

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice 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
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Sheanne Jesudhason	Student Trustee
	Eugene Zanone	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
	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

Recorder Cindy Child

A. Routine Matters

This meeting is held via teleconference.

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 Chair Sharon Hobin, called the teleconference 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 Prayer.

5. Approval of Agenda

 Additions to the Agenda: G 1 and M 5
 Corrections to the Agenda: F 1, M 2 and M 3

Motion 088 (20-03-24)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

- a. Approval of Calendar Items

6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items M1, M4 and M5:

1. *Trustee Sharon Hobin —family members belong to OECTA*
2. *Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*
3. *Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*
4. *Trustee Frank Di Cosola—family member belongs to CUPE at another school board*
5. *Trustee Bruno Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026*

Motion 089 (20-03-24)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM M 7.

CARRIED

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, February 25, 2020

Motion 090 (20-03-24)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2020, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Pastor's Remarks - Nil

C. Awards and Presentation - Nil

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

- a. Verbal Report from Chair Sharon Hobin

Trustee Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Thomas Thomas

Trustee Sharon Hobin addressed the meeting:

On January 31 Director Mazzorato, Trustee Brea Corbet and myself attended the Peel Black History Month Launch Breakfast sponsored by the United Way Region of Peel. There were many representatives from our communities including education, police, municipal, provincial and federal representatives and many community organizations representing the Black community. I would like to thank Superintendent Brunton who represented DPCDSB on a panel discussion that

addressed issues and concerns from the Black community in our schools. DPCDSB endeavours to attend and take part in as many events and discussions as possible addressing issues and concerns from our Black communities. Thanks to Michelle Coutinho, Principal of Equity and Diversity and Inclusive Education, for her work in this portfolio.

On February 3, 2020, Trustee Brea Corbet, Director Mazzorato and I attended the Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast hosted by Her Worship Mayor Bonnie Crombie. We were joined by over 150 representatives of the religious, faith and community leaders in the city of Mississauga as well as city, provincial and federal representatives. The breakfast honoured the UN's World Interfaith Harmony Week. Each year the number of attendees grows, a very positive sign of harmony.

On February 25 and 26, Father Tony Rickard spoke to over 600 secondary students at the Black Futures Symposium. Representative secondary students and staff from all our secondary schools gathered at the Pearson Centre to hear Father Tony speak about Unity in a Diverse Community. Father Tony brought with him three students from St. Augustine, an all-Black all-boys secondary school in New Orleans. Father Tony and the students brought stories of sacrifice and hope both through personal experiences and those about historical sacrifices made by ancestors who came to our countries. In this awe-inspiring presentation, Father Tony explored Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream and the modern dreams of our communities. The presentations were a mixture of humorous stories, spirit-filled songs and powerful testimonies. Along with the secondary presentations, Grade 7 and 8 students from our elementary schools in the north and the south took part in presentations hosted by our secondary schools. Father also spoke at a late afternoon gathering of parents, staff and members of our communities. The three young students are published authors. They have become renowned speakers on issues that affect the world of teenagers. Their book, *Dreams I've Never Had! Justice Denied/Justice Supplied* has been read in more than 10 countries.

Director Mazzorato, Trustee Luz Del Rosario and several of our principals and teachers attended Mayor Bonnie Crombie's breakfast celebration of International Women's Day on March 6. Over 200 women and a few men gathered with many female secondary students from both public and private schools. After breakfast we heard a wonderful guest speaker Samra Zafar, who is a world famous published author from Mississauga. We were able to have some lively conversations with the students at our tables. It is my hope that DPCDSB could organize our own gatherings of our female students in the same way we have done for our Black History Symposium.

On March 3 Trustee Stefano Pascucci, Director Mazzorato, several senior staff and I attended the opening of the Secondary Skills Competition at Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School. We addressed the students. I think we would all agree that we were impressed with both the organization of this event by staff, as well as the caliber of the skills of the students displayed during the various skills competitions. Thanks to our teachers and principals who are deeply committed to the

development of the skilled trades in our board. The students were excited to be competitors of this event.

On Wednesday March 4, the student trustee elections were held at the CEC. Director Mazzorato and I were able to attend and speak with our student senate members as well as those students who were running for student trustees. Superintendent Lewis and Student Liaison staff member Liz Rego welcomed students to the CEC. Students were divided by north and south regions of the board. We had an excellent turnout. I would like to thank our student trustees Sheanne Jesudhason and Eugene Zanone for all their encouragement and help to the students.

Our new student trustees for 2020-2021 are Heather Fernandes, a student from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School and Alejandro Garcia Polo a student from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. Congratulations to both of our new student trustees.

Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair.

Motion 091 (20-03-24)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE VERBAL REPORT BY CHAIR SHARON HOBIN TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MARCH 24, 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Good News Items

Trustee Luz del Rosario shared that the **St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School** Chaplaincy Team is hosting a daily rosary reach for students and staff on Instagram at *stjoechaplaincy*.

Trustee Anna da Silva shared that the Chaplain at **Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School** is reaching out to students and spreading spiritual encouragement via their twitter account *@CardinalLegerSS* and directly at *@Bfinny1960*.

F. Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, February 11, 2020

Motion 092 (20-03-24)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, February 12, 2020

Motion 093 (20-03-24)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, February 13, 2020

Motion 094 (20-03-24)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Brampton School Traffic Safety Committee Meeting, February 6, 2020

Motion 094 (20-03-24)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRAMPTON SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting, February 25, 2020

Motion 095 (20-03-24)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2020, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G. Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Operational Status Update COVID-19 Report - Director Mazzorato

Director Mazzorato summarized the report *Operational Status Update COVID-19*.

Discussion ensued on communication to parents/guardians and Phase Two concerns shared by trustees. Director Mazzorato reassured trustees that preparations begin today to plan Phase Two and that detailed plans will be shared as soon as possible. The first step is for administrators and teachers to complete the survey which will assess the capabilities and needs of our school communities. Directors from each board in Ontario are working together to ensure equitable distance learning. Senior Executives are working with each of their teams to plan, create and implement process and structure as we move forward.

Due to disturbances through the teleconference connection a motion was raised to go In Camera at 8:36 p.m.

Motion 096 (20-03-24)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE VERBAL REPORT OPERATIONAL STATUS UPDATE COVID-19, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 097 (20-03-24)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE MOTION TO HAVE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OPEN MEETING GO IN CAMERA VIA TELECONFERENCE, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action

1. Appointment of External Member to the Audit Committee - Executive Superintendent Cherepacha

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha summarized the report.

In response to questions from Trustee Darryl D'Souza, Executive Superintendent Cherepacha explained the recruitment process followed, the requirements of Ontario Regulation 361/10 for Audit Committees and confirmed the experience and qualifications of the selected member. Staff will review the recruitment process going forward for non-board Audit Committee members.

Motion 098 (20-03-24)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURA PRESTIA, CPA, CGA, AS AN EXTERNAL MEMBER TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2020.

CARRIED

Motion 099 (20-03-24)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURA PRESTIA, CPA, CGA, AS AN EXTERNAL MEMBER TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2020, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. **Motions Recommended by the Faith and Program Committee Meeting March 10, 2020**

Motion 100 (20-03-24)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Motion 101 (20-03-24)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE REVISED POLICY 4.23: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 102 (20-03-24)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE NEW POLICY: INDIGENOUS EDUCATION, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

I. Notices of Motion - Nil

J. Additional Business - Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees

Student Trustee Eugene Zanone requested information on the processes for delegation to the Board Meeting and Freedom of Information requests. Director Mazzorato advised that the Board Committee and Information Officer provide both processes and contact information via email. The delegation information and procedural by-law is on our board website.

In response to Student Trustee Eugene Zanone's query, Director Mazzorato advised that the eLearning courses that began in Semester Two will be starting immediately and communications will be shared with school communities.

In response to Trustee Darryl D'Souza's concern regarding breakfast programs that are not running and serving students, Director Mazzorato assured trustees that the Ministry of Education is aware of this issue, and that we are considering options. The Director is aware of the City of Brampton's program through the Mayor's office to reach students in need and staff will follow-up with this suggestion. The survey being conducted through principals and teachers will gather important information to assess this need.

In response to Trustee Darryl D'Souza's query, Director Mazzorato advise that the survey being conducted by administrators and teachers will gather information required to support Phase Two distance learning. The Ministry has requested that we consider deploying tools of learning: laptops, EDWIN which do not require internet and also consider print resources and/or textbooks. The distribution of these resources will be challenging however, we are working on options. We are keenly aware of the importance of equity of access and the survey conducted by administrators and teachers will help define procedures.

In response to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato advised that we have been informed or requests to open childcare centres for essential workers but noted that we have not had such a request as yet. Director Mazzorato addressed the concerns of trustees on the health and safety of this group environment. She advised that the plan is very preliminary. The Deputy Minister has advised that boards will be able to assess requests and determine if feasible.

In response to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato advised that staff will follow up to confirm if cafeterias took steps to avoid food spoilage.

Director Mazzorato advised trustees that a possible collection of personal protection equipment will be conducted provincially through the Ministry. Staff is working with Plant and Custodial services to conduct an inventory.

In response to Trustee Luz del Rosario's concern, Director Mazzorato advised that we do have security checking on our schools several times a day. This will help prevent students from congregating at schools. We are adding signage at school playgrounds and in Kindergarten play areas, as these are now closed to public access, as are public parks. This restriction is to help flatten the curve and support social distancing. Staff will assess the need for locking access to parking lots and Kindergarten play areas.

Trustee Frank Di Cosola thanked Director Mazzorato on behalf of the trustees for her steadfast leadership through these very difficult times. Director Mazzorato thanked him for his kind words and acknowledged that she is surrounded by strong leadership: the executive team, superintendents and principals.

In response to Student Trustee Sheanne Jesudhason's suggestion, Director Mazzorato will have staff consider a portal that would allow for students to access their Guidance Counselors.

In response to Trustee Mario Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato advised that the Ministry is reviewing graduation requirements of 40 hours of community service. A decision will be communicated.

Chair Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Vice Chair Thomas Thomas

Trustee Sharon Hobin commented that through this difficult time and with the many concerns that school boards have had to address, the Ministry seems to now see the effects of the technology freeze over the years and reduced funding.

Trustee Sharon Hobin thanked Director Mazzorato, the Associate Directors and all staff involved in tonight's teleconference.

Chair Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair.

L. Declared Interest Items

M. In Camera Session

Due to disturbances in the Open Session teleconference at 8:36 p.m. the meeting was continued In Camera. Open Session resumed at 9:03 p.m.

Motion 103 (20-03-24)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Mario 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 IN CAMERA MINUTES AND CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS RATIFICATION.

CARRIED

N. Rise and Report

Motion 104 (20-03-24)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA IN REGARDS TO MINUTES OF THE IN CAMERA SESSION AND CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS MATTERS AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

CARRIED

O. Future Meetings

April 28, 2020

May 26, 2020

June 16, 2020

P. Adjournment

Motion 105 (20-03-24)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:05 P.M.

CARRIED