



MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Luz del Rosario	Vice Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Thomas Thomas	Trustee
	Frank Di Cosola	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	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
	David Amaral	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Deborah Finegan-Downey	Superintendent Special Education and Learning Services
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Hester	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Jodi Kuran	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Martine Lewis	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Cairine MacDonald	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, 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, Policy, Strategy and Global Learning
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
	Richard Smith	Chief Information Officer
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations

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

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory
Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. National Anthem
4. Opening Prayer
Chair Sharon Hobin led the Opening Advent Prayer and Hail Mary.
5. Approval of Agenda

Correction of items: E 1 A is H 1 Board Committee Composition Report, H 1 is H 2 OCSTA Resolutions, E 2 is E 1 OCSTA Update, E 3 is E 2 Student Voice and E 4 is E 3 Good News.

Motion 293 (20-12-08)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

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, November 24, 2020

Motion 294 (20-12-08)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 24, 2020, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

8. Approval of the Minutes, Organizational Meeting, December 1, 2020

Motion 295 (20-12-08)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 2020, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

B. Pastor's Remarks - Nil

C. Awards and Presentation - Nil

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Luz del Rosario advised that the following reminders are provided to trustees in addition to the OCSTA Board meeting highlights shared yesterday:

1. You can still register for the Advent Evening of Reflection with Cardinal Collins scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.
2. We also want to remind our colleagues to join us for the Catholic Trustees' Seminar to be held virtually on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Our Chair, Director and other staff will be presenting two topics at the seminar.
3. Just today an Intensive Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders is being offered by OCSTA for \$379 plus HST.

Motion 296 (20-12-08)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

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

CARRIED

2. Student Voice

Student Trustees Heather Fernandes and Alejandro Garcia Polo presented the progress within Student Senate and their tenets.

At our last Student Senate meeting we had an Advocate for Lives organization speak about promoting blood donation resources across our board. Members will be sharing these resources with their Student Councils and promoting the opportunity to eligible students. We updated members on the Mental Health Board Meeting that we attended. All Student Senate members submitted monthly reports regarding events and initiatives in their school communities. We shared ideas and initiatives that would promote school morale and a sense of community. Our monthly reports are helping to improve student life during these trying times.

We have three working groups: Mental Health, Equity and Seminars. The Mental Health group met on December 1 and discussed what students' needs are, and how the board can promote resources to students. The Equity group: student senate members and academic consultants discussed shared experiences and members expressed their concerns regarding the use of derogatory words in schools. We had an open conversation about what needs improvement in schools to ensure all students feel safe and supported. By opening this conversation, the Student Senate is working to find more conducive ways of helping every student in DPCDSB.

The Seminar group met on December 7 to discuss future Student Voice Seminars. We hope to begin in January with a variety of topics: Mental Health and Wellness, Equity and Inclusivity, Financial Literacy, Expression through the Arts. We plan to have speakers that provide students opportunities to participate and educate themselves on a variety of topics.

Motion 297 (20-12-08)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE VERBAL REPORT, STUDENT VOICE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Good News Items

Trustee Stefano Pascucci

Mississauga Ward 4

John Cabot Catholic Secondary School

In January 2021, John Cabot's Student Council will be starting a pen pal program. This will allow students to meet new students in different classes. I believe that this is a great program that will allow students to hopefully make new connections in their school community once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and will create a closer school community for years to come. I want to thank John Cabot's Student Council and the staff who will implement and oversee this program.

Trustee Brea Corbet

Mississauga Ward 9 & 10

I would like to recognize the many charitable efforts and initiatives of our DPCDSB schools. It is inspiring to hear of the food drives, the toy collections, and the financial donations our schools are collecting. Our faith in action is making a significant difference in our communities to nurture hope, during a time that many need it most. I wish to extend my gratitude to our schools for the extra efforts they are making during a difficult time.

Motion 298 (20-12-08)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE GOOD NEWS REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt – Nil

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Retirement Letter - C. Bova, Principal

Director Mazzorato shared a tribute to Principal Cathy Bova. Cathy began her teaching career as a heritage language teacher. She was hired in 1988 as a French teacher, a role which she embraced. She became an administrator in 2003 as a vice-principal at St Herbert, and then at St. Timothy, St. Albert of Jerusalem, and Queen of Heaven. Cathy was appointed principal in 2006 at St. Philip, and then St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Christopher. Her current role is principal of Sts. Martha and Mary. In all these roles, Cathy has garnered the respect and admiration of the communities she served.

Whether a classroom teacher or an elementary principal, Cathy has worked tirelessly to improve student learning and engagement. Moreover, her work with organizations such as: OECTA, the Dufferin-Peel Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal Association and the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario, has kept her grounded in her commitment to student success.

Cathy has valued and supported the strong relationships between home, school, and parish, and has worked diligently as an educator to ensure those relationships have been nurtured and brought to fruition. Her commitment to Catholic education is unwavering and her faith-centred approach to teaching and leadership is one that has enriched the lives of all the school communities in which she has served. Congratulations to Cathy on an outstanding career at DPCDSB.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I have had the pleasure of working with Cathy at several schools, and there is not a committee that I have been on that she has also not been a part of. She molded my children during their school days. I was fortunate as a parent in her school community. Cathy always has a smile on her face, and she leads very dynamic Catholic School Council (CSC) meetings. I would like it to go on record that I oppose the retirement of Cathy Bova.

Motion 299 (20-12-08)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM PRINCIPAL CATERINA BOVA, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

2. Letter of Retirement - V. Zaffino, Principal

Director Mazzorato shared a tribute to Principal Vita Zaffino. Vita began her teaching career in 1989 at DPCDSB at Sts. Peter and Paul, and then moved on to St. Philip, and Father Daniel Zanon. In 2002, she was appointed as a vice-principal at St. Andrew and then at St. Benedict and Good Shepherd. In 2007, Vita was appointed principal and has served in this role at Lester B. Pearson, St. Andre Bessette, and currently is the principal at Father Daniel Zanon.

Throughout her career, Vita has been steadfast in her belief that whatever the role she has been called to in Catholic education, she has always been a teacher first with student success at the heart of all she has done to impact learning in the classroom. Her commitment to students and their well-being, socially, emotionally, and academically, has guided her work both as a classroom teacher and as an administrator. At each of her schools, she has created an environment that supports and nurtures a school community. Congratulations and best wishes to Vita.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Before retired Principal Terry Snell left Father Daniel Zanon, he often announced that Vita would one day be a DPCDSB leader, she has been one. Thank you for your hard work in helping our students of this Board.

Motion 300 (20-12-08)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM PRINCIPAL VITA ZAFFINO, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

3. 2019-2020 Director's Annual Report - Director Mazzorato

Director Mazzorato introduced the 2019-2020 Annual Report.

Trustee Brea Corbet: Will the Annual Report be posted to the DPCDSB website?

Director Mazzorato: The Annual Report will be distributed broadly; to all employees and posted on the website and then distributed across the province to all school boards in Ontario.

General Manager Campbell: The Annual Report will be posted and distributed to our school communities, including all parishes within the DPCDSB. The link will be sent via School Messenger and posted on our various social media platforms.

Motion 301 (20-12-08)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2019-2020 DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Report on COVID-19 Provincial and Federal Funding - Executive Superintendent Cherepacha

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha summarized the report.

1. Trustee Anna da Silva: Please clarify the Ministry announcement regarding enrolment funding?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The Ministry of Education has announced the Grants for Student Needs Stabilization package. All school boards submit estimates in August and then revised estimates in December. What has come to fruition is that enrolment is down across the province due to COVID-19. We

attribute that to fear of sending FDK students to school. In consultation with the Ministry it means that the school boards will receive funding based on the enrolment reported in original estimates.

2. Trustee Anna da Silva: Would you provide the percentage of enrolment decline and the financial implications?
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We have enrolment decline of approximately 1700 students which would equate to an approximate reduction in funding of \$17 million.
Superintendent Hester: The decline in enrolment is a decrease of approximately 2.1 percent.
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: A decline in enrolment of more than two percent is considered a very significant decline for a school board. Planning department staff are working on a report to bring forward at a future meeting to provide details regarding the enrolment decline.
3. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Is the funding provided to the board for technology from the Federal or Provincial government?
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The GSN funding of \$0.54 million is specifically identified for technology spend. The other funding amounts are not tied specific to technology spend only. The school board can decide how to spend the \$3.3 million portion based on locally identified needs. DPCDSB determined technology and staffing were our greatest needs. Additionally, DPCDSB received high priority area funding of \$2.89 million as part of the Ministry initiative to fund areas deemed COVID-19 hotspots.
4. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Are these figures as of today?
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The figures provided are known, committed, and planned expenses. Not all technology has been received. A further interim report will be provided as the year progresses.
5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Is the figure for spending under virtual schools for administration, guidance, and secretarial support for only two months?
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We hired retired administrators, guidance staff and secretaries to work beginning in August, thus the expenditure reflects more than three months.
6. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Are the webcams and mics part of the \$6.9 million?
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Yes, they are part of the committed amount.
7. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: If there was allocated funds, why are schools paying for this? Some Catholic School Councils have funded this expense.
Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Charges are going to the school and we are capturing it in this report because it is a related COVID-19 expense. If we, as a board, have not spent all the COVID-19 funding by yearend, then expenses at the schools will be reviewed and remaining funding may be allocated.

Director Mazzorato: It is important to note, the dollars spent to-date on technology far exceeds the government funding received. DPCDSB has invested significant funds to technology for remote learners. We have asked schools to take on the purchase of hybrid learning model technology such as webcams and mics through school budget. If they are unable to do so they have been asked to speak with their family of schools superintendent for assistance. Keep in mind that some expenses are down, i.e. paper and printing costs. These are appropriate expenses and centrally we have provided the devices. If schools require support, then we will review case-by-case.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: To clarify, \$600,000 has been identified as spend on webcams and mics and a more significant \$6 million has been spent in acquisition of devices. ICT acquires the devices and deploys to schools on an as needed basis. If schools have difficulty covering the expense, and we have funds remaining, funds will go back to the schools.

8. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Has there been an increase in school budgets prior to COVID-19?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Per pupil allocation has not increased in a few years.

9. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: In that case, is there not added pressure of purchasing technology required?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: It is important to note that during the 2019-2020 school closure period there remained a significant portion of unspent operating funds that schools have been allowed to carry forward and utilize during this 2020-2021 year. COVID-19 has changed many things in schools; activities that used to occur are not happening, we continue to analyze and review. Schools are not overspent and are managing operating funds well.

10. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Is it possible that as the school budget is the responsibility of the principal, they may hold back funds when requested from teachers such as technology?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The benefit of having this assistive technology ordered by schools, is that it is mindfully determined. Administrators review and understand their needs at the school. If it was centrally ordered it may not serve the needs of each educator. It is our understanding and commitment that each educator is getting what they require.

11. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Please clarify, are the Occasional Teacher (OT) short term sick leave on page 74, and OT costs on page 75 similar?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: To clarify, OT short term sick leave is a type of funding identified and the OT costs show the corresponding expenditure.

12. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: If technology such as webcams are not being used, will they be deployed elsewhere?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: At this point that has not occurred.

Motion 302 (20-12-08)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE REPORT, COVID-19 PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL FUNDING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action

1. Board Committee Composition Report 2021

Director Mazzorato advised that the 2021 chairs and vice chairs of the Standing Committees were elected at the Organizational Board Meeting December 1, 2020.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Audit Committee for 2021** requires three trustees. Four names have been provided.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked Trustees Brea Corbet, Anna da Silva, Darryl D'Souza, and Thomas Thomas if they would like to stand. Trustee Brea Corbet advised that she was incorrectly added to the list and would like to withdraw her name. The three remaining trustees will stand. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at the Organizational Audit Committee Meeting.

Director Mazzorato advised the **Contract and Negotiations Committee for 2021** is comprised of all trustees without a conflict. Seven trustees without conflict are: Trustees Brea Corbet, Anna da Silva, Luz del Rosario, Frank Di Cosola, Darryl D'Souza, Thomas Thomas, and Shawn Xaviour. No further action is required.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Discipline Committee for 2021** is comprised of all trustees. No further action is required.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee for 2021** requires one representative and one alternate. Two names have been provided.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if anyone would like to add their name. Seeing none, Trustee Thomas Thomas requested to be the alternate. Trustee Luz del Rosario accepted the representative position.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for 2021** requires two trustees and two alternate trustees. Three names have been provided.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if anyone would like to add their name. Seeing none, Trustee Bruno Iannicca offered to be Chair. Trustee Thomas Thomas offered to be the Alternate Chair. Trustee Luz del Rosario accepted the alternate position.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) for 2021** requires one representative and one alternate trustee. Four names have been provided.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if they will stand. Trustees Thomas Thomas and Shawn Xaviour withdrew their names. Trustee Stefano Pascucci offered to be the alternate. Trustee Bruno Iannicca accepted the representative position.

Director Mazzorato advised that Chair Sharon Hobin and Vice Chair Luz del Rosario are automatically on the **Planning and Review Committee for the Director of Education for 2021** and three additional trustees are required to sit on the committee.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked Trustees Brea Corbet and Thomas Thomas if they will stand. Trustee Mario Pascucci advised that his name was missed, he would like to be on the committee. With three trustees no further action is required.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **DP Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education (FACE) for 2021** has only one trustee listed, Trustee Sharon Hobin.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if anyone would like to add their name. Trustees Thomas Thomas and Shawn Xaviour added their names to the committee. We have three trustees on this committee.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Secondary School Scholarships and Awards Committee for 2021** requires one representative and one alternate. There are five trustees listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if all five trustees would like to stand. Trustees Luz del Rosario, Darryl D'Souza and Thomas Thomas removed themselves. Trustee Brea Corbet offered to be the representative. Trustee Shawn Xaviour accepted the alternate position.

Director Mazzorato advised that two trustees are required for the **Challenged Material Committee for 2021** and there is only Trustee Sharon Hobin listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if anyone would like to add their name. Trustee Mario Pascucci offered to be on the committee. We have two trustees on this committee.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **STOPR Governance Committee for 2021** requires one trustee and there are three names listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if all would like to stand. Trustee Thomas Thomas withdrew his name. Both Trustees Darryl D'Souza and Frank Di Cosola stand. Chair Sharon Hobin advised that a vote would be conducted and both trustees were given the opportunity to provide brief remarks on their interest of the STOPR Governance committee.

Scrutineers Associate Directors David Amaral and Daniel Del Bianco and Executive Superintendent Julie Cherepacha were appointed. All meeting attendees were moved into the waiting area while the Trustees were left in the meeting to vote.

Voting was conducted.

All meeting attendees were moved back into the meeting.

Chair Sharon Hobin congratulated Trustee Darryl D'Souza as the newly elected Chair of the STOPR Governance Committee.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **School Year Calendar Committee for 2021** requires one representative and one alternate. There are three names listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if all three trustees would like to stand. Trustee Darryl D'Souza withdrew. Trustee Luz del Rosario offered to be the alternate. Trustee Shawn Xaviour accepted the representative position.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee for 2021** requires two representatives. There are three names listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin advised that Trustee Darryl D'Souza automatically sits on this committee as the Chair of the STOPR Governance Committee. Chair Sharon Hobin asked if Trustees Anna da Silva and Thomas Thomas would like to stand. Both accepted.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Brampton Board of Trade for 2021** requires three representatives. There are two names listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if Trustee Darryl D'Souza and Thomas Thomas stand. Trustee Thomas Thomas was incorrectly listed and removed. Trustees Anna da Silva and Shawn Xaviour were added to the list.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Mississauga Board of Trade for 2021** requires seven representatives.

Chair Sharon Hobin confirmed that all Mississauga trustees are on this committee: Trustees Brea Corbet, Luz del Rosario, Sharon Hobin, Bruno Iannicca, Mario Pascucci, Stefano Pascucci and Thomas Thomas.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Brampton School Traffic Safety Council** appointment is for the period 2018 to 2022.

Chair Sharon Hobin confirmed that Trustees Darryl D'Souza and Shawn Xaviour will remain on this committee until 2022. Trustee Brea Corbet's name was incorrectly listed and removed.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Mississauga School Traffic Safety Council** is for the period ending 2022.

Chair Sharon Hobin confirmed that Trustee Thomas Thomas is the representative and Trustee Brea Corbet is the alternate.

Caledon Chamber of Commerce has been removed from the list of Committees. Trustee Frank Di Cosola advised that they have not requested a trustee.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **OCSTA Directors** is a two-year term and that DPCDSB is currently represented by Chair of the Board Sharon Hobin and Vice Chair Luz del Rosario.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **Peel Safe and Active Routes to School for 2021** requires two trustees. Three names have been provided.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if the trustees would like to stand. Trustee Anna da Silva advised that her name was added incorrectly. Trustee Luz del Rosario withdrew her name. Trustees Brea Corbet and Shawn Xaviour will be the representatives on this committee.

Motion 303 (20-12-08)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOARD COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2021, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 304 (20-12-08)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOARD COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 2021, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. OCSTA Resolutions - Director Mazzorato

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

Trustee Mario Pascucci: Is the technology funding too limited?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: Over the last few years with 21st century skills, boards have been asked to increase spending on devices. We would like the resolution to be broadly expanded to include software and other technology items.

Trustee Mario Pascucci: May we include connectivity and resources connected to STEM?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: The technology funding resolution includes some small elements of STEM, but we do not have a specific resolution for STEM. If trustees would like we can add a resolution regarding STEM.

Trustee Mario Pascucci: Adding connectivity to our devices and now adding the subject piece, STEM, would be beneficial.

Chair Sharon Hobin: On behalf of the trustees, please add to the list of motions to support science tech STEM to include coding.

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We will make the requested additions.

Motion 305 (20-12-08)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (OCSTA) RESOLUTIONS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 306 (20-12-08)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (OCSTA) RESOLUTIONS,
BE APPROVED FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.**

CARRIED

I. Notices of Motion - Nil

J. Additional Business - Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Requested that Director Mazzorato review the process and ability of ICT and CSC to purchase technology needed during the Director's webcast tomorrow. Regarding the fact that ICT is and has been centrally purchasing and deploying devices and that the schools and/or their CSC are able to purchase technology such as webcams and microphones.
Director Mazzorato: Advised that she would remind administrators that their CSC are welcome to contribute to the acquisition of technology.
2. Trustee Brea Corbet: Ontario's chief medical officer of health says the COVID-19 vaccine will be treated the same as other immunizations: not mandatory but required for certain access. Has our board received any information on how COVID vaccinations may be treated from the Ministry of Education or guidance from Peel Public Health on this?
Director Mazzorato: We have not received any further information. We do have weekly meetings with the public health authorities and if there is any update we can include in Issues and Events.
3. Trustee Brea Corbet: I would like to inquire about the status of the voluntary asymptomatic testing that the Region of Peel was targeted to receive testing in our Mississauga and Brampton schools within areas of high rates of COVID transmission.
Director Mazzorato: Peel Public Health has already developed a strategy to deliver testing and have done some targeted testing. We are in the process of providing those results to the Ministry.
4. Trustee Brea Corbet: Regarding the additional 500 nurses from the province, have they been deployed yet to assist our schools?
Superintendent Thomas: There have been 64 public health nurses (PHN) allocated and hired within Peel Region. The PHNs are serving all schools across the region. An additional 16 PHNs have been hired within the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Region. The nurses are to conduct contact tracing, contact management, testing and outreach such as infection prevention and best practices on site. They rotate across the different boards, DPCDSB, our coterminous board and the French school boards, depending on the needs.
5. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Requested the status of our digital licensing subscriptions.

Director Mazzorato: We have digital licensing for our educators on various learning management systems (LMS): Desire to Learn (D2L), Brightspace, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Google Classroom. We do not want to impose a specific LMS and want educators to feel comfortable, we are not at a point to identify one platform for all. Educators have gone through incredible learning journeys, and as such, we continue to support many platforms.

Superintendent Murphy: As teachers have indicated through their expertise and ongoing work, we continue to provide resources requested. Last week for example, we purchased an online manipulative math platform and have developed professional development for educators interested in using this platform. Our libraries are making sure eBooks are available. We want to ensure the comfort and expertise of our educators to enhance the virtual learning of remote only and within our hybrid classrooms. We are looking at the long term ramifications for our staff and students in the digital world.

6. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Who holds the licenses, the board, or the school?
Superintendent Murphy: We consider the cost for each platform and the user. If it is a board-wide program it will be covered centrally, however there are small licenses that may be picked up locally. We review and determine best practice.

7. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Requested an explanation of how the new protocols in place from Peel Public Health will affect staff use of their sick days.
Superintendent Strong: We are providing the system with a FAQ regarding correct use of codes when calling in an absence related to COVID-19. We are cognizant of the fact that staff may live in a different area than they work, covered by different public health authorities. Staff in the Benefits and Health Promotion and Wellness Departments are available to explain the system and appropriate use of codes.

8. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: At some schools pre-COVID corkboards were taken down and replaced with strips of corkboard for student work. The cost is paid by the school and can pose a challenge. Can we look at who should be responsible for this expense?

Director Mazzorato: Administrators can reach out to their family of schools superintendent for support at any time if faced with a financial challenge. This kind of scenario is best solved through conversation between superintendent and principal.

Associate Director Del Bianco: There was no direction from the school board that corkboards needed to be replaced by cork strips. The coat hooks that were removed are being put back up at no cost to schools.

9. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: In the new year could staff prepare a report on the cost of leasing a device to students?

Director Mazzorato: Regarding having students lease or purchase devices pre-populated with resources that are required in their learning is not possible, the Ministry has clearly identified that boards are prohibited from doing this. The financial challenges that school boards face regarding licensing and devices, is not

sustainable. For the OCSTA AGM we could prepare a report regarding the significant support required to support student technology.

10. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: I would like it noted in the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting that the voting for Vice Chair of the Board needed to be carried out twice.
Director Mazzorato: Thank you. We will make the adjustment to ensure the Minutes are accurate.

L. Declared Interest Items - Nil

M. In Camera Session

Motion 307 (20-12-08)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN IN CAMERA AND AN IN CAMERA PRIVATE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN RESPECT OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS AND PROPERTY DISCUSSION.

CARRIED

N. Rise and Report

Motion 308 (20-12-08)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA AND IN CAMERA PRIVATE MEETING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS AND PROPERTY DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

CARRIED

O. Future Meetings

January 26, 2021

February 23, 2021

March 23, 2021

April 27, 2021

May 25, 2021

June 15, 2021

P. Adjournment

Motion 309 (20-12-08)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:36 P.M.

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