being lured into human trafficking. The Ministry of Education has recognized this work started by Trustee Bruno Iannicca.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca became a supporter of a milk bag mats project that soon was adopted by many of our schools. He has supported the production of over 1000 milk bag mats which means that many people have a bed on which to sleep.

Much of the charitable work that Trustee Bruno Iannicca has undertaken is done quietly and under the radar. School leaders and those who work in our Social Work Department would be aware of his amazing work. Through his contacts at his place of work, Bruno has acquired thousands of items, which he has donated to families in many of our schools. In typical fashion, the items arrive, Trustee Iannicca picks them up himself or arranges delivery to the board office from which he then personally delivers items to our schools. Items include toys, diapers, household, personal care items, books, crafts, shoes, clothes and many more too numerous to mention. For families who struggle, these items are like a breath of fresh air. They brighten the lives of many.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca is an exemplary Catholic leader, a strong advocate for Catholic education and an individual who brings passion and empathy to all that he does. He never seeks recognition or thanks for his acts of charity and compassion.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca has spent 30 years of his life representing the ratepayers and students in Mississauga Ward 7. He is a graduate of DPCDSB. He is very much connected to his childhood parish, St. Catherine of Siena where he continues to be a member. He worked diligently with the Board to ensure his childhood parish priest, Father Daniel Zanon, was honoured for his work in developing and strengthening Catholic education in Mississauga. He has a strong connection to his church and to his community epitomizing the value of the relationships between parish, home, and school.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca takes the time to introduce the new priests to schools within his parish. This, he believes is crucial to cementing parish, home, school relationship. His humble leadership demonstrates our gospel values as he works with our school communities. A senior staff contributes "I have observed firsthand his commitment to Catholic education and his unwavering witness to the Gospel. He works with his church community to organize events always to support people."

Trustee Bruno Iannicca always attends Adult Faith celebrations that are planned for administrators and teachers. He often helps to organize these Adult Faith events in his home parish. He continues to support liturgical events and celebrations for his schools.

He believes strongly in always telling "Our Story". Part of this story is the continued work to build and foster relationships between our parishes and our schools. When he attends school events (and he attends many), he always takes the opportunity to tell parents and students about our history and the need for strong support of Catholic education. He knows his communities and the challenges they face very well and works tirelessly to support the students and parents by providing tangible support to give people a hand up. He does this without any pomp and circumstance. In fact, we are sure many do not know the depth and breadth of his hard work to support families not just in his Ward 7 but in many school communities.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca personally leads clothing drives, food drives and other initiatives to support parents and students in his communities. He faces issues, responds to calls, researches information, and provides honest answers. Trustee Bruno Iannicca walks the talk and is a true Catholic leader. We are proud that he is a Catholic Trustee with DPCDSB.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca has been a Catholic trustee with the DPCDSB for 30 years. He was elected in 1991. Over time, he has held several and varied positions of leadership. From the time that he was elected to represent Ward 7 in Mississauga he has stepped forward to lead. His leadership includes Chair of our Administration and Finance Committees for many and various years. He has also held the position of Chair of our By-law/Policies Review Committee for several and various years. He has also chaired our Secondary Scholarship and School Year Calendar Committees; has been a member of our Discipline Committee and has also served on the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council. Two committees that have been very important to Bruno are the Special Education Advisory Committee and the Central Committee of Catholic School Councils where he can hear firsthand the challenges and opportunities of parents, community associations and students. He has also been a member of our Catholic Partners and Business, Industry and Labour committee, and currently, is Chair of our Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was Chair of the Board for two years during a very difficult and challenging time for DPCDSB. Under his leadership we were able to balance our budget and save several programs that were in jeopardy. Bruno cites his motivation to serve as a Catholic school trustee as an opportunity to give back to the community in which he was raised and educated. "It is all about trying to help every child achieve the ultimate goal of this board, and that is to be educated to the highest level possible. It is our children who are our future."

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.*

### **OCSTA Update**

Trustee Luz del Rosario shared that at our recent OCSTA Board Meeting, we received an overview of The Portage Group: Governance Model Research Report. The recommendations from the Committee and the full report will be presented at the 2021 AGM. Trustees will have the opportunity to discuss the report at the Fall Regional Meetings. OCSTA has responded to the concerns of member boards and hired a third-party company, The Portage Group to review their governance structure. OCSTA set up an Ad Hoc committee to deal with five specific resolutions that came forward at last year's AGM. Thank you to Trustee Sharon Hobin who represented DPCDSB on that committee. Lastly, please join us for the virtual OCSTA AGM on Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Student Trustee Alejandro Garcia Polo spoke on behalf of Student Trustee Heather Fernandes and himself: Congratulations to Trustee Bruno Iannicca on his nomination. It is truly wonderful to hear what he has done. We are grateful to hear and see all the work done by the Board of Trustees.

**Motion 383 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Frank Di Cosola

**Seconded by** Anna da Silva

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

**CARRIED**

3. Student Voice - Student Trustees Heather Fernandes and Alejandro Garcia Polo

We are excited to present our Student Voice Report and report our progress within Student Senate.

**Student Senate - Black Futures Speakers Series 2021: Nurturing Hope**

We have recorded two additional sessions with two student moderators and our guest speakers. The sessions captured our speakers personal stories and insights on the realities of anti-Black racism, Black identity and its intersections, education, politics, the arts, social justice and activism, and Black Canadian history. We have posted several sessions to a teacher database for educators to share with their classes. We are very excited about these recordings, and hope that the seminars will open meaningful discussions and engage youth. We held a Student Senate meeting on March 3. Student Voice representatives discussed some of their school initiatives and events that were taking place. We talked about their concerns and started planning tentative events.

**Graduation Committee Meeting**

On March 8 Student Senate senior members attended a Graduation Committee meeting with several administrators and superintendents to discuss graduation plans and discuss what students are looking for in a virtual graduation ceremony.

**Free the Flow**

Members of Senate were put into groups and collectively designed promotional material that will be attached to the dispensary boxes in female washrooms. We are currently in the process of reviewing and editing the promotional artwork.

**OCSYD**

Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day will be taking place on May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Every school board can register 50 students and we are currently in the process of inviting students.

**Motion 384 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Mario Pascucci

**Seconded by** Frank Di Cosola

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

**CARRIED**

4. Good News Items

**Trustee Brea Corbet**

On behalf of DPCDSB Mississauga North Trustees – Chair Sharon Hobin, Vice Chair Luz del Rosario, and myself, we recognize Ms. Danijela Hajdinjak, a 2018 graduate from St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School. She won the 2021 Canadian Independent Music Video Award for Best Pop Music Video. Her stage name is Dani Kristina. The virtual award ceremony was held on March 13. While attending secondary school, she was a member of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir and Jazz Choir. We wish this Dufferin-Peel alumni congratulations on her success and her future endeavours.

**Trustee Luz del Rosario**

**Mississauga Ward 6 & 11**

Congratulations to all participants and the winners of the Art Competition hosted by the Philippine Consulate of Toronto:

**Elementary School Category**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of \$500 - Julianne Balatayo, Grade 8 student from St. Clare Catholic Elementary School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of \$300 - Ava Estelle Woon-Fat, Grade 4 student from Our Lady of Good Voyage Catholic Elementary School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of \$200 - Valentina Anabelle Herrera-Osorio, Grade 6 student from St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Elementary School

**Secondary School Category**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of \$500 - Gem-Mahrey Hormillosas, Grade 9 student from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of \$300 - Jenna Muli Jrdin, Grade 12 student from St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of \$200 - Arhielle Abuan Nieto, Grade 10 student from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

**Student Trustees Alejandro Garcia Polo and Heather Fernandes**

We are pleased to announce that many graduating students are making Instagram accounts to highlight where DPCDSB students are planning on attending University or College for September 2021.

**Motion 385 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Shawn Xaviour

**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, February 2, 2021

**Motion 386 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, February 9, 2021

**Motion 387 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Anna da Silva

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, February 10, 2021

**Motion 388 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

4. Minutes of the Central Committee For Catholic School Councils Meeting, February 11, 2021

**Motion 389 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2021, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

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

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

1. Motion to Amend H 5 of the Regular Board Meeting, September 29, 2020  
Original Motions: 240 (20-09-29) and 241 (20-09-29)

**Motion 390 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Luz del Rosario

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE ISSUANCE OF THE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY TO THE PHILIPPINES AND CELEBRATING THE EVENT IN DPCDSB SCHOOLS DURING THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**PROCLAMATION: 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS 2021 IS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**AND;**

**WHEREAS THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE TORONTO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE-QUINCENTENARY JUBILEE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES (TOC-QJCP), IS ORGANIZING RELATED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**AND;**

**WHEREAS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO HAS APPROVED THE TOC-QJCP AS THE LEAD ORGANIZATION IN ORGANIZING RELIGIOUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE QUINCENTENARY IN THE TORONTO AREA**

**AND;**

**WHEREAS THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ENCOURAGES THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG FILIPINO CANADIANS IN THE QUINCENTENARY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**AND;**

**WHEREAS THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (DPCDSB) ISSUE A PROCLAMATION AND CELEBRATE THE QUINCENTENARY IN ITS SCHOOLS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT;**

**THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY WAY OF THIS PROCLAMATION,**

**PROMOTE THE CELEBRATION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES IN DPCDSB SCHOOLS,  
DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**THAT THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE APPOINTMENT OF MISSISSAUGA WARDS 6 AND 11 TRUSTEE LUZ DEL ROSARIO AS DPCDSB REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TORONTO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE-QUINCENTENARY JUBILEE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES (TOC-QJCP), BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED**

2. Letter to Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford Re: Vaccinations

Trustee Brea Corbet read the Motion following receipt, carried.

**Motion 391 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Mario Pascucci

**THAT THE MOTION, LETTER TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD, REGARDING VACCINATIONS, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 392 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Brea Corbet

**Seconded by** Mario Pascucci

**LETTER TO PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD RE: VACCINATIONS**

**WHEREAS THE REGION OF PEEL IS ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT REGIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO FOR COVID-19 AND REMAINS IN THE PROVINCIAL FRAMEWORK - GREY ZONE; AND**

**WHEREAS APPROXIMATELY 42% OF DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOLS HAVE EXPERIENCED AT LEAST ONE POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19, SINCE RETURNING IN FEBRUARY; AND**

**WHEREAS THE AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES WAS RECENTLY UPDATED TO INCLUDE OTHER PERSONS, IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER, WHO HAVE HAD EVEN LIMITED CONTACT WITHIN A CLASS OR COHORT WITH AN IDENTIFIED COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE; AND**

**WHEREAS THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HAS HAD TO TEMPORARILY SWITCH TO REMOTE-ONLY OPERATION AT THOSE SCHOOLS UNTIL A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF STAFF HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SELF-ISOLATION AND CAN RETURN TO WORK TO MAINTAIN IN-PERSON LEARNING AND;**

**WHEREAS THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HAS EXPERIENCED UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF ABSENTEEISM AMONG STAFF AND SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN SECURING OCCASIONAL TEACHER COVERAGE TO PROVIDE STAFFING RELIEF AND SAFE AND ADEQUATE SUPERVISION AND;**

**WHEREAS EDUCATION WORKERS ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE VACCINATIONS AS PART OF PHASE 2 OF THE ONTARIO VACCINE DISTRIBUTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, BEGINNING APRIL 2021;**

**WHEREAS PRIORITIZATION OF COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL-BASED STAFF IS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE TO KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

**THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WRITE A LETTER TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD, REQUESTING A CHANGE TO THE PROVINCIAL FRAMEWORK TO ALLOW EDUCATORS TO GET VACCINATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH A COPY TO:**

- **DEPUTY PREMIER OF ONTARIO AND ONTARIO MINISTER OF HEALTH, CHRISTINE ELLIOTT**
- **ONTARIO DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH, HELEN ANGUS**
- **MINISTER OF EDUCATION, STEPHEN LECCE**
- **DEPUTY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NANCY NAYLOR**
- **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, THE REGION OF PEEL, DR. LAWRENCE LOH**
- **CHAIR OF THE ONTARIO COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION TASK FORCE, GENERAL RICK HILLIER**
- **ALL LOCAL MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT (MPP)**

**CARRIED**

**I. Notices of Motion - Nil**

**J. Additional Business - Nil**

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

1. Trustee Anna da Silva: With the increased measures, specifically the requirement of wearing a mask at all times on school property for all students, I am concerned for young students and their well-being, is there something we can do to minimize the impact on our children?

Director Mazzorato: We would concur that students and staff well-being with the protracted and increased measures since our return to school in February is an important consideration. Enhanced protocols are in place to be aggressive in the protection of the spread of COVID-19 and the variants. We have instituted mask breaks. We will take that back and with the assistance of Superintendents Papaloni and Finegan-Downey can look at providing support through special services such as child and youth workers and social workers.

2. Trustee Brea Corbet: Do we have any feedback on the controlled mask breaks?

Director Mazzorato: We have no feedback yet. At our next COVID planning meeting we will solicit feedback.

3. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: A considerable number of schools have transitioned to remote learning since we returned in February. Do we have the number of schools that have closed due to an outbreak since February?

Director Mazzorato: To date only one school was closed due to an outbreak.

4. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: What are the reasons for switching to virtual learning?

Director Mazzorato: Since the return to in-person in February the public health authorities are taking an aggressive approach to contain and or mitigate the rise in COVID cases. Prior to Christmas we would dismiss a class or a bus run; the more aggressive approach is to look at all staff members that may have been in contact with a class or cohort with a positive case. Out of an abundance of caution where a student or staff are COVID positive they are directing all staff

that interacted with the class to self-isolate. This considers all educators, dedicated early childhood educators (DECEs), occasional teachers (OTs), educational resource workers (ERWs), student monitors, French teachers, planning time teachers and/or administrators. With many staff members absent and self-isolating, the administrators then turn to available internal staff to cover absences not covered by occasional teachers and may pull from the remote only teachers. Supervision of in-person students is an operational and safety issue.

5. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Does this mean we are short of OTs?

Superintendent Strong: There is a hard cap to the number of OTs we can employ and presently we are at the highest number on our list. Daily, we are unable to fill up to fifty percent of available jobs. Keep in mind that we cannot combine classes to assist with supervision, which we were able to do pre-COVID.

6. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: What is the number of OTs that are accepting jobs?

Superintendent Strong: Long term occasional teachers (LTOs) are included in our OT list. We have approximately 700 LTO positions that are directly related to COVID. Human Resources will provide details in Issues and Events.

7. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: In 2013 we used a marketing company to help increase our student enrolment. Is it possible to provide how many students we attracted through that marketing?

Director Mazzorato: We can provide that information through Issues and Events.

8. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: Please provide status of the OSSLT?

Director Mazzorato: We should have a final decision in the next day or two. It is a field test option this year, however, if a student was successful, the result could be counted. Many boards have decided to forgo the test this year, in consideration of the many pressures faced by students during the pandemic. We are awaiting determination by the Ministry of Education regarding graduation requirements. Specifically, for Grade 11 students this year, who will be in Grade 12 in the 2021-2022 school year. We will communicate as soon as possible.

9. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: When should we expect boundary adjustments to the north east side of Brampton?

Superintendent Thomas: The Planning department continues to review school boundaries. Currently we are expecting some developments in the north east area of Brampton. We continue to monitor and will be in touch when we are ready to review the boundaries.

10. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Previously I raised the issue of student trustees having to obtain a letter from a parish priest, which is not the current requirement. We do ask for this from our teachers, vice principals, principals, and superintendents. I would like this to be considered at the next By-Law/Policies Committee meeting.

Director Mazzorato: We will take this direction from Trustee Darryl D'Souza for changes to the eligibility requirements for student trustees to be added to the April agenda.

11. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: When students leave school property during lunch or after school, it has been noticed that they are removing their masks when in groups, can anything be done about this?

Director Mazzorato: On school property students are expected to wear masks. We can send a reminder out through morning announcements.

12. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Please provide status update on the cafeteria contract?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: There is still a contract in place which extends into 2021-2022. This has been a very difficult year and a half for cafeterias, and we are in constant communication with our provider. We are considering what may occur for reopening in September 2021.

13. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Has school closures affected day care centres?

Director Mazzorato: We have not had any issues in childcare centres. The public health units would do the required contact tracing and we would respond accordingly to their guidance.

14. Student Trustee Alejandro Garcia Polo: Is there any update on how we are addressing photos for graduates?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The elementary and secondary graduation committees including input from SEAC, CCCSC, CSC, student trustees and administrators, are working on guidelines. What we can share at this time is that Peel Region is in the Grey – lockdown zone and we continue to enforce the protocol of no non-essential visitors to our schools. This aligns with the advice from public health authorities who strongly recommend no photography vendors in the schools. We are preparing a protocol should Peel Region move into the Red zone. We will communicate that plan with safety requirements should we move into Red. We are working with our photographers on providing a composite graduation photo of all graduates. Details will be communicated through the school administrators.

15. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: If the photographers are interested in our business, why have they not found a site closer to the schools?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: In working with the photographers, we have learned that while Peel is in the Grey zone no new lease/rental agreements for space are permitted. If we move into Red this may be a possibility.

16. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What are the sizes of the elementary graduating class sizes?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: As small as 11 and as large as 60 graduates.

17. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Since the recommendation from the public health authorities is only a recommendation is it not possible to go ahead with a photographer with our own enhanced requirements?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We will go back to the public health authorities with your concerns and discuss further. This is a very strong recommendation. To-date, DPCDSB has followed the Public Health recommendations.

18. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Regarding the asymptomatic test sites: How is the school chosen? What is done after the testing is done in terms of cleaning?

Director Mazzorato: The public health authorities suggest the best site based on COVID cases and the intention is to offer sites at all secondary schools overtime. Custodians are on site and clean before, during and after.

19. Director Mazzorato: We will take your keen request of having graduation photos back to the public health authorities.
20. Trustee Brea Corbet: I do not want families to be directed offsite for graduation photos, it is not fair or equitable. In Grey zones we can have ten people outside, we should be able to accommodate outdoor graduation photo. If we can have asymptomatic testing sites, we should be able to do the graduation photos. I agree with Trustees Bruno Iannicca and Frank Di Cosola.
21. Trustee Anna da Silva: I have concern going against the public health authorities' recommendation and the Province of Ontario. Is it possible to provide monetary support to families to access graduation photos offsite?

Director Mazzorato: We are hearing the concerns on behalf of students and their families and will speak to the public health authorities on these concerns.

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

22. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Please provide status of the technology ordered and received to date.

Chief Information Officer Smith: We have ordered 3900 enhanced Chromebooks. 3500 have been delivered. All secondary staff have received their Chromebooks. There are 17 elementary schools that will receive their Chromebooks by mid-week next week.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The enhanced technology pieces, tripods, cameras, etc. have all been received. The headset orders took slightly longer, but the last order will be out by next week and then all orders will be fulfilled. The ordering systems remain open as needs arise.

23. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Am I correct to say that all teachers using the Edwin will not be getting an enhanced Chromebook?

Chief Information Officer Smith: Yes, that is correct.

24. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Do we have the graduation plans yet? And will they include both recorded and live parts?

Director Mazzorato: Both graduation committees are working to finalize details. The plans will include live and possibly recorded components. As soon as plans are finalized, we will provide details.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair*

25. Trustee Luz del Rosario: When do you expect the graduation ceremony details will be ready?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The committee work is progressing and with the survey results due on April 2 from CSC and CCCSC, we would hope to communicate following the mid-April break.

**L. Declared Interest Items - Nil**

**M. In Camera Session**

**Motion 393 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Mario Pascucci

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**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 MINUTES AND A PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**CARRIED**

**N. Report from In Camera**

Approval of Minutes, a Personnel Matter and Questions asked of an In Camera Nature

**Motion 394 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

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

**CARRIED**

**O. Future Meetings**

April 27, 2021

May 25, 2021

June 15, 2021

**P. Adjournment**

**Motion 395 (21-03-23)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Frank Di Cosola

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:17 P.M.**

**CARRIED**

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Secretary of the Board

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Chairperson



Regular Board Meeting  
Business Arising from the Minutes of February 23, 2021

Agenda Item	Description	Response - Follow-Up - Further Details
K	<b>Questions Asked of, and by Trustees</b>	
Q 1	<p>Trustee Brea Corbet:</p> <p>In response to hearing of another large board putting plexiglass barriers in all classes over 15 students, as part of the Federal Safe Funding. Are we considering plexiglass desk barriers for our students?</p>	<p>In response to this question, staff once again engaged our local public health units to seek clarification about the effectiveness of plexiglass barriers in classrooms.</p> <p>Similar to their stance at the beginning of the school year, neither local public health unit is recommending the use of plexiglass barriers in classrooms, especially the temporary desk screens. According to them, for a plexiglass barrier to be an effective tool, the size of the barrier would have to be customized to the student. The temporary desk screens available are a standard size and therefore provide very limited protection, even while students are eating/drinking. They also do not prevent students from simply being able to move their heads around the barriers and communicate with their classmates should they choose to.</p> <p>Both public health units continue to emphasize that the most effective tools to mitigate the spread of the virus remain the daily self-screening assessment and the Core Four actions including appropriate physical distancing, masking, hand hygiene, and getting tested.</p>
Q 2	<p>Trustee Brea Corbet</p> <p>Regarding cleaning the plexiglass dividers, it would be unrealistic for custodians to clean them daily. How have other boards addressed the proper cleaning of the plexiglass dividers? Is there any evidence to suggest plexiglass would be helpful? Can we additional guidance from Peel Public Health that would inform this decision?</p>	<p>While it is true that some other boards are using plexiglass dividers, DPCDSB is not intending to purchase and install them in our classrooms based on discussions with our local public health units. Plexiglass dividers have not been recommended by the local public health units as necessary additional measures for our classrooms.</p> <p>DPCDSB's Custodial Services team continues to work diligently each and every day to ensure the cleanliness of our schools and as a result, our schools remain safe spaces for students and staff to occupy. Having to clean multiple plexiglass dividers in each classroom, without additional staffing, would likely result in less time for staff to perform their regular cleaning duties and attend to additional cleaning needs in classrooms and spaces where potential exposures to the virus may have occurred.</p> <p>The public health units have indicated that the science on the effectiveness of these dividers is not definitive and that at best, the dividers offer limited protection. They continue to emphasize the use of daily self-screening and adhering to the Core Four behaviours.</p>

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Business Arising from the Minutes of February 23, 2021

<p>Q 3</p>	<p>Trustee Brea Corbet:</p> <p>Can we please get a breakdown of COVID-19 related expenses with the second installment of the Federal funds?</p>	<p><b>New Federal Funding Announcement</b></p> <p>In August 2020, the federal government announced the <i>Safe Return to Class Fund</i>, with an initial phase of \$381 million provided to Ontario. On February 1, the Minister of Education announced the second phase of Federal investments provided under the <i>Safe Return to Class Fund</i>, totalling an additional \$381 million. This funding is focused on priorities to support the learning, technology needs and health and safety of students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. In total DPCDSB has been allocated \$24.68 million in provincial and federal one-time funding. DPCDSB is also authorized to use up to an additional 1% of accumulated surplus for COVID-19 related expenditures that equates to \$8.9 million, and has access to Proceeds of Disposition (POD) of \$0.89 million if DPCDSB has an in-year deficit and the funds are needed to support COVID-19 related renewal work. The grand total of funding available to DPCDSB is \$34.47 million. A detailed breakdown of all provincial and federal funding announced to-date is provided in the attachments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix A – Funding announcements between August 2020 and December 2020</li> <li>• Appendix B – New federal funding announcement February 1</li> <li>• Appendix C – Summary of all provincial and federal funding by category of expense</li> </ul> <p>An updated report on the associated COVID-19 expenditures incurred to-date will be provided once all the details are made available regarding the new federal funding announcement.</p>
<p>Q 7</p>	<p>Trustee Frank Di Cosola:</p> <p>We understand that the medical officers have advised that students must wear masks outside, is it possible to provide the rationale behind this recommendation?</p>	<p>In February 2021, as part of its updates to the <i>Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools</i>, the Ministry of Education mandated the wearing of masks outdoors by students in Grades 1 to 12 when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained. The Ministry also noted that at the advice of local public health units, school boards may choose to implement additional masking measures based on local circumstances.</p> <p>Prior to the reopening of in-person learning of DPCDSB schools in Dufferin County, the Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph issued a strong recommendation that school boards in its jurisdiction implement mandatory masking outdoors for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3.</p>

		<p>The Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region then issued a similar recommendation based on Peel Region being a high incidence area and to ensure alignment across all DPCDSB schools.</p> <p>Both Medical Officers of Health, through their communications with DPCDSB’s COVID-leads, have mandated, or have advised the Board to mandate, compulsory wearing of masks outside for students in K-3, as students in this age group may not understand the concept of two meters thereby making it difficult for physical distancing to be safely maintained for students in this age group.</p> <p>Rationale for Change:          The Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has <b>expanded</b> the mandate regarding student masking:  <a href="https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60228/enhanced-safety-measures-in-place-as-in-person-learning-resumes-across-ontario">https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60228/enhanced-safety-measures-in-place-as-in-person-learning-resumes-across-ontario</a> And <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-reopening-schools">https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-reopening-schools</a>.</p> <p>Variants: Since staff have been advised by Peel Public Health that variants of concern spread more quickly between people than the original strain of COVID-19, DPCDSB has made masking mandatory for all students outdoors to help lessen opportunities for transmission.</p> <p>Lessons learned show that more outbreaks can be linked to students in Grades K – 3. Peel Public Health reports that 1 out of 5 outbreaks in schools involve kindergarten students.</p>
<p>Q 10</p>	<p>Trustee Bruno Iannicca: It would be ideal if all areas had the same policy regarding mask wearing. Do we know if Toronto is having to wear masks outside?</p>	<p>Toronto Public:  <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Health%20and%20Safety%20Measures%20in%20Schools_accessible(1).pdf">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Health%20and%20Safety%20Measures%20in%20Schools_accessible(1).pdf</a></p> <p>Toronto Catholic:  <a href="https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx">https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx</a></p> <p>Peel DSB:  <a href="https://www.peelschools.org/media/newsreleases/Pages/Article.aspx?art-id=3023">https://www.peelschools.org/media/newsreleases/Pages/Article.aspx?art-id=3023</a></p>

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Q 14	Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we ensure that handicapped parking spots are not covered during snow removal?	As part of DPCDSB’s contracts with snow removal companies, it is a requirement that snow is removed from all parking spots marked for disabled persons. We have again reminded our snow removal operators to keep these parking spots free of snow.
Q 15	Trustee Brea Corbet:  Regarding elementary vaccinations typically done in school for students in Grade 7 and/or 8: HPV, Meningococcal and Hepatitis B vaccinations. We have students from last year that missed these in-school vaccinations and this year’s students; potentially two years of elementary cohorts. Now that in-person learning has resumed, will we facilitate these vaccinations for our elementary students, in-class, and online learners?	All Region of Peel school-based immunization clinics are currently on hold due to COVID-19 and related vaccine distribution. Clients with appointments booked on Dec 31, 2020 and later will be contacted and their appointments cancelled. Students will have an opportunity to receive the school-based vaccines at a later time. The region has indicated that this may happen in the fall of 2021. Schools will be contacted by the region of Peel when immunization clinics resume.
Q 17	Trustee Darryl D’Souza:  Is it possible to ensure all secondary schools in the hub, as well as the elementary feeder schools can be informed of upcoming asymptomatic rapid testing?	We have communicated through School Messenger (voice and email) to the host site school and all area schools designated to attend the weekly clinic. Also have posted the clinic information on the DPCDSB website and on the DPCDSB social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). We have also asked principals of the host school and designated schools to retweet the DPCDSB messages and to also provide hard copies of the bulletin to any families who may not be email enabled.

Appendix A

**Funding Announcements – August 2020 to December 2020**  
**Presented at December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**

<b>Announcement</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding (in \$millions)</b>
Grants for Student Needs (GSN)	Technology related costs	\$ 0.54
Grants for Student Needs (GSN)	Mental Health supports to foster continued learning and well-being of students	0.20
		<b>\$ 0.74</b>
Investments to Support School Reopening	Temporary custodial staff	1.90
Investments to Support School Reopening	Health & safety training for O/T and casual education workers	0.35
Investments to Support School Reopening	Supports for students with special education needs	0.28
Investments to Support School Reopening	Support mental health needs of students	0.21
Investments to Support School Reopening	Support for student transportation – enhanced cleaning and PPE for drivers	0.40
Investments to Support School Reopening	Enhanced cleaning supplies	0.15
		<b>\$ 3.29</b>
Additional Guidance Memorandum	Remote learning – support for administration	0.53
Additional Guidance Memorandum	Additional funding for teaching staff	0.59
Additional Guidance Memorandum	Air Quality and HVAC Ventilation	1.70
		<b>\$ 2.82</b>
Federal Funding Announcement	Non-permanent teachers and supply teachers	2.25
Federal Funding Announcement	Support for additional hiring of staff, leasing of community-based space	3.39
Federal Funding Announcement	Health & safety measures for transportation	0.51
Federal Funding Announcement	Funding to hire principals and school administration supports for virtual schools	1.19
Federal Funding Announcement	Special education and mental health supports	0.30
		<b>\$ 7.64</b>
High Priority Areas	Support for classroom staff and remote learning supports	<b>\$ 2.89</b>
CVRIS – COVID19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream	Infrastructure investments – application based	TBD
<b>Total Provincial and Federal Funds</b>		<b>\$ 17.38</b>

## Appendix B

## New Funding Announcement – February 1, 2021

Announcement	Description	Funding (in \$millions)
Federal Funding Announcement	Health and safety costs such as additional staffing and PPE (Board funded or transportation related)	\$ 2.50
Federal Funding Announcement	Optimize air quality and ventilation in schools.	1.70
Federal Funding Announcement	Support safe and secure student transportation	0.10
Federal Funding Announcement	Devices to support students in remote learning	3.00
Federal Funding Announcement	Summer learning opportunities - support learning gaps and improve math and reading programs, special education and mental health programming and supports for underserved students	TBD
Federal Funding Announcement	Improved online learning, including digital course content and technological supports	TBD
Federal Funding Announcement	Support mental health and implementation of the new School Mental Health Ontario Action Kit	TBD
Federal Funding Announcement	Focused funding for equity initiatives, such as supporting Black, racialized students, indigenous students and students with special education needs	TBD
<b>Funds Directed External – Not to School Boards</b>		
Federal Funding Announcement	\$33M - Funds set aside for expanded testing and additional supports for high priority areas	
Federal Funding Announcement	Funding for Kids Help Phone	
Federal Funding Announcement	\$10M – To Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services - Support Student Nutrition Program to reach remote learners	
<b>Total New Federal Funding</b>		<b>\$ 7.30</b>

Access to POD	Up to 15% for COVID related expenditures <i>Available if in-year deficit exceeds 1% of operating revenues</i>	0.89
Accumulated Surplus	Additional 1%	8.90
<b>Total Available Funds (Provincial, Federal and Accumulated Surplus)</b>		<b>\$ 34.47</b>

Appendix C

**OVERALL SUMMARY OF FUNDING BY EXPENSE CATEGORY**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenditure (in \$millions)</b>
Technology	Devices and remote learning	\$ 3.54
Custodial staff	Contract positions	1.90
Transportation	Health and safety, PPE, cleaning supplies	1.01
Special Education and Mental Health		0.99
Virtual Schools		1.72
Teaching Staff and Occasional Supply		2.84
Training and PD		0.35
Air Quality and Ventilation		3.40
PPE, enhanced cleaning		0.15
Local Board Decision	Funding provided for COVID-19 related expenses – local decisions – such as additional staffing, technology, H&S, PPE, etc. <i>*DPCDSB has utilized a significant portion for investment in technology</i>	8.78
<b>Total Provincial and Federal Funding by Category</b>		<b>\$ 24.68</b>
Accumulated Surplus	For COVID-19 related expenses	8.90
Access to POD	For COVID-19 related expenses	0.89
<b>Total Funding by Category</b>		<b>\$ 34.47</b>