

Celebration of the Eucharist

Celebrant: The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau
St. John XXIII Chapel, Catholic Education Centre

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

A Call to Order by the Secretary of the Board—Marianne Mazzorato

At 7:00 p.m. the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Marianne Mazzorato, called the meeting to order. Regrets were received from Trustee Frank Di Cosola and Student Trustee Eugene Zanone. Director of Education, Marianne Mazzorato, welcomed Bishop Boissonneau and all in attendance to the Organizational Board Meeting.

B National Anthem

Ava Drozdiak and Belen Fazio, students from St. Roch Catholic Secondary School, shared their music ministry and led the singing of O' Canada.

C Opening Prayer – The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau

The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau led the opening prayer.

D Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory—Marianne Mazzorato

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Marianne Mazzorato, acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

E Approval of Agenda—Marianne Mazzorato

Motion 001 (19-12-03) by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

F Director's Address to the Board—Marianne Mazzorato

Your Excellency, members of the Board of Trustees, student trustees, fellow staff and guests, it is my privilege and honour to serve as the fifth Director of Education in the 50-year history of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. In this regard, it has been a tradition for the Director to address the Board of Trustees and the assembly at the annual Organizational Meeting.

This evening, as trustees contemplate new beginnings in the organization of the Board, we also celebrate the beginning of the new church year, a time for us to prepare for the birth of Jesus and an occasion to model outreach in justice and love to one another.

In our schools, corporate offices, parish life, and in our personal and family life, a central biblical theme that should guide us during Advent, and throughout the year, is that of

stewardship. A steward is a servant, and we, who represent many vocations and roles, take up our call to serve in Catholic education because of our strong conviction toward the faith formation of our students; dedicated to nurturing their mind, body and soul to the fullness of life, thereby changing the world through Catholic Education. We do so in the context of relationship.

Individually we, as Catholics, have a relationship with God, through prayer and communion. This is the ultimate relationship and the one that sets the stage for who we are. But, we in Dufferin-Peel also work in community with others toward the goals established by the Board of trustees and we are humble enough to recognize that the contribution that Dufferin-Peel makes to the success of Catholic education in this province is through our attentiveness to nurturing and sustaining trusting relationships.

Trusting relationships are at the heart of what it means to serve in this Board. The simple human gestures of kindness, inclusion, compassion, empathy and hospitality tell so much about what the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board stands for. We are called to value and prize our relationships, build them, strengthen them, heal them. Our school communities, departments and places of work are places where those within should have opportunities to contribute to decisions that impact them by giving rise to their voice. People should be closely and extensively involved in some meaningful way in providing perspectives about decisions that impact them. This is an area that will continue to be a focus for my leadership and for the Dufferin-Peel community.

We also recognize the benefits to our mission and vision when we broaden our relationships beyond Dufferin-Peel. We enter relationships with community partners within the region and beyond. We support each other's complimentary role in creating the citizens of tomorrow. We continue to nurture relationships with our parishes, Catholic partners, the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association, the Institute for Catholic Education, the Catholic Curriculum Corporation, OCSTA, and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario to name but a few.

We strive to nurture trusting relationships with our co-terminus school boards, our unions and Associations.

We encourage teacher/student relationships that embody trust and an openness to learning and teacher/teacher relationships, guided by our school leaders and supported by senior leadership and central staff, that promote collaborative learning opportunities and innovative practice.

Our attentiveness to nurturing and sustaining trusting relationships becomes ever more important during times of challenge. This board, for 50 years, has faced and overcome a myriad of challenges. I am confident that we, too, will overcome the challenges that face us today and, in the months ahead. Because, we are a people of hope committed to nurturing trusting relationships. More importantly, and as referenced in today's scripture readings, because we put our trust in God.

Pope Francis reminds us that advent is a journey toward a horizon of hope. For us in Dufferin-Peel, we renew, always, the common horizon toward which we are journeying.

During this advent, may all of us continue to be filled with hope, joy and love; taking time each day to place prayer at the center of our lives and to open our hearts with care and compassion to all whom we encounter each day. And, in so doing, cherishing the gift of the relationships we

have in Dufferin-Peel in service to supporting our students to Believe, Excel, Thrive, Trust and Respect.

Marianne Mazzorato
Secretary of the Board and Director of Education

Motion 002 (19-12-03) by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

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

CARRIED

G Election of Chair of the Board in Accordance with the By-Law

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

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

Trustee Sharon Hobin was nominated by Trustee Luz Rosario. Trustee Sharon Hobin accepted the nomination.

Trustee Mario Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Mario Pascucci respectfully declined the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Secretary of the Board, Marianne Mazzorato, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed. Trustee Sharon Hobin was acclaimed Chair of the Board and assumed the chair in order to conduct the remainder of the proceedings.

H Election of Vice Chair of the Board in Accordance with the By-Law

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

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

In accordance with Board practice, Chair of the Board, Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed. Trustee Thomas Thomas was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Board.

I Remarks from the Vice Chair of the Board

Vice-Chair of the Board Thomas Thomas thanked his fellow trustees for their support in acclaiming him.

Motion 003 (19-12-03) by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE REMARKS OF THE VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

J Remarks from the Chair of the Board

Chair of the Board, Sharon Hobin, thanked trustees for their support, their support of Catholic education and their work as a team for the common good of students and Catholic education.

Dear Trustee Colleagues:

Thank you for electing me to the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees for Dufferin-Peel 2019-2020. I am very aware that this is a great honour and with this role you put your faith in me to complete my duties with honesty, diligence and grace. I have full understanding that I have one vote at this board table and that all of our trustees carry the responsibility to act with prudence to continue to work as a team, and to create good and important policy for the benefit of our students and our communities. We will continue our great history of excellence to protect the future of our students, Catholic school communities and Catholic education.

Many times we will face challenges and sometimes very difficult situations, but as always, we will face these times together with fairness, knowledge, empathy and strength. We celebrate our many successes and our history of 50 years building a phenomenal school board of which we are all very proud.

I look forward to this opportunity to work with you and our dedicated staff.

I ask God to bless all of us we move forward.

Sharon Hobin
Chair of the Board

Motion 004 (19-12-03) by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE REMARKS OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

K Election of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee

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

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

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 005 (19-12-03) by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Brea Corbet was acclaimed the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

L Election of Vice Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Chair Sharon Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour was nominated by Trustee Anna da Silva. Trustee Shawn Xaviour accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 006 (19-12-03) by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

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

M Election of Chair of the Faith and Program Committee

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

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

Trustee Mario Pascucci was nominated by Trustee Anna da Silva. Trustee Mario Pascucci respectfully declined the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 007 (19-12-03) by Mario Pascucci

Seconded Luz del Rosario

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Stefano Pascucci was acclaimed Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

N Election of Vice Chair of the Faith and Program Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Chair Sharon Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

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

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 008 (19-12-03) by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Mario Pascucci was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

O Election of Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. All Trustees without a declared interest were eligible for nomination to the Contract and Negotiations Committee. Nominations for Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee were opened by Chair Sharon Hobin.

Trustee Luz del Rosario was nominated by Trustee Anna da Silva. Trustee Luz del Rosario accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 009 (19-12-03) by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Luz del Rosario was acclaimed Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee.

P Election of Vice Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. All Trustees without a declared interest were eligible for nomination to the Contract and Negotiations Committee. Chair Sharon Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee.

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

Trustee Anna da Silva was nominated by Trustee Luz del Rosario. Trustee Anna da Silva respectfully declined the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 010 (19-12-03) by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Darryl D'Souza was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee.

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

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

Trustee Anna da Silva was nominated by Trustee Darryl D'Souza. Trustee Anna da Silva respectfully declined the nomination.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was nominated by Trustee Anna da Silva. Trustee Bruno Iannicca accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 011 (19-12-03) by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was acclaimed Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee.

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

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

Trustee Anna da Silva was nominated by Trustee Thomas Thomas. Trustee Anna da Silva accepted the nomination.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour was nominated by Trustee Anna da Silva. Trustee Shawn Xaviour respectfully declined the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 012 (19-12-03) by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee Anna da Silva was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee.

S Closing Remarks from the Chair of the Board

Chair of the Board, Sharon Hobin, thanked trustees, staff and guests and wished all a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

T Adjournment

Motion 013 (19-12-03) by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

CARRIED