

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Luz del Rosario	Trustee
	Frank Di Cosola	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Eugene Zanone	Student Trustee
Regrets:	Thomas Thomas	Vice Chair
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Sheanne Jesudhason	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

Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
Richard Moriah	General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities
Wendy Dobson	General Manager, Student Transportation of Peel Region

Recorder Cindy Child

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza and Trustee Luz del Rosario attended via teleconference.

Chair Sharon Hobin requested nominations for Vice Chair of the meeting as she has declared interest. Trustee Mario Pascucci nominated Trustee Anna da Silva. Trustee Anna da Silva accepted the nomination. Chair Sharon Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 041 (20-01-28)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT TRUSTEE ANNA DA SILVA ASSUME THE VICE CHAIR OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2020, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

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 Prayer.

5. Approval of Agenda

Addition to the In Camera Agenda: M 7 and M 8
Withdrawn from the In Camera Agenda: M 9 item 3

Motion 042 (20-01-28)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED

CARRIED

- a. Approval of Calendar Items - Nil
- 6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items:

A7 item L1 and M4 and M5

Trustee Sharon Hobin —family members belong to OECTA

Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee Bruno Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026

Trustee Frank Di Cosola—family member belongs to CUPE at another board

Motion 043 (20-01-28)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM L and M 10.

CARRIED

- 7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, December 10, 2019

Motion 044 (20-01-28)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2019, EXCLUDING L1, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Pastor's Remarks - Nil

C. Awards and Presentation

- 1. Recognition of Board and Committee Information Officer Laurie Mackereth's last meeting

Director Marianne Mazzorato recognized Laurie Mackereth's last meeting and congratulated her pending retirement on January 31, 2020.

Trustees expressed their best wishes and thanked Laurie for her 21 years of service to DPCDSB, her professional, unbiased and accurate work as Board and Committee Information Officer and for her encouragement and support.

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

- 1. Regular Reports – Nil

2. Good News Items

**Trustee Anna da Silva
Brampton Wards 1, 3 & 4**

Pauline Vanier Catholic Elementary School

We had an amazing turnout for our annual Christmas Carousel evening. Our dedicated staff and Catholic School Council (CSC) organized and facilitated the evening. It was a fun filled evening of singing, crafts, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, dancing and a visit with our special guest – Santa! In addition, our Christmas Marketplace for Kids was a huge success. Sponsored by our CSC and a multitude of volunteers, students enjoyed shopping for their loved ones and friends. Students are continuing to participate in numerous extracurricular activities.

St. Anne Catholic Elementary School

OCSTA video contest winners! St. Anne won elementary first place with their video, *Igniting Hope, One Shoebox at a Time!* Special thanks to Madame Laurents and Mr. Pender and all students who participated!

St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School

Our STEM team recently applied for and received a grant, which helps our students learn coding, robotics and gives them an opportunity to create their own video games. Our school began rehearsing for our musical - *The Lion King*. With thanks to our CSC our Annual Community Skate at Gage Park will be taking place.

St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School

We continue to have an endless variety of activities to keep our students energized and learning. Our teaching staff has set up a STEM team to incorporate Science, Math and Technology. Our students are now using the on-line IXL Math program that was purchased for all children from Grades 1 to 8. A huge thank you to our CSC for purchasing this service. The tradition of basketball excellence has been a long tradition at St. Kevin. We have drop-in basketball programs before school and at recesses. Also focusing on physical development in partnership with Brampton Parks and Recreation, our Grade 4 and 5 students will be doing a learn to skate program.

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School

Christmas events raised \$1,753.10 for ShareLife. Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 Christmas Concert was highly successful and well attended. Thanks to our trustee Anna da Silva for bringing greetings and sharing in our Christmas Concert. Our *Cram A Cruiser* drive collected over 1,800 non-perishable goods for Ste. Louise Outreach. Our *Gifts of Warmth* collection highlighted three large boxes of warmth apparel. Spirit Week activities and our Christmas *Snow-a-Thon* - aka Dance-a-thon - culminated our final week at school before Christmas. In January, our Extended French information night was very successful and well attended. Over twenty-five students and their families indicated a strong interest to register for the program for next year. *Best You!* a program from the City of Brampton, visited our school and provided workshops for students in Grade 1 to 4 as part of our Healthy Schools Initiative. Staff continue to work with students preparing for *The Lion King* production, taking place during the first week of March.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza
Brampton Wards 2, 5 & 6

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School

We held a spirit week before Christmas that included theme days such as Pajama Day, Christmas Hair Day, Wear Red and Green Day, Christmas Character Day and Ugly Sweater Day. January brought a return to normal with students focusing on their learning and work habits and teachers focusing on Math, Language and the multitude of subjects they teach. Our Rosary Apostolate team visited all classrooms. We had a clothing drive through *Bags 2 School*. Most clothes will be reused while others will be re-purposed into rags. No clothing will go to a landfill. Our Eco Team, students from Grades 4 to 7 are planning the upcoming garbage and recycling audits and our energy conservation walkabouts.

St. Augustine Catholic Secondary School

Student Leaders were very involved in Christmas Spirit Events before the holiday, including supporting many families in need in our community. Father Chris Lemieux from the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations, celebrated our school-wide Advent Mass. Our Boys Basketball teams, both junior and senior, are in the middle of very successful seasons. Finally, our Student Council hosted an old-fashioned Cocoa and Cram event last week to help students prepare for their upcoming exams.

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Brampton)

With the help of staff, students and parents/guardians we started the year with an Eco initiative by collecting email address for all families. We now communicate fully through email blast and can deliver information in a timely manner.

Trustee Brea Corbet
Mississauga Wards 9 & 10

Divine Mercy Catholic Elementary School

We held a Toy Drive and Gift Card Drive during the Christmas season and with the generous support of our community were able to provide hundreds of new toys to families in need. Divine Mercy won the championships for the Co-ed Volleyball competition that was hosted by St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School.

St. Albert of Jerusalem Catholic Elementary School

A beautiful Advent Mass and reception was held in December. Primary choir contributed angelic voices to the Christmas Concert for students in Kindergarten to Grader 6. Students shared their talents of singing, acting and dancing. Youth Faith Ambassadors were busy overseeing many initiatives: over 100 toys were donated for Peel Police Toys for Tots drive, a Food Drive was held for Eden Food Bank, mittens and hats were collected for the less fortunate and gift cards were collected for the St. John of the Cross Parish Gift Card Drive.

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School

December was a very busy month at Seton with Spirit Week, Christmas Concert, School Advent Retreat and School Advent mass at St John of the Cross Church. Classes continue with Mindful Monday activities. Rosary Apostolate members led our students in prayer and rosary during January. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School held its feast day mass on Friday, January 24.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

Breakfast of Champions for semester one was held on January 9, 2020, celebrating students' achievements.

St. John of the Cross Catholic Elementary School

Our Grade 8 students, teachers and Trustee Brea Corbet volunteered at Dr Simone's Warehouse - Canadian Food for Children in Mississauga. It was a wonderful experience for our youth to give back to their community in a meaningful way. Students collect and sort donated items, pack items into the containers, unload donated goods etc. It's a hands-on experience about what social justice in our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations really means.

St. Richard Catholic Elementary School

December continued to be a fun and faith-filled month with our Christmas spirit week, candy gram sales, our Family Advent Mass celebrated at St. John of the Cross Church. In the new year, students set goals and keys to success for 2020. Students enjoyed Eco Source presentations and will learn more about digital citizenship and youth and the law, with our youth education officer visits scheduled this month. Games club continues, Art club just began, and junior boys' and girls' basketball is underway.

F. Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting, November 7, 2019

Motion 045 (20-01-28)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2019, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting, November 7, 2019

Motion 046 (20-01-28)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, November 13, 2019

Motion 047 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2019, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, December 2, 2019

Motion 048 (20-01-28)

Moved by Frank Di Cosola

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2019, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, December 4, 2019

Motion 049 (20-01-28)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 2019, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

6. Minutes of the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting, December 5, 2019

Motion 050 (20-01-28)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 5, 2019, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

7. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, December 9, 2019

Motion 051 (20-01-28)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, DECEMBER 9, 2019, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G. Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Letter of Retirement - Karen Kovacs, Principal

Motion 052 (20-01-28)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM PRINCIPAL KAREN KOVACS, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action

1. Nominations For Membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee

Motion 053 (20-01-28)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Brea Corbet

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

CARRIED

Motion 054 (20-01-28)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE NOMINATION OF TIM SMITH AND ROSE CASACCIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. Motions Recommended by Faith and Program Committee Meeting, December 9, 2019

Motion 055 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 2019-2020, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

3. Motions Recommended by Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, January 7, 2020

Motion 056 (20-01-28)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - 2020, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

4. Motions Recommended by Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting, January 21, 2020

Motion 057 (20-01-28)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - 2020, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

5. Motions Recommended by Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee Meeting, January 21, 2020

Director Marianne Mazzorato replied to Trustee Mario Pascucci's inquiry into excused absences of trustees at Board meetings. This Procedural By-Law will be reviewed at the upcoming By-Laws/Policies Review Committee Meeting.

Motion 058 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE 2019-2020, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

Motion 059 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT REVISED POLICY 1.00: POLICY AND BY-LAW REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 060 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT POLICY 6.65: SCHOOL SITES - REPEAT DESIGNS, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

Motion 061 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT POLICY 6.68: SCHOOL PROPERTY - SURPLUS, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

Motion 062 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT POLICY 6.60: ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND DISPOSITION OF SCHOOL SITES, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 063 (20-01-28)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT POLICY 7.05: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

Motion 064 (20-01-28)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT POLICY 14.00: PRIMARY PROTOCOL, BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

Motion 065 (20-01-28)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT POLICY 7.10: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 066 (20-01-28)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT REVISED POLICY 6.57: CONCUSSIONS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 067 (20-01-28)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT NEW POLICY: USE OF GUIDE DOGS, SERVICE DOGS, AND SERVICE ANIMALS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

6. Motions Recommended by Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, January 15, 2020

Motion 068 (20-01-28)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (S.E.A.C.), BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

7. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Resolutions

Motion 069 (20-01-28)
Moved by Mario Pascucci
Seconded by Sharon Hobin

THAT THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 070 (20-01-28)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS 2020, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Funding for Students with Diverse Learning Needs, including Special Education Needs

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

Whereas: The principles of the draft ministry resources *Learning for All: K-12*, the aligned Inter-Ministerial Provincial Transition Framework and commitments to supporting successful transitions for all students (PPM 156) are founded on beliefs that all students can succeed and that student well-being, achievement, student voice and engagement need to be supported in an inclusive learning environment; and

Whereas: School boards continue to be challenged in their ability to design effective school and system improvement plans when funding and other pressures may arise in delivering a ministry-mandated criterion-referenced curriculum with related expected practices while adhering to a universal design for learning approach which honours success for all through personalized instruction; and

Whereas: Building capacity of staff through professional learning in support of all diverse learners is critical to student well-being and student achievement; and

Whereas: The Ministry of Education, Ministry of Child and Youth Services and Ministry of Health's mental well-being, special education and renewed mathematics strategies will need sustainable commitments to keep pace with growth communities and to respond to changing needs; and

Whereas: School boards continue to be faced with challenges related to providing specialized programming, support and human resources to ensure that all students achieve their fullest potential.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association petition the Ministry of Education to review on-going equitable and sustainable funding and continue to address the changing nature and complexity of student needs and required supports by providing adequate funding that reflects the actual need and not just a reallocation of funding from other budget lines.

b. Student Transportation Funding

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

Whereas: Funding for student transportation by the Ministry of Education has not been reviewed in a comprehensive manner for several years; and

Whereas: The provision of student transportation services is paramount in ensuring school safety and safe arrival of students to and from school; and

Whereas: Issues related to driver retention, late bus routes and cancelled bus routes have impacted many families who rely on student transportation services to transport their children, including some of our most vulnerable students with special needs; and

Whereas: Costs associated with transportation have increased substantially across the province (i.e., fuel costs, cap and trade program, fleet costs, etc.); and

Whereas: Cost adjustment increases have been provided only to school boards with transportation deficits.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association petition the Ministry of Education to review transportation funding in an effort to increase funds to allow school boards to provide a level of service that meet the needs of all eligible students and families within their respective districts.

c. Qualified French Teacher Recruitment and Retention

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

Whereas: School boards across the province are experiencing persistent challenges with the recruitment of qualified French Teachers; and

Whereas: Regulation 274 stipulates that all new teachers must be placed on the occasional teachers list for daily supply work as one of the

- eligibility requirements for full time consideration, limiting school boards' ability to attract permanent teachers who are qualified to teach French; and
- Whereas:** Catholic District school boards have a smaller pool for recruitment of teachers as they must be Catholic and qualified to teach French; and
- Whereas:** Teachers are able to request assignments outside of French (within their areas of qualification) as soon as they are offered permanent placement; and
- Whereas:** All school boards have difficulty in recruiting and retaining teachers who are qualified to teach French in volumes that are consistent with the increasing demand for the expansion of French language programs across the province.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association petition the Ministry of Education to review Regulation 274 – Hiring Practices and the additional constraints it places on school boards with regard to the recruitment of teachers who are qualified to teach French, so as to explore regulatory changes with respect to hiring practices in the area of French instruction that would address the shortage of teachers qualified to teach French.

d. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

Moved by Sharon Hobin
Seconded by Anna da Silva

- Whereas:** The Ministry of Education recognizes and acknowledges that parents are a key part of their children's learning and has supported Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants to school councils since 2006; and
- Whereas:** PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being; and
- Whereas:** Catholic School Councils rely on the PRO Grants to offset the costs of parent engagement events; and
- Whereas:** The Ministry of Education has reduced funding for a number of programs, including the PRO grants; and
- Whereas:** The long-term effects of this funding reduction will have a detrimental effect on parent council activity and support of increased community engagement.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

OCSTA advocate on behalf of Catholic School Councils to increase the PRO Grant funding to support Catholic School Councils in providing community engagement activities, outreach programs and opportunities to keep families informed and active in their children's education experience.

e. Technology Funding

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

Whereas: technology is progressively more prevalent and infused throughout curriculum delivery; and

Whereas: technology is increasingly linked to equity of access and student engagement; and

Whereas: the Ministry of Education funding for technology and related infrastructure fluctuates from year to year and previously provided Technology Learning Funds (TLF) have been discontinued; and

Whereas: board technologies, related programs, and overall board infrastructure need to be updated and/or replaced on a regular basis, particularly vis-à-vis aging hardware; and

Whereas: the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding does not address technology needs for corporate functions, including Financial, Plant and Maintenance work order systems, payroll systems, student information systems and Human Resources and Employee Relations reporting; and

Whereas: the Ministry of Education has a stated focus on increasing the amount of e-learning in secondary schools;

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

OCSTA petition the Ministry of Education to support learning through sustainable technology and infrastructure funding. Aligned to the province's focus on modernizing learning and modernizing classrooms, school boards would benefit from increased and stable funding to support technology priorities.

f. Funding for Retrofitting/Renovating Schools

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Sharon Hobin

Whereas: Keeping schools in a state of good repair is essential to providing safe and healthy learning environments for students and staff; and

Whereas: Funding levels for school renewal, repairs and retrofits have not been sufficient to reduce the overall deferred maintenance backlog; and

Whereas: Stable and reliable school renewal funding is necessary to make strategic, long-term investments to ensure that learning environments can support high levels of student achievement and well-being; and

Whereas: Effective July 3, 2018, the Ministry of Education announced the cancellation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which served as an important source of funding to replace, renew and install energy efficient building components, thereby enabling school boards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas: Retrofits and renovations in schools are necessary to support modernized, 21st Century Learning and technologies that will enable our students to have the knowledge and skills required for advanced education and careers of the future.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association petition the Ministry of Education to provide stable, reliable multi-year funding to support school renewal, renovations and retrofits that will keep schools in a state of good repair and provide students and staff with environments to support 21st Century Learning.

g. Hard Caps in Kindergarten Classes

Moved by Luz del Rosario
Seconded by Sharon Hobin

Whereas: School boards are staffing Kindergarten classes based on an average class size of 26; and

Whereas: School boards across the province are experiencing inequitable distribution of students in Kindergarten classes; and

Whereas: Some classes are very small, with less than 16 students, so that a Designated Early Childhood Educator is not required; and

Whereas: School Boards are dealing with safety issues in large Kindergarten classes.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association petition the Ministry of Education to impose a hard cap for Kindergarten classes and funding to sustain increased space requirements within schools to ensure equitable, consistent staffing in all Kindergarten classes.

h. OCSTA Vote Allocations

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Sharon Hobin

Whereas: OCSTA is comprised of 234 elected trustees representing the 29 publicly funded Catholic English language school boards in the province of Ontario; and

Whereas: OCSTA is managed by a board of directors consisting of a president, a vice-president, a past president and 15 additional trustees elected from 12 Regions; and

Whereas: OCSTA's 15 Regional Directors are elected by trustees in each membership Region of the province; and

Whereas: each trustee is entitled to an individual vote at the Annual General Meeting; and

Whereas: the current management structure limits the ability to ensure equitable representation by student population from all Regions of the province.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

OCSTA strike a committee to review its voting structures, including the process to elect its president and vice-president, with a view to promoting regular and equal representation based on student population as well as from all Regions of the province of Ontario (as defined by OCSTA By-law No. 2014-01).

I. Notices of Motion - Nil

J. Additional Business - Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci raised concerns regarding a proposed radio telecommunication tower in Mississauga Ward 3. Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco advised that the municipal government oversees construction of the tower. Staff will correspond with The City of Mississauga on behalf of the Board of Trustees with regard to potential installation of radio communication towers near DPCDSB schools.

2. In response to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's inquiry, Superintendent Max Vecchiarino advised that staff is working with the Program Department on materials regarding gender equality for June 2020.
3. In response to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's inquiry, Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco advised that plans for greening of properties will be discussed at the upcoming Administration and Finance Committee meeting.
4. In response to Trustee Brea Corbet's request for a status update on the cafeteria services survey results, Executive Superintendent Julie Cherepacha that Research staff are compiling the results and a summary will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

Chair Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Vice Chair Anna da Silva.

5. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Sharon Hobin, Superintendent Mathew Thomas advised that hand soap is a board-wide tendered item. Parent/guardian concerns regarding the soap should be directed to school administration. Needs can be assessed at a local level. Additional hand sanitizers may be installed if requested by schools or departments.

Director Marianne Mazzorato reminded that the best defense against the spread of germs is to promote personal hygiene and regular hand washing. A schedule of routine cleaning practices will be shared in Issues and Events.

6. In response to questions raised about fundraising by Catholic School Councils (CSC), Executive Superintendent Julie Cherepacha advised that the fundraising guidelines released from the Ministry of Education was used to formulate the DPCDSB policy and practices. Fundraising events are held so that funds raised can be used to enhance the school resources and student activities. Collaboratively, teachers, CSC and administration, determine wish lists and plan on fundraising events.

In response to Trustee Sharon Hobin's suggestion, Director Marianne Mazzorato advised that staff will evaluate the need for an additional information session this school year for CSC Chairs; possibly via webinar.

7. General Manager Bruce Campbell responded to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's interest regarding school events and media. When a school is organizing an event and plan to invite media, administration routinely contact the Communications Department for guidance and support.
8. In response to Trustee Mario Pascucci, Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco advised that an update on school signage would be provided through Issues and Events.
9. Director Marianne Mazzorato advised that DPCDSB is communicating on coronavirus as directed by the Ministry of Education and outlined various communications to staff and community.
10. In response to Trustee Sharon Hobin's query, Superintendent Mathew Thomas advised that school bus operators review safe operation practices with drivers throughout the year. Parent/guardian concerns should be directed to Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR).

11. In response to Trustee Brea Corbet's question regarding standardized CSC financial reporting. Executive Superintendent Julie Cherepacha advised General Administrative Procedures (GAP) require monthly reporting for both SGF and CSC accounts. The SchoolCash.Net financial system generates the reports that all schools use to manage and track SGF and CSC funds. Basic templates for reporting are provided to schools, however, some schools provide enhanced reporting.

Director Marianne Mazzorato advised that in her upcoming webinar, administrators and superintendents would be reminded of the requirement to prepare and share the monthly financial reports at CSC meetings. Financial reports are now posted on school websites as well.

12. Student Trustee Eugene Zanone asked if the board has plans for screening students for the coronavirus. Director Marianne Mazzorato advised that at this time we are not doing so, and that we will follow direction from the Ministry of Education and Peel Public Health.
13. Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco advised that the next meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee will provide a STOPR update regarding the recent Ministry announcement to form a Student Transportation Advisory Group, as requested through Trustee Frank Di Cosola.
14. Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco confirmed that all trustees will receive an electronic copy of the Board Calendar of Reports Overview (Update) September to June 2019-2020.
15. In response to Trustee Bruno Iannicca's request, an update regarding school signage will be included in Issues and Events.
16. Trustee Bruno Iannicca requested an update on Milo, a robot designed to interact with students with diverse learning needs.
17. Trustee Bruno Iannicca commented on the upcoming Human Trafficking presentation by Peel Regional Police at Father Michael Goetz Catholic Secondary School.

L. Declared Interest Items

Trustees who had a declared interest left the meeting.

Motion 071 (20-01-28)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2019 ITEM L1, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

M. In Camera Session

Motion 072 (20-01-28)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN IN CAMERA MEETING AND AN IN CAMERA PRIVATE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN RESPECT OF PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS.

CARRIED

N. Rise and Report

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA AND PRIVATE MEETING OF PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

CARRIED

O. Future Meetings

February 25, 2020

March 24, 2020

April 28, 2020

May 26, 2020

June 16, 2020

P. Adjournment

Moved by Sharon Hobin

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:29 P.M.

CARRIED