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Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

***Mission:** Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.*

***Vision:** Changing the world through Catholic education.*

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Remembering Our Deceased MAY 2025

Let us remember the students, staff, trustees and family members of staff and trustees who have recently passed away and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Student/Former Student

- **Nakaii Danvers**, Grade 10 student at St. Oscar Romero Catholic Secondary School (CSS) and formerly at Notre Dame CSS.

Staff/Former Staff/Trustees/Former Trustees

- **Dan Fitzsimmons**, former secondary teacher, and husband of Wendy Fitzsimmons, former secondary teacher.
- **Patricia McCartan**, retired teacher, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Elementary School (CES) and St. Elizabeth Seton CES.
- **Joan Higgs**, retired teacher, and grandmother of Meaghan Higgs, teacher, Notre Dame CSS.
- **Sue Clark**, retired DPCDSB teacher.
- **Colin Hinds**, teacher at Cardinal Ambrozic CSS.

Family Members of Staff/Family Members of Former Staff/Family Members of Trustees

- **Wellington Luiz de Franca**, uncle of Amanda Bryan, teacher, St. Aidan CES.
- **Concetta Baldesarra**, grandmother of Alyssa Baldesarra, teacher, Robert F. Hall CSS.
- **Antonio Medeiros**, father-in-law of Luisa Linhares Medeiros, teacher, St. Teresa of Calcutta CES.
- **Aline Ryl**, mother-in-law of Peter Read, teacher, Holy Family CES.
- **Wade Quesnelle**, husband of Olga Quesnelle, teacher, St. Aloysius Gonzaga CSS.
- **Wojciech Jankowski**, father-in-law of Sylwia Natkanczyk, educational resource worker (ERW), St. Dominic CES.
- **Paz Pacita Legaspi**, mother-in-law of Atilano Millena, custodian, Holy Name of Mary CSS; and grandmother-In law of Vana Millena, dedicated early childhood educator (DECE), Divine Mercy CES.
- **Kanthar Kaneshalingam**, father of Mythili Kaneshalingam, library technician, John Cabot CSS.
- **Teresa Da Silva**, mother of Maria Tavares, head secretary, Father CW Sullivan CES.
- **Mirella Pavan**, mother of Neva Dalli, retired teacher, St. John XXIII CES.
- **John Mora**, brother of Dena Chiarelli, supervisor of Supply Chain Management.
- **Lisa Mirsky**, mother-in-law of Andrea Moscoso, teacher, Holy Family CES.
- **Chul Kim**, father of Glen Kim, teacher, St. Joan of Arc CSS.
- **Arturo Figliomeni**, brother-in-law of Angelina D'Ettore, cleaner, St. Teresa of Calcutta CES; uncle of Nancy Ceccomancini, teacher, Queen of Heaven CES, and Franca Panetta, ERW, St. Bernard of Clairvaux CES, and Luisa Izzo, former teacher, Venerable Michael McGivney CES, and Sonia Commisso, former ERW, St. Martin CSS.
- **Claudio Dalcin**, brother of Julie Dalcin-Costanzo, ERW, St. Angela Merici CES.
- **Delma Vidal**, aunt of Sandra Ward-Cooper, ERW, St. Lucy CES.
- **Nadir Budhwani**, nephew of Nimi Budhwani, secretary, Program and Learning Services department,
- **Leeroy Brown**, stepfather of Christopher Stone, teacher, St. Thomas Aquinas CSS.
- **Olga Di Giorgio**, mother of Sabrina Orlando, teacher, Cardinal Leger CSS.

- **Emmanuela Frendo**, aunt of Deacon Ray Frendo, system religion and faith animator, Program department, and Louise Tinney, emergency supply; and aunt-in-law of Nancy Cito-Frendo, special education teacher, St. John Henry Newman CES.
- **Jozef Holodniak**, uncle of Sylwia Natkanczyk, ERW, St. Dominic CES.
- **Ana Malovic**, mother of Ivanka Malovic, teacher, St. Lucy CES; and mother-in-law of Frank Zoretich, teacher, St. Elizabeth Seton CES.
- **Loida Salinas Cuison**, sister of Derek Salinas, teacher, St. Teresa of Calcutta CES.
- **Fariel Ajani**, grandmother of Aaliya Rose, teacher, Our Lady of Lourdes CES.
- **Dolores Loiacono**, mother of Gracie Inglis, teacher, St. Barbara CES; grandmother of Samantha Inglis, IIL Italian instructor, St. Sebastian CES; mother-in-law of Caroline Loiacono, teacher, Our Lady of Mercy CES; aunt of Sandra Loiacono, teacher, Our Lady of Fatima CES.
- **Guiseppe Di Iorio**, father of Tony Di Iorio, manager of maintenance, and Robert Di Iorio, supervisor of maintenance; and father-in-law of Ann Di Iorio, retired executive assistant to the director of education.
- **Carlos Almeida**, brother-in-law of Ana Castro, ERW, St. Agnes CES.
- **Samuel Adekola Sanyaolu**, father of Olusola Sosanya, teacher, St Anne CES.
- **Antonietta Sergnese**, grandmother of Phyllis Ciuffreda, teacher, St. Angela Merici CES and Sabrina Sergnese, teacher, St. Alfred CES.

*And, also for those whose passing we have not mentioned,
we know that God will not forget.*

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mary was always faithful to God's will.

She was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful on the flight to Egypt, and she was faithful at the foot of the cross.

We are invited to follow her example and be faithful to God's will in our lives.

Lord God, help us to do your will even when it is difficult. Help us to be like Mary and respond YES to what You ask of us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.



In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

O almighty God,
Our Father in heaven,
From whom all goodness and truth on
Earth have come forth.
Grant to us,
The Catholic community gathered at this meeting,
The vision to recognize,
And the vigor to espouse,
Sound principles of educational theory
And practice in a spirit of balanced
Judgement,
And the proper perspective.
Give us also the courage
To turn always
Onto the path of higher goodness
In our deliberations,
Administrative decisions,
And courses of action.

Amen



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER A 7

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING,
APRIL 29, 2025**

- 1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, APRIL 29, 2025, BE APPROVED.**

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice-Chair
	Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vilorio	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Bailey Clyne	Indigenous Student Trustee
	Jia Sharma	Student Trustee
	Raheem White	Student Trustee
Regrets:	Brea Corbet	Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Max Vecchiarino	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Peter Cusumano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Scott Keys	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Ivana MacIsaac	Chief Information Officer
	Richard Moriah	Acting Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research, Safe Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Drago Radic	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Viviana Varano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Kevin Wendling	Assistant Superintendent: Math Lead
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
	Carrie Salemi	General Manager, Finance
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Luz del Rosario called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer

Chair Luz del Rosario asked the assembly to pray for the repose of the Holy Father Pope Francis and for the victims and their families of the Lapu-Lapu festival tragedy in Vancouver.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza led the Opening Prayer and Trustees Bruno Iannicca, Anisha Thomas and Stefano Pascucci led the Prayer of Petitions for Catholic Education Week May 4 to 9.

3. Land Acknowledgment

The Chair recognized that the Land Acknowledgment was a video recording made by Rhaya Clyne, an Indigenous graduate of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB).

4. National Anthem

The Chair acknowledged and thanked Martina Ortiz-Luis, Kibwe Thomas and Sole Power Productions for permission to use their recorded version of the national anthem.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion 1404 (25-04-29)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Declaration of Interest – Nil

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 25, 2025

Motion 1405 (25-04-29)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MARCH 25, 2025, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

B. Pastor's Remarks: Video Presentation by Monsignor Shiels - Easter

The Chair asked Director Mazzorato to pass on our sincere gratitude to Monsignor Shiels for his thoughtful reflection and Easter Prayer.

C. Awards and Presentations

1. Peel Regional Police launch of Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) - Participant Immanuel Shine, St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Immanuel Shine, a Grade 12 student at St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School (CSS). During the past four years, Immanuel has been on the school's Honour Roll, achieving an overall average of 80% and higher. He is enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major Program in Business Studies.

Immanuel has been a member of the school's Robotics Team, the Model UN Team, and the Debate Team. In the community, Immanuel has volunteered 278 hours over the past four years, working with children in his parish and with the City of Mississauga.

He has recently been accepted into the Bachelor of Business Administration Program at Wilfred Laurier University.

Immanuel recently spoke at the Peel Regional Police Youth Engagement Launch and his compelling personal story was videotaped and posted online. We watched the short video and following the video, Immanuel was presented with an award. Photos were taken with the Board of Trustees, Immanuel and his school Principal, Rosina Ariganello.

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Shawn Xaviour was pleased to present on behalf of all trustees a video *A Precious Gift: Celebrating Publicly Funded Catholic Education in Ontario*. The video is a joint project of OCSTA, OECTA and Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO). It is posted on the OCSTA website at [A Precious Gift](#).

Please feel free to share this video with your local Catholic Schools Councils and at Catholic Education Week events in your communities.

b. Student Voice Report

During our Senate meeting in March, we held a joint meeting with our Student Senate and Mental Health & Well-Being Champions. This was a meeting that all student leaders were looking forward to and was a remarkable success. We began with a beautiful liturgy, received an essential and informative presentation on Well-Being resources and then focused on student collaboration. With Well-Being week coming up in mid-May, we decided to emphasize holistic health this year. Student leaders got into separate groups and worked collaboratively on a video or finding resources for a slide deck, which will eventually be shared with elementary and secondary schools. Overall, it was a productive meeting, and we look forward to all participating during the upcoming *Well-Being Week*.

Lots of exciting news to share! Student participation in Health Occupations Students (HOSA) Canada, for future health professionals, is on the rise with more students getting involved and showing a genuine interest in health sciences.

Pocock's Cheerleading team crushed it - taking 1st place at the Ontario Cup and landing 2nd at OFSAA! The Pocock Jazz Ensemble also took home the Championship

Title in the OFSAA Performance Cheer Jazz dance category. Overall, we are seeing more students getting involved in OFSAA, and it is fantastic to see school spirit and participation growing across the board.

In the spirit of celebrating Catholic education and its rich diversity, many of our secondary schools are hosting multicultural days or festivals throughout May, which coincides with Catholic Education Week. Subsequently, some students have expressed concerns about the restrictive nature of the recently amended flag policy. There is ongoing confusion about how this policy affects dress codes for multicultural events or the display of flags during these celebrations.

- c. Good News Report - Attached.

Trustee Thomas Thomas

Mississauga Ward 5

Anaka Park + Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Secondary School - Sports Field

A very exciting day! Today, there was a ground breaking ceremony for the Anaka Park + Ascension of Our Lord CSS Sports Field. This is a collaborative effort between DPCDSB and the City of Mississauga. Many city officials were on site for the ceremony, including Mayor Carolyn Parrish and the local MPPs. Trustee Thomas Thomas attended along with Chair of the Board Luz del Rosario, Associate Director Del Bianco, Superintendent Diogo, and General Manager Campbell. Special appreciation to Acting Superintendent Moriah and the Plant team for their ongoing work and dedication to this much anticipated project. We are hoping that the Sports Field will be ready for September 2025.

Trustee Luz del Rosario passed the chair to Trustee Thomas Thomas

Trustee Luz del Rosario

Mississauga Ward 6 & 11

Dufferin Peel celebrated its 10th Annual Games Development Competition hosted in partnership with Sheridan College at their Mississauga campus on April 24. Two levels of competition occurred with our computer science students: Stream 1 for *Experienced Gamers* or students with more advanced computer studies and programming skills who developed games featuring a time travel theme, and Stream 2 for students *New to Video Game* programming. We were delighted by the number of female students who participated in this year's competition and were among over 200 students participating – about a third of all participants were female students.

Congratulations to Stream 1 students who curated their own games with St. Joan of Arc CSS teams placing 1st and 2nd followed by St. Joseph CSS in 3rd and Champion earning 4th and 5th. In Stream 2 *New to Video Game*, St. Edmund Champion CSS took home 1st for their programming, followed by St. Joseph CSS and Loyola CSS.

Sheridan's Faculty of Applied Science and Technology describes the event in the following way: "This event is more than a competition—it's a celebration of student potential, a platform for future-ready skills, and a testament to the power of education-industry partnerships."

DPCDSB is proud of the staff and students who made this possible, especially Ms. Lesia Skira, department head of Computer Studies at Loyola CSS, and the Technology Team in the Program department.

Trustee Luz del Rosario resumed the chair.

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Receipt of the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, February 4, 2025
2. Receipt of the Minutes of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee Meeting, January 21, 2025
3. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) - 2025 Survey of Teachers
4. TRCA and National Science and Education Committee (NSEC) Meeting Summary, March 17, 2025
5. Receipt of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, March 19, 2025
6. Receipt of the Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting, March 6, 2025
7. Receipt of the Minutes of the Peel Safe and Active Routes to Schools (PSARTS) Committee Meeting, January 21, 2025

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to five administrators that are retiring.

1. Retirement - A. Bomben, Principal

Adriano Bomben has been a fervent Catholic leader who has dedicated over 30 years to DPCDSB. Throughout Adriano's tenure, his unwavering commitment to education, passion for fostering a nurturing learning environment, and dedication to the well-being of students and staff have left an indelible mark on several school communities. Under Adriano's guidance, many schools have not only achieved academic excellence but have become environments for growth, compassion, and inclusiveness.

Adriano's career with Dufferin-Peel began in 1994 as a secondary teacher at Philip Pocock CSS. He then served as a teacher at St. Francis Xavier CSS, and St. Joan of Arc CSS. In 2008 Adriano worked as a vice-principal at St. Joseph CSS, and St. Edmund Campion CSS. Adriano then went on to serve as principal at St. Joseph CSS, St. Thomas Aquinas CSS, and most recently, St. Joan of Arc CSS

Beyond administrative duties, Adriano has created an environment where every student and staff member feels valued, heard, and encouraged to reach their fullest potential. His commitment to fostering a sense of community, rooted in faith and shared values, has created a lasting legacy that will continue to shape the character of many school communities.

The impact of Adriano's leadership extends far beyond the walls of our classrooms, touching the lives of students, parents/guardians, and colleagues alike.

As Adriano embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for his enduring contributions to education. May this new chapter be filled with joy, relaxation, and the fulfillment of all the dreams and aspirations of retirement. We are forever grateful for the positive impact Adriano has had at Dufferin-Peel.

Trustee Luz del Rosario passed the chair to Trustee Thomas Thomas.

1. Trustee Herman Vioria: He was also a student of DPCDSB. Congratulations, my best wishes to Adriano.
2. Trustee Luz del Rosario: We worked together when he was a vice-principal and then principal at St. Joseph CSS. I would like to thank him for all his work and dedication.

Trustee Luz del Rosario resumed the chair.

2. Retirement - C. Cini, Principal

We would like to congratulate Carl Cini as he begins his retirement after 30 years of service to Dufferin-Peel and Catholic Education.

Carl began his teaching career in 1995 at Loyola CSS. He then moving to St. Joseph CSS and St. Edmund Campion CSS as Department Head. Carl answered the call to leadership in 2008 and was promoted to vice-principal at Our Lady of Mount Carmel CSS and continued in that role at John Cabot CSS and St. Joan of Arc CSS. Carl then gladly embraced the position of principal at St. Joan of Arc CSS followed by Iona CSS.

Carl created an environment where every student and staff member felt valued, heard, and encouraged to reach their fullest potential. His commitment to fostering a sense of community, rooted in faith and shared values, has created a lasting legacy that will continue to shape the character of the school communities he has led.

As Carl embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for his contributions to Dufferin-Peel.

1. Trustee Herman Vioria: Carl and I have crossed paths many times. I met him first as a student at St. Thomas Aquinas CSS when I was a teacher and then we met when he got his first job at Loyola CSS, and now as a trustee I am collaborating with him at Iona CSS where he is the principal. Congratulations Carl - well done.

3. Retirement - G. Scanlon, Principal

Gwen has been a fervent Catholic leader, and mentor, who has dedicated an incredible 37.5 years to the DPCDSB. Throughout Gwen's tenure, her dedication and commitment to education, passion for fostering a nurturing learning environment, and commitment to the well-being of students and staff have left an indelible mark on several school communities.

She was a teacher both at Notre Dame CSS and St. Martin CSS. Her administrative career began as vice-principal at St. Francis Xavier CSS. She was a vice-principal at John Cabot CSS, Loyola CSS and St. Augustine CSS before becoming a principal at St. Hilary Catholic Elementary school in 2020.

The impact of Gwen's leadership extends far beyond the walls of our classrooms, touching the lives of students and their families, and colleagues.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for Gwen's enduring contributions to education. May this new chapter be filled with joy and relaxation. We are grateful to Gwen for all the hard work, dedication and commitment to Catholic education at DPCDSB.

4. Retirement - M. McCallen, Principal

After 22 years of service to Dufferin-Peel, Mark McCallen, principal of St. Monica CES is retiring. Mark's career in Dufferin-Peel began in 2003 and includes roles as an elementary and secondary teacher, vice-principal, and principal. He started as an elementary teacher at San Lorenzo Ruiz CES, teaching various grades.

In 2012, he transitioned to the secondary panel allowing him to follow his passion as a music teacher at St. Roch CSS. He became vice-principal at St. Andre Bessette CES in 2022, and in 2023, he was appointed Principal of St. Monica CES. Mark's career is marked by his commitment to student success and well-being, advocating for all students and demonstrating a deep understanding for the needs of staff and families. His leadership, characterized by care, compassion, and elevated expectations, has made him an exemplary Catholic servant.

Mark will be missed. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

5. Retirement - N. Resendes, Principal

After 30 years in education, we would like to congratulate Norma Resendes on her retirement. She has served the Dufferin Peel community in her roles as teacher and special assignment teacher for 16 years. Norma then answered the call to leadership and has been an administrator for the past 14 years. Norma served as vice-principal at St. Catherine of Siena CES and then as a Principal at two schools - St. Patrick CES and St. Mark CES.

Norma is grateful for the countless students, teachers, and colleagues who have been a part of her journey. From her beginnings as a classroom teacher to her years leading schools, she feels deeply fortunate to witness the profound impact Catholic Education has on individuals, families, and communities. Every school she has had the privilege to serve, has shaped her as an educator and person – and she is grateful.

As Norma embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for her contributions to Dufferin-Peel. May this new chapter be filled with joy, relaxation, and the fulfillment of all her dreams and aspirations.

H. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action

1. Motions Recommended by the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee, April 22, 2025

Motion 1406 (25-04-29)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT THE *PROCEDURAL BY-LAW* AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1407 (25-04-29)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY P-0013 RESEARCH STUDIES IN DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (DPCDSB)* AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1408 (25-04-29)

Moved by Herman Vioria

Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY P-2000 ADMISSIONS* AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1409 (25-04-29)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESCISSION OF *P-4008 SCHOOL CLOSURE/EARLY DISMISSAL*.

CARRIED

Motion 1410 (25-04-29)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY P-4006 STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL* AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1411 (25-04-29)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY P-5004 ACCEPTABLE NETWORK USE AND SECURITY* AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1412 (25-04-29)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY P-6003 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS* AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1413 (25-04-29)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *POLICY P-7001 FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

2. Naming of Mount Pleasant #2 Catholic Elementary School

Superintendent Odo summarized the report.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Requested to put a motion on the floor to call the new school St. Ruth Catholic Elementary School.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci noted that St. Ruth has not been canonized.

Director Mazzorato: Not all saints are canonized.

3. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Has the school community been involved with the process of naming this school and aware of both names put forth? Has the trustee communicated with the community regarding the naming of the school?

Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Acknowledged they have been involved and informed through the process.

Voting: 1 absent, 1 abstain, 9 in favour

Motion 1414 (25-04-29)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

MOTION TO NAME MOUNT PLEASANT # 2 - ST. RUTH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Revised Policy P-8006 Access to Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) Properties

Counsel Beck summarized the report.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: When will trustees be advised that there is a visitor attending a school i.e., Mayor or MPP?

Counsel Beck: You will be notified whenever a visitor is expected at your school(s).

2. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Who is responsible to advise trustees?

Director Mazzorato: The principal will communicate to the trustees.

Motion 1415 (25-04-29)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE REVISIONS TO P-8006 ACCESS TO DPCDSB PROPERTIES, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

I. Additional Business - Nil

1. Notices of Motion

J. Questions Asked by Trustees

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff advise the status of the raffle pilot?

Counsel Beck: I am optimistic that we will have information to share in the coming weeks. I am in the process of reviewing the forms from the schools before the determining body receives them to ensure that all information is provided. The form requires information on what the fundraising is for, and what the cost is for the item/project. The turnaround time is said to be a few weeks.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff update the list of the schools that are applying for the raffle/lottery license and provide the details of the process including the projected fundraising and breakdown, which may include fees paid to the municipality.

Counsel Beck: We will provide in Issues & Events.

3. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff advise where and when can we expect to have Pastoral Plans?

Director Mazzorato: Pastoral Plans are posted on school websites and can be accessed at any time. Currently we are working on a template which will be used moving forward.

4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: We have talked about the state of the washrooms at recent meetings and the concern continues to be raised at Catholic School Council meetings, has an audit been done of the washrooms?

Associate Director Del Bianco: We hope to have the report available in the May 9 Issues and Events.

5. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff verify if CSC should hold In Camera meetings?

Director Mazzorato: On our monthly webcast we can remind administrators that there is no reason for CSC to hold In Camera meetings and we will add that item to upcoming CSC in-servicing.

6. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Over the winter some properties have been damaged during snow removal. Who is responsible for the damage?

Acting Superintendent Moriah: The snow removal companies are aware that they need to repair any damage they caused.

7. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can staff provide status of any programs running regarding tree planting? In the past we spoke of using secondary greenhouses to start saplings.

Associate Director Del Bianco: There is no update to provide. We will review provincial and federal tree planting opportunities and provide an update in Issues & Events.

K. Declared Interest Items – Nil

L. In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

Motion 1416 (25-04-29)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Herman Vilorio

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO A CLOSED MEETING AS DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE, PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE, OR AN EMPLOYEE.

CARRIED

M. Report from the In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole Received In Camera Board Minutes from March 25, 2025, and received In Camera Minutes from the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, February 4, 2025, and Financial Information.

Motion 1417 (25-04-29)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT THE PROPOSED AREA IDENTIFIED AS THE EASEMENT AT ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA CES IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ITS PURPOSES AND THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONTARIO REGULATION 374/23, IT BE GRANTED TO THE REGION OF PEEL.

CARRIED

N. Future Meetings

May 27, 2025

June 17, 2025

O. Adjournment

Motion 1418 (25-04-29)

Moved by Herman Vilorio

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.

CARRIED



J.	Questions Asked by Trustees	
Q 2	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff update the list of the schools that are applying for the raffle/lottery license and provide the details of the process including the projected fundraising and breakdown, which may include fees paid to the Municipality.	Please see Appendix 1 as provided in the Issues & Events on May 2, 2025.
Q 4	Trustee Mario Pascucci: We have talked about the state of the washrooms at recent meetings and the concern continues to be raised at Catholic School Council meetings, has an audit been done of the washrooms?	Information was provided in the May 9, 2025 Issues & Events.
Q 7	Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can staff provide status of any programs running regarding tree planting? In the past we spoke of using secondary greenhouses to start saplings.	Ongoing Review

Applying for Lottery Licenses for Fundraising Purposes (Public)

Legal Services asked each Family of Schools' Superintendent to provide the name of a school in their Family that is interested in applying for a lottery license as part of a pilot project. While more than one school was interested in a couple of Families, five schools in total were put forward for participation in the pilot project.

The purpose of the pilot project, which is being supported by Legal Services, is to determine if the process is reasonable enough for schools to apply for licenses to enable them to host lotteries/raffle events for fundraising purposes. The following schools are participating in the pilot project: St. John the Baptist CES, Our Lady of Peace CES, St. Jude CES, t. Clare CES, and St. Marcellinus CSS.

Trustees requested a summary of the steps required to obtain a lottery license. The following information was provided in *Issues & Events*, Volume 21, No. 5 (March 7-11, 2022). It has been modified as shown in RED to provide additional information:

While the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") and local municipalities each issue lottery licenses, most schools will apply for a lottery license from their local municipality due to the type of lottery and monetary amount associated with it.

Note that the maximum that a city can charge for the license fee for a raffle is 3% of the total prize value. The rest of the proceeds are for the school to use for their intended purpose. The school/Board does not pay taxes on the proceeds.

Below, the City of Mississauga is used as an example to show the general steps required to be taken to obtain a lottery license. The City of Mississauga charges 3% of the total prize value.

Application for a lottery license from the City of Mississauga is a **3-part process** as outlined here: <https://www.mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/business/licences-and-permits/lottery-licence/>

This applies to **each individual DPCDSB school**. *Unfortunately, there is not a blanket license/eligibility approval available to the Board.*

For each school involved, the following needs to occur:

1. *Before applying for a lottery license, each school must submit an application to determine whether they are eligible to apply for a lottery license. Counsel Beck is currently completing these applications*

in consultation with the Principals. It involves the summary of the lottery event and use of proceeds and several supporting documents.

- a) Applications can be from the school or Parent Council, with the blessing/oversight of the Principal
 - b) The info in the form must be filled *out on behalf of the school* (not Board information)
 - c) There are modifications to this Eligibility Application used when school/parent councils are applying:
 - i Instead of providing “Letters Patent”, the school is asked to provide the Council’s Constitution and By-Laws
 - ii Instead of “corporate financials”, the school is asked to provide financials and budgets for the school/council (i.e. demonstrating how the fundraising funds would be specifically used/applied)
 - d) Fundraising cannot be used for anything that the Board would already be obligated to supply a school
 - i However - if, for example, the Board supplies each school with 50 computers, but the school is fundraising for 10 more, the school needs to include an explanation of why the computers are needed and for what purposes they will be used, etc.
 - e) A letter from the Board confirming that the Board has no objections to the method of fundraising (i.e. gambling) **must be included.**
2. Once the Eligibility Application is approved, the school must open a lottery trust account (this is a new, separate bank account)
3. Once 1 and 2 are complete, the school can *then* apply for the *specific* event lottery license (e.g. raffle, bingo)
- a) Regular reports must be provided to the City regarding the status of the trust account, documenting expenditures and demonstrating how the proceeds from the approved event are allotted/spent *as previously approved by the City.*
 - b) The overall eligibility approval for the school is valid for several years (subject to ongoing review by the City to ensure continued eligibility status). However, a school needs to re-apply for a specific event license (step 3) for EACH new fundraising event they hold.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER A 8

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF
THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING,
MAY 20, 2025**

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, MAY 20, 2025, BE APPROVED.**

MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice-Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vioria	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Peter Cusumano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Scott Keys	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Ivana MacIsaac	Chief Information Officer
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research, Safe Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Drago Radic	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Viviana Varano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Luz del Rosario called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer

Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi led the Opening Prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Brea Corbet

Trustee Shawn Xaviour joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

4. Approval of Agenda

Taupe Sheet - distribution of Revised L4a Appendix 2

Motion 1419 (25-5-20)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Declaration of Interest - Nil

B. Awards and Presentations – Nil

C. Delegations – Nil

D. Reports from Trustees for Receipt – Nil

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

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

G. Update/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action – Nil

H. Additional Business – Nil

1. Notices of Motion

I. Questions Asked by Trustees – Nil

J. Declared Interest Items – Nil

K. In Camera Session

Motion 1420 (25-5-20)

Moved by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO A CLOSED MEETING AS DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE THE ACQUISITION OR DISPOSAL OF A SCHOOL SITE.

CARRIED

L. Report from the In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

Motion 1421 (25-5-20)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, LOCATED AT 815 CEREMONIAL DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA.

CARRIED

Motion 1422 (25-5-20)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE DPCDSB CHAIR, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WRITE A LETTER TO THE ONTARIO MINISTER OF EDUCATION PAUL CALANDRA REGARDING THE SALE AND DISPOSITION OF ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

CARRIED

M. Adjournment

Motion 1423 (25-5-20)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:46 P.M.

CARRIED



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER E 1 c.

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Regular Board Meeting
May 27, 2025
GOOD NEWS REPORT
Multi Year Strategic Plan Value: Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, Trust

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

BACKGROUND

The following Good News items represent a sample of unique, significant, or extraordinary events or accomplishments that have recently taken place involving DPCDSB students, staff, schools, or facilities.

CELEBRATING PI DAY

School: St. Jacinto Marto Catholic Elementary School (CES)
Principal: Devon Straw
Trustees: Darryl D'Souza, Anisha Thomas

On March 21, students at St. Jacinto Marto CES gathered in the school gym to witness 23 student competitors recite as many numbers of Pi as they could possibly memorize. This annual contest, run by teacher-librarian/planning time teacher, Nancy Cheong, challenges students to stretch their memories to celebrate Pi Day (March 13). Staff and students watched with bated breath as one by one, students bravely stepped up to the microphone and recited (or sang) their memorized numbers. In the end, Grade 7 student Elizabeth Matter placed 3rd with 234 digits memorized, Grade 5 students Tiana Ladish finished in 2nd place with 240 digits and Peyton Tiburcio, who recited 268 digits finished first. These top three finishers received a pie to take home to share with their families. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and courage. The St. Jacinto Marto staff and students are so proud of you!

INCREDIBLE ARTWORK FROM ST. ROSE OF LIMA CES

School: St. Rose of Lima CES
Principal: Michele Wilson
Trustee: Herman Vilorio

Congratulations to students at St. Rose of Lima CES for their hard work and contributing incredible artwork to the very first *St. Rose of Lima CES – Attendance Matters Poster Contest!* Students worked hard to research and illustrate why attending school every day is fundamental to a positive school experience and student success. Creative and colourful student work decorates the school foyer, creating a warm welcome and reminds all who enter that showing up every day makes all the difference to yourself and others. Way to go Lions!

SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES FOR THE LION KING JR.

School: St. Daniel Comboni CES
Principal: Monica Thompson
Trustee: Darryl D'Souza

On May 7 and 8, during Catholic Education Week, St. Daniel Comboni CES proudly staged its production of *The Lion King Jr.* With two sold-out evening performances and over 400 tickets distributed each night, the event was a resounding success, offering a vibrant celebration of student achievement in the arts.

The production served as a powerful platform for students to showcase their diverse talents—ranging from acting and singing to dancing, set design, costume creation, and technical production. Their hard work, creativity, and dedication were evident in every aspect of the performance, captivating audiences and leaving a lasting impression to all who attended.

The success of this musical was the result of eight months of careful planning, collaboration, and commitment. With involvement from the entire school community in various capacities, *The Lion King Jr.* became more than just a production—it was a testament to the power of arts education and the incredible potential of our students.

This unforgettable experience will be cherished by all who were part of it and stands as a shining example of the vibrant artistic spirit within St. Daniel Comboni CES.

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA'S SHINING STARS: A CELEBRATION OF FAITH, ABILITIES, AND FUN

School: St. Aloysius Gonzaga CSS
Principal: Michael Freitas
Trustees: Brea Corbet, Luz del Rosario, Herman Vilorio

Shining Stars is a joyful and action-packed annual event that celebrates the incredible abilities of elementary students with diverse learning needs from the Mississauga West family of schools.

Proudly hosted by the enthusiastic St. Aloysius Gonzaga CSS Leadership Class, the day began on May 8, with athletes being greeted in the cafeteria by colourful banners and cheers, creating an exciting and welcoming atmosphere for all. This set the stage for a beautiful student-led liturgy, grounding the event in Catholic values of friendship, inclusion, and compassion, and setting the tone for a celebration of community, confidence, and connection.

Students rotated through exciting stations featuring catching, throwing, kicking, hula hooping, balancing, jumping, relay racing, and more, showcasing their talents in a supportive environment. Adding to the excitement of the day, Trustee Brea Corbet and Superintendent Peter Cusumano joined the celebration, cheering on our shining stars and sharing in the joy of the event.

The day wrapped up with a delicious pizza party, leaving students with full bellies, joyful memories, and excitement to return next year. What a day to remember!

ST. LEONARD CES STUDENT CAME IN FIRST PLACE THE BRAMPTON REGIONAL JUNIOR SPELLING BEE CHAMPION OF CANADA TOURNAMENT

School: St. Leonard CES
Principal: Virginia Elizondo
Trustee: Darryl D'Souza

Grade 6 student Rochelle Chettiar came in first place at the Brampton Regional Junior Spelling Bee of Canada Tournament. Rochelle will move on to the 38th Spelling Bee Championship being held in Markham on May 25. Well done, Rochelle!

MUSICFEST CANADA GOLD MEDAL

School: St. Aloysius Gonzaga CSS
Principal: Michael Freitas
Trustees: Brea Corbet, Luz del Rosario, Herman Viloria

The St. Aloysius Gonzaga CSS Jazz band competed at MusicFest Canada at York University, the National music competition, on May 12 and won a Gold medal!

WELLNESS RETREAT AT ST. DAVID OF WALES CES

School: St. David of Wales CES
Principal: Colleen Klein
Trustee: Luz del Rosario

During our Catholic Education Week Wellness Retreat, students and staff came together for a day focused on faith, positivity, and well-being. The day began with a school-wide liturgy, followed by a powerful read-aloud about daily positive affirmations. Students then returned to their classrooms to participate in activities that promoted a positive mindset, including creating affirmation mirrors, mindful beading, and learning about the importance of kindness to others and to themselves.

The entire school later joined in a refreshing wellness walk around the neighbourhood, celebrating community and connection. The highlight of the day was the arrival of the Wellness Cart, delivering treats and smiles to staff. Two of our Grade 8 students took on the role of “bro-istas,” spreading music, joy, and encouragement as they visited each classroom—capping off a meaningful and uplifting day.

ST. MARCELLINUS CSS STUDENT CROWNED WORLD CHAMPION AT DECA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

School: St. Marcellinus CSS
Principal: Maria Bueno
Trustees: Luz del Rosario, Thomas Thomas

St. Marcellinus CSS is proud to celebrate Grade 12 student Rithik Singh, who was named World Champion in Accounting at the DECA International Career Development Conference held in April. DECA is an internationally recognized organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. The International Career Development Conference brings together over 20,000 high school students from around the world to compete in a variety of business disciplines.

Rithik competed at the highest level in this global event, demonstrating exceptional knowledge and skill in the accounting category. As DECA president at St. Marcellinus CSS, he has also served as a dedicated mentor to younger members, fostering a culture of excellence and leadership. His achievement marks a historic milestone for our school and showcases the strength of our business education and co-curricular programming.

ST. MARCELLINUS CSS VARSITY BAND EARNS NATIONAL GOLD AT MUSICFEST CANADA

School: St. Marcellinus CSS
Principal: Maria Bueno
Trustees: Luz del Rosario, Thomas Thomas

The St. Marcellinus CSS Varsity Band, under the direction of teacher John Horvat, earned a Gold Award at MusicFest Nationals on May 12, marking a historic first for the school. After achieving Gold at the regional level in February, the band was invited to compete at the prestigious national event, which features Canada's top-performing school ensembles.

The band's performance at the National level involved rigorous evaluation, including a live adjudicated performance and a sight-reading challenge, where students had just five minutes to prepare a brand-new piece. They not only earned Gold but also received a Certificate of Excellence for their clinic. This is Mr. Horvat's third Gold with the Varsity Band, and his leadership continues to inspire a high level of musicianship, discipline, and pride in our Music Program. This is a moment of great pride for St. Marcellinus CSS and a major accomplishment in the Canadian band community.

ST. MARCELLINUS CSS HOSTS BACK-TO-BACK ROPSSAA TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

School: St. Marcellinus CSS
Principal: Maria Bueno
Trustees: Luz del Rosario, Thomas Thomas

On May 1 and 2, and May 14 and 15, St. Marcellinus CSS proudly hosted two major Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association (ROPSSAA) Track & Field events: the *Spirit Classic Meet* and the *Special Events Meet* respectively. These events welcomed over 2500 student-athletes and visitors from across the region and received glowing feedback from participants and guests for the school's excellent organization and warm, spirited atmosphere. The *Spirit Classic* highlighted school pride, while the *Special Events Meet* offered a truly inclusive experience for students' Special Education programming. Both events showcased the transformative power of sport, strength in teamwork, and effective student leadership. A heartfelt thank you goes to our Physical Education department, track coaches, Academic Resource department (ARD) team, and staff volunteers—many of whom arrived as early as 4:00 AM to prepare for each meet. Their efforts created multiple days of celebration and competition that brought our community together in the spirit of unity and athletic excellence.

SCHOOL BLESSING REFLECTS DEEP PARISH CONNECTION AND BRINGS HOPE DURING CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

School: St. Marcellinus CSS
Principal: Maria Bueno
Trustees: Luz del Rosario, Thomas Thomas

As part of Catholic Education Week on May 5, Fr. Favin Almeo, associate pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish visited St. Marcellinus CSS to offer a heartfelt school blessing and lead a prayer with staff. With great care and presence, Fr. Favin blessed every part of the school building, surrounding our community with a renewed sense of peace, joy, and spiritual connection. This visit reflected the deep and ongoing partnership between St. Marcellinus CSS and St. Francis Xavier Parish. The parish continues to play a vital role in the spiritual life of our school, from celebrating school Masses and sacraments, to providing pastoral guidance and support to both students and staff throughout the year.

Fr. Favin's presence during Catholic Education Week was a joyful and unifying reminder of the grace found in faith and the strength that comes from walking together as a community rooted in Catholic values. We are sincerely grateful for the continued spiritual leadership and accompaniment from our parish.

Prepared by: Bruce Campbell, General Manager, Communications & Community Relations

Submitted by: Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D., Director of Education



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER F 1

**RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING,
MARCH 4, 2025**

MINUTES

Faith and Program Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

Trustees:	Shawn Xaviour	Chair
	Brea Corbet	Vice-Chair
	Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi	Trustee
	Luz del Rosario	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Bailey Clyne	Indigenous Student Trustee
	Raheem White	Student Trustee
Regrets:	Jia Sharma	Student Trustee
	Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vilorio	Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Max Vecchiarino	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Peter Cusumano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research, Safe Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Drago Radic	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Viviana Varano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Kevin Wendling	Assistant Superintendent: Math Lead
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

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

2. Opening Prayer

Vice-Chair Brea Corbet led the Opening Prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgment - Chair Shawn Xaviour

4. Approval of Agenda

Distribution: C1 PowerPoint, D1 speaking notes and L4b.

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Declaration of Interest - Nil

6. Approval of the Minutes from the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, January 14, 2025

Moved by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2025, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

B. Awards and Presentations

1. Founder Donna F. Boucher and Cathy Corsetti of *Making Prom Happen*

1. Trustee Brea Corbet: Thank you for the important work you are doing to support our students.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff send this presentation to trustees to share with Catholic School Councils (CSC)?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: The recorder will forward the PowerPoint to trustees.

C. Delegations

1. Diane Borrelli regarding: EQAO, Awards and Going Against Policy

Trustee question to Staff:

1. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi: Can staff please explain Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) testing?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: EQAO is the standardized testing that measures student achievement of the Ontario curriculum. There is a bank of questions that are used repeatedly and are refined to get to know the learner and support a variety of answers to the questions. The answers gauge students' strengths and weakness.

2. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi: Can staff provide a better understanding of the secondary benchmarks used for honour roll and for awards of distinction?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: The standard for honour roll is a mark of 80% and over and high distinction is 90% or more.

3. Trustee Mario Pascucci: There should be the same opportunities at school A and school B. Is there not supposed to be standardization for awards of distinction?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: We will provide further details in Issues & Events.

4. Trustee Brea Corbet: EQAO is hosting free live webinars for parents/guardians to help support their children's math learning. The webinars March 6 and 26 are both full. Although it is not a DPCDSB event, can staff follow up with EQAO to ask about opening the registration to allow more registrations? Or open up more dates? And will it be recorded and available to parents afterwards?

Director Mazzorato: Assistant Superintendent Wendling has been advised that EQAO is offering an additional date of April 1. We will communicate this information.

5. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Is it true that EQAO testing is being conducted using artificial intelligence (AI)?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: AI generates an algorithm. The questions are increasingly refined based on the answer to each previous question. This helps educators to determine what support is needed. It helps group students into level of knowledge.

6. Trustee Luz del Rosario: How can teachers help students prepare if AI is generating the test?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: As mentioned there is a bank of questions to draw from, and teachers review the results of the previous test to determine categories and different levels of knowledge to prepare students accordingly.

D. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

- a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Report

Trustee Luz del Rosario reminded trustees that the OCSTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference is May 1-3 and that the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) AGM and Convention is June 5-7. Please see Michelle Vritsios to register.

- b. Good News - Nil

E. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt - Nil

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Catholic Education Week 2025

Superintendent Murphy and Deacon Ray Frendo summarized the report. Superintendent Murphy added that OCSTA has curated a list of Catholic library resources for educators to help students learn and celebrate Catholic Education Week.

2. Multi-Year Strategic Plan Updates and Next Steps for 2024-2025

Superintendent Odo summarized the report.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca left the meeting at 7:55 and returned at 7:57 pm.

G. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports requiring Action

1. Naming of Mount Pleasant #2 Catholic Elementary School

Superintendents Varano and Odo summarized the report.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff provide data on the selection of both these names?

Superintendent Varano: We surveyed approximately 100 families and 68% voted for St. Ruth and the remainder of votes were for St. Joseph Vaz. Each family was allowed one vote.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour passed the chair to Vice-Chair Brea Corbet.

2. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: Is there a concern with having several elementary schools named St. Joseph?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: There is St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (CES) Streetsville and St. Joseph CES Brampton. There were a variety of stakeholders consulted i.e., parishes, Catholic School Councils (CSC), and families.

3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: How did we come to two names? Is it possible to send in only one name to the Archdiocese?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: We consulted various stakeholders and 18 other names were suggested but each had only one vote. As per board policy, we need to send at least two names to the Archdiocese.

4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Commented that there are many St. John CES i.e., St. John of the Cross, St. John the Baptist CES, St. John the XXIII, St. John Bosco CES.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour resumed the chair.

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO THE NAMES ST. JOSEPH VAZ AND ST. RUTH AS OPTIONS FOR THE NAMING OF MOUNT PLEASANT #2 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

CARRIED

H. Additional Business

1. Notices of Motion - Nil

I. Questions Asked by Trustees

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: On the plaque of the new school can staff ensure the full name of the trustee is included?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: We will ensure first and last names of the Board of Trustees are included.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Previously we had requested that report cards be sent to the email accounts of parent/guardian rather than to student emails, is this still in process?

Director Mazzorato: This request is under review. We would like to have a parental portal but need to ensure absolute security. Details will be provided in Issues & Events.

3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: At a CSC meeting the question was asked regarding how many parents sign report cards and return the envelopes to the school.

Associate Director Vecchiarino: A substantial number do not get returned to the school and the rate of return diminishes as students progress through the grades.

4. Trustee Brea Corbet: With March Break just around the corner can we share the Homework Policy regarding tests, assignments, and major projects for the week following the break.

Superintendent Murphy: I spoke with the Principal/Vice-Principal Association today to ensure that additional work is not assigned during the break and that nothing is due on the day students return to school. Student achievement and well-being are our priority. There will be cases whereby senior students have been given sufficient time to work on a project or assignment and have left it to do over the break, in these cases teachers need to negotiate with students about work that is to be handed in during the returning week.

5. Trustee Brea Corbet: With the snap provincial election on February 27, unfortunately we were not able to move our February 14 Professional Activity (PA) day to align with the election. There are concerns with our schools having open access to the public to vote when they are designated as poll locations, despite the presence of a security guard. Some of our elementary schools do not have easy access to the gym, so members of the public have to go down the same hallways and also access the washrooms. We do not know when the upcoming federal election will be. Can we keep this in mind to consider moving the May 16 PA day, once we have confirmation of the federal election date?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: Our preference is to have no students in the school during voting or to have limited access for voters while students are in school. We will review dates, as necessary.

6. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: If necessary, would the School Year Calendar Committee reconvene to discuss aligning our PA day with the coterminous board?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: Yes

7. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we reach out to elections Ontario or election Canada to see if there is a date?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: They would not release the date to the school board. We will take action as soon as a date is available.

8. Trustee Brea Corbet: With the recent announcement of the revised delivery model with our chaplaincy services, we have students, families and staff who have expressed concerns. Can staff provide some clarity to the decision and what does this mean for our schools?

Superintendent Murphy: All employee groups are reviewed for efficiency and we have been reviewing pastoral plans for best practices. We have noted patterns that can elevate our students' faith formation and spiritual life. This Christ-centered teaching and support from our chaplains to our secondary students will be extended to our elementary students and to staff adult faith formation. There will be no job loss, the model of the job is being changed. Our obligation is to ensure that each student has faith-filled experiences and that the system reflects our faith. As the plan and framework are developed, we will communicate to all groups.

9. Student Trustee Raheem White: At a Student Senate meeting the question was asked, will each secondary school have a chaplaincy leader?

Associate Director Vecchiarino: Yes

10. Student Trustee Raheem White: Were students and parents/guardians involved in this conversation?

Superintendent Murphy: Due to legal issues and employee contracts there has been no consultation, however there will be consultation as we work on the framework of the position.

11. Student Trustee Raheem White: The student senators have had some very emotional conversations, teacher chaplains are devastated and the tone and environment around schools have been vastly different. The morale has dropped since the announcement due to lack of clarity. We understand that some chaplains have additional education, they can reapply for their jobs at a reduced salary and benefits and it will not be a teaching role. Chaplaincy spaces are welcoming because they understand students as educators and spiritually. Is there a plan to match their salary and benefits so that they may reapply to the new positions?
12. Superintendent Murphy: To be respectful to all groups, as we operationalize this, we would not do this publicly. I admire that as a student you have the same regard for chaplains as I have, change is very hard. This is an employee issue and details will be provided following the process.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour passed the chair to Vice-Chair Brea Corbet.

13. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: Are chaplain salaries funded by the Ministry?

Director Mazzorato: No, they are not. We have a group of non-teacher chaplains that do not belong to OECTA and we have teacher chaplains that are part of OECTA. There are two different pay scales. Salaries are paid through discretionary funds.

14. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: I understand we are streamlining the work that non-teaching chaplains and teacher chaplains are doing.

Director Mazzorato: The main motivating factor is that teacher chaplains have limitations through their unions. For example, in secondary school, a teacher chaplain could not be called on to prepare and facilitate an adult faith formation retreat. In other boards there are teacher chaplains that are doing chaplaincy work and teaching classes.

15. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: Can staff confirm that every high school will have a chaplain?

Director Mazzorato: The new model will have 26 chaplains that their home base will be at a secondary school and they will have flexibility with time each week to address elementary school needs and work on adult faith formation.

16. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: It is a pleasure to hear from students how effective chaplains are in their schools. We also see the appreciation at graduations when students cheer enthusiastically for chaplains. Grade 7 and 8 students will benefit by entering secondary school with a familiar chaplain.

17. Trustee Bruno Iannicca commented that chaplains have had a positive effect on student well-being and achievement. Is staff confident that we will have 26 chaplains?

Director Mazzorato: We are working on a posting to go out after March Break and have already had some interest in the position.

18. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: This is an operational issue; however, can trustees have input into the framework from the feedback we have received from parents/guardians?

Director Mazzorato: We can solicit that feedback from trustees.

19. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: When hiring new chaplains, can we ensure that they have worked with youth?

Director Mazzorato: Our Human Resources department is managing the recruitment.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour resumed the chair.

J. Declared Interest Items – Nil

K. In Camera Session

Moved by Brea Corbet

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO A CLOSED MEETING AS DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE, PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE, OR AN EMPLOYEE.

CARRIED

L. Report from In Camera

Received two reports: Math Action Achievement Plan and Administrative Appointments and Transfers, and Questions Asked of an In Camera Nature by Trustees.

M. Future Meetings

May 13, 2025

N. Adjournment

Moved by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9.39 P.M.

CARRIED



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER F 2

**RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING,
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

MINUTES

Audit Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Bruno Iannicca	Chair
	John Boots	Vice-Chair, External Audit Committee Member
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Laura Prestia	External Audit Committee Member
Regrets:	Herman Vilorio	Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Max Vecchiarino	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Scott Keys	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Carrie Salemi	General Manager, Finance
	Kevin Sun	Internal Auditor
	Reynard Balatbat	Senior Auditor
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer

External Member Laura Prestia led the Opening Prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Darryl D'Souza

4. Election of the Chair of the Audit Committee In Accordance with By-Laws

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha opened nominations for the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was nominated by External Member Laura Prestia. Trustee Bruno Iannicca accepted the nomination.

In accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law, Executive Superintendent Cherepacha requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca was acclaimed Chair of the Audit Committee.

5. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee In Accordance with By-Laws

Chair Bruno Iannicca called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

External Member John Boots was nominated by Trustee Darryl D'Souza. External Member John Boots accepted the nomination.

In accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law, Chair Bruno Iannicca requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

External Member John Boots was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

6. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

7. Declaration of Interest

- a. Executive Superintendent Cherepacha confirmed receipt of signed Declaration of Conflict of Interest and Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreements from all members present.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, November 12, 2024

Moved by Laura Prestia

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2024, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Committee Minutes - Nil

B. Proposed Terms of Reference 2025

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha summarized the report and advised that it will be updated to reflect changes: Chair Bruno Iannicca and Vice-Chair John Boots.

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE 2025 BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

CARRIED

C. Awards and Presentations - Nil

D. Delegation - Nil

E. Reports from Committee/Administration for Receipt -Nil

F. Reports from Committee/Administration Requiring Action

1. Appointment of External Auditors

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha thanked BDO Canada for their collaboration over the last five years, through a challenging time: the global pandemic. It was a pleasure to work with the BDO team, noting that this was one of their first forays into school boards and they did a proficient and successful job.

Superintendent Keys summarized the report.

1. Vice-Chair John Boots: What is the March 31 Specified Procedures?

Superintendent Keys: The Ministry of Education requires all school boards to perform a set of standardized tasks as at March 31, the fiscal yearend for the Ministry, and have auditors perform testing for accuracy and completeness.

2. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: The 3-year audit service costs are they inclusive?

Superintendent Keys: Yes.

3. External Member Laura Prestia: Is it common that there could be additional fees when an agreement is in place?

Superintendent Keys: It can occur if additional audit services are needed and are not in the contract.

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE LLP, CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS, AS EXTERNAL AUDITORS TO DPCDSB FOR THE THREE-YEAR TERM STARTING WITH THE MARCH 31, 2025 SPECIFIED PROCEDURES REPORT AND EXPIRING WITH THE AUGUST 31, 2027 YEAR-END AUDIT.

CARRIED

2. Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT) Update and Annual Report

RIAT Senior Manager Paula Hatt summarized the report.

1. External Member Laura Prestia: Would you remind me which two audits were completed in 2023-2024?

Senior Manager Paula Hatt: The two audits completed were a benchmarking engagement for Board Administration and Governance staffing and Legislative Compliance.

2. Vice-Chair John Boots: Who does the external assessment?

Senior Manager Paula Hatt: This can be done by either a professional services firm or our Institute of Professional Auditors. With a recommendation from the Institute of Professional Auditors we are doing a readiness assessment first.

3. Vice-Chair John Boots: You mentioned that there were items to be completed in December 2024, have they been completed?

Senior Manager Paula Hatt: They are almost complete.

Moved by Laura Prestia

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE RIAT TWO-YEAR AUDIT PLAN 2022-23 AND 2023-24 BE AMENDED TO CANCEL THE IT ASSETS: SUSTAINABILITY AUDIT ENGAGEMENT.

CARRIED

4. Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT) Audit Plan for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

Senior Manager Paula Hatt summarized the report.

1. External Member Laura Prestia asked Executive Superintendent Cherepacha if she was in agreement with the proposed Audit Plan.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Yes, this is the first time we have done an enrolment audit which is relevant, given that funding is based on student enrolment and a focus on Special Education is important noting the significance of the expenditure level. . By doing an enrolment audit first with RIAT this will provide a good understanding and process moving forward in the event DPCDSB is selected by the Ministry of Education for an enrolment audit.

2. External Member Laura Prestia: Many years ago, on this committee we did have a Special Education audit, will RIAT be using those results in the audit?

Senior Manager Paula Hatt: We would use any results and findings from the first engagement that are relevant for this audit. Benchmarking is a new tool and not likely to have been included in the past.

Moved by John Boots

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REGIONAL INTERNAL AUDIT TEAM (RIAT) AUDIT PLAN FOR 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026.

CARRIED

G. Additional Business - Nil

1. Notices of Motion

H. Questions Asked by Committee Members – Nil

I. Declared Interest Items – Nil

J. In Camera Session

Moved by John Boots

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING RESOLVE INTO THE IN CAMERA SESSION.

CARRIED

K. Report from In Camera

Report: Approval of the In Camera Audit Committee Minutes of November 12, 2024, receipt of RIAT Professional Development - Leadership Report, Verbal Update PowerSchool Breach, and receipt of eight (8) school audits: St. Gerard CES, St. Louis CES, St. Catherine of Siena CES, St. Teresa of Avila CES, Sts. Peter and Paul CES, St. Raphael CES, St. Kevin CES and St. Jacinta Marto CES.

Moved by John Boots

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL IN CAMERA REPORT.

CARRIED

L. Future Meetings

May 13, 2025

M. Adjournment

Moved by Laura Prestia

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 5:34 P.M.

CARRIED



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER F 3

**RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
PEEL SAFE AND ACTIVE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
APRIL 15, 2025**

**Peel Safe and Active Routes to School (PSARTS)
Committee is:**



**Peel Safe and Active Routes to School Committee (PSARTS) Meeting
April 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

In person/hybrid at Brampton City Hall, Boardroom 2A West Tower, 41 George Street S., Brampton

MINUTES

Chair: Laura Zeglen, City of Mississauga

Minutes: Jaclyn Newman, Peel Region

In Attendance:

Region of Peel	Peel Public Health: Jaclyn Newman (School Health Nurse), Taran Narwal (School Health Promoter), Lee-Ann Kosziwka (School Health Promoter), Annique Marko (Active Living Health Promoter) Public Works: Sage Handler, Apurva Sugenthiran (Co-Op Student), Jennifer Andrade
Municipalities:	City of Brampton: Tyron Nimalakumar (Transportation Planning), Fernanda Soares (Project Manager, Active Transportation), Sarah Cullen (transportation Planner) City of Mississauga: Matthew Sweet (Active Transportation), Laura Zeglen (Active Transportation), Sheelagh Duffin (Crossing Guards Supervisor and Mississauga School Traffic Safety Action Committee)
School Boards:	PDSB: Susan Benjamin (Trustee) DPCDSB: Krystina Koops (Planning), Thomas Thomas (Trustee), Irene Mota (Student Success Coordinator) STOPR: Rebecca Rozario
Peel Police:	Peel Children's Safety Village: Christiana Hallett

Organizations:

TRCA: Amy Thurston (Project Manager), Julia Themelis (Coordinator, Community Outreach & Education)

EcoSource: Merisa Nudelman

Item No.	Notes	Action Items
1	1.1 Introductions and Land Acknowledgment 1.2 Review and Approval of Previous Minutes STOPR has contacts for all municipalities 1.3 Actions Arising from Previous Meeting No additions	1.1 – No Actions 1.2 – No Actions 1.3 – Ongoing action item: PSARTS members to share potential ASST resources with PDSB via LaShawn Murray: lashawn.murray@peelsb.com
2	2.1 Communications Working Group Update (Sage Handler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk and Roll Skills and Drills Guide: This is an update to the previous Bike Rodeo guide, to incorporate learning stations for various active travel modes as a series of action cards The new guide is now live on the Peel Police Children's Safety Village Website – link here: Walk & Roll - Skills and Drills - Peel Regional Police There are 10 activity station options for school staff to chose from. It is more simplified compared to the previous guide. 2.2 Question from Trustee Susan Benjamin Kids are not wearing helmets (especially noted in Malton). Are there any organizations that provide helmets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from Christiana (Peel Safety Village): Helmets on Kids program. Grade 3 students are provided with free bike helmets. 5 schools in PDSB selected according to their Vulnerability Index Scores. Schools can only receive helmets every 3 years. Response from Sage (Peel Region): First 100 schools registered for B2SW will get 2 helmets each. 	2.0- It is favourable to have all organizations on PSARTS to be represented on one of the two working groups (Communications and Policy/Environment). Please reach out to Jaclyn/Laura if you are interested in joining one of the sub-groups. 2.1- The Communications working group is looking for new items to work on. Please reach out to Laura/Sage if you have any ideas. 2.2- Susan to send the name of the school of concern to Christiana who can see if the school is eligible for the Helmets on Kids program.
3	3.1 Policy and Environment Working Group Update (Laura Zeglen/Tyron Nimalakumar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main focus of the workgroup was advocating to PDSB and DPCDSB to adopt ASST Charters; achieved at PDSB, still working through discussions at DPCDSB. Workgroup is now meeting monthly. 	3.1- Please complete the survey to be circulated after the meeting. Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtz3mM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for what next project can be and hoping to have a matrix ready for June meeting with different action items ranked on impact vs effort. This will help select next project to work on. 	RPdR3ynJYgO-JWbyQeseCcRO3gRk66JU_S08rBi-kg/viewform?usp=sharing
4	<p>4.1 Updates to TRCA Walking and Rolling in Peel Action Card (Amy Thurston)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a service agreement with EcoSchools – Peel can tailor action cards to meet local needs (i.e., Can create Peel specific action cards). Action cards are reviewed and updated as needed annually (there are currently 55+ cards). This may include adding resources, making sure links work, etc. There is a Walking and Rolling in Peel card – this is based on the active school travel card which is used across Canada. There is an opportunity to update the Walking and Rolling in Peel card. – June 16th need to have edits in by. TRCA works with eco schools to ensure they are comfortable with content of the card. Amy would like to work with PSARTS committee for feedback. There are two mandatory cards by EcoSchools: “Getting started” and “Environmental literacy”. Amy is unsure if school boards can lock any cards. Both school boards would have to agree. If one wanted to do certain cards, they could mandate that within their own school boards. Eco schools prefers to keep it flexible. The card can be promoted in different, engaging ways. Card is worth 10 points 	<p>4.1a- Amy to share the current Walking and Rolling in Peel card with the PSARTS members for feedback and perhaps join a Policy and Environment working group for feedback. Feedback is due asap as the edits need to be in by June 16th.</p> <p>4.1b- Communications working group to support updates to and look at promoting the Walking and Rolling in Peel Action card.</p>
5	<p>5.1 Brampton and Mississauga E-Scooter Education to Schools (Sarah Cullen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PowerPoint Presentation attached to minutes email An online webinar for PDSB parents is being planned There will be poster templates for both school boards available electronically. Schools can choose to print or share in newsletters, etc. Waiting for follow up action items – safety, age restrictions, etc. parents don’t know the rules – good to spread the message through the school boards. <p>5.2 Q+A: Are we aware scooters are being sold that are not meeting criteria – what are we doing about that? On our radar, not much cities can do. Who is ticketing under age riders? Peel police.</p>	<p>5.1a- Sarah to share a copy of this presentation and associated resources for schools.</p> <p>5.1b- Sarah to connect with Sage to promote e-scooters information at public works community events.</p> <p>5.2- Municipalities to explore creating tips and best practices for use of e-scooters in inclement weather.</p>

	<p>How much does an e scooters cost to purchase? Huge range in price from \$300 – \$2000 +\$</p> <p>Where E-Scooters be parked at school? Differs based on school boards – DPCDSB allows on their property, PDSB are pushing for e scooters to not be allowed on property. Shared e-scooters: cannot be on any school board property.</p> <p>Chances of theft of e-scooters? Not a lot of data. Don't have the information at the moment. Shared scooters all have a GPS and can retrieve them, not much theft. Shared scooters aren't operated through winter months. Eric Zhao (City of Mississauga) "They seem to be more secure in terms of theft compared to conventional bikes, my personal e-scooter can be locked through a mobile app and other people cannot unlock it without my phone, plus I can always add on a physical lock"</p> <p>Irene Mota commented that Guidelines may need to be created for e-scooter use during inclement weather.</p>	
6	<p>6.1 Bike to School Week Discussion</p> <p>PDSB (Susan Benjamin): Bike month has been promoted to school trustees, at board meetings, and Family of School meetings.</p> <p>Peel Region- Public works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Month is from May 26 – June 27th this year and schools can chose which week to participate. • 147 school registered so far. Registration is open until May 9th. First 100 schools will receive a prize package – which includes 2 helmets, bells, stickers, bookmarks, reflective materials, etc. • School Health PHNs will deliver the kits to their assigned schools again this year in May. • All registered school will receive a digital ki which includes tweet and announcement samples, certificates templates, and online resources. • Schools can submit eco schools action card before bike to school week. Deadline is May 9th. DPCDSB deadline – April 25th. • Bike the creek event – June 7th. • Curriculum connected Bike safety presentations for K-3 and grades 4-8 newly developed. Short presentations. For teachers – helmet check, how to cross the road, bike checks. Will be on bike month website and linked in B2SW kit. <p>DPCDSB: promoting bike to school month – hard copies of the B2SW flyer sent to schools. Promoted through system weekly</p>	<p>6.1a- Sage to email Bike to School week registrants a reminder to submit their Walking and Rolling in Peel Action cards by April 25th.</p> <p>6.1b- Explore adding the Bike Safety Presentations developed by Peel Region to the Walk and Roll in Peel EcoSchools card resource, as well as on the PDSB ASST website.</p> <p>6.1c- Jaclyn to connect with Tyron and Laura to promote summer bike events in School Health E-Blasts (this is a monthly email sent to all schools by PHNs).</p> <p>6.1d- All to reach out to Jaclyn/Laura if you have a contact from The Town of Caledon as a representative at PSARTS.</p>

	<p>updates. Last week they had Ecoschools session to Ecoschool staff leads.</p> <p>Peel Children's Safety Village: Bike safety session available for schools to sign up for mid-April – end of June. Target audience is grade 3 students. A couple spaces still available: Schools can register here: https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/safety-tips/programs.aspx#Grade-3--Personal-Bike-Safety</p> <p>City of Mississauga:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hosting bike mechanics drop-in sessions – dates will be posted in May • Skills and drills circuits – dates will also be posted in May • 2 community rides (Applewood and Clarkson) plus Bike the Creek – 8-16km routes. • Digital Bike Challenge: Logging kms ridden towards tree planting. • 2 summer bike ambassadors will be supporting bike events again this May/Summer. There will also be additional contract staff hiring. Capacity to support schools is greater this year. • Schools and PHNs can contact Matthew Sweet to request bike safety presentations or to support a bike skills and drills event. Matthew.sweet@mississauga.ca. <p>BikeBrampton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact is David Laing (david@bikebrampton.ca) • Brampton schools can contact David for bike safety presentations or to support other school bike events. <p>City of Brampton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been promoting ROP's B2SW resources. • No staffing to do direct programming with schools • Hosting community rides • Bike Skills and drills sessions lead by recreation during the summer • Bike Festival May 24th <p>Brampton School Traffic Safety Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools/PHNs can contact Violet Skirten (violet.skirten@brampton.ca) to request bike safety presentations/assembly support. • Schools/PHNs can contact Tyron for Infrastructure changes requests. 	
7	7.1 Round Table Updates	7.1- No Actions

	<p>7.2 City of Brampton Updates (Tyron Nimalakumar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on start of ATMP (Active Transportation Master Plan) updates. • Including destinations (such as schools) wayfinding pilot. Subsection on children Active Transportation (AT) efforts. PSARTS stakeholders to participate. <p>7.3 Peel Public Health Updates (Annie Marko)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Health – Eblasts sent to schools via Public Health Nurses promoting bike month. • Brampton Mobility Plan 2051- working with contact (Richa) to add STP in their plan to showcase our collaboration. • Active living – downtown core wayfinding working with the city of Mississauga – April 29th walking audit started. Fairview PS also involved; improving signage. SH PHN also invited. Fairview also doing school walking routes program, too. Maybe reach out to Elm Drive PS too (suggested by Christie). <p>7.4 City of Mississauga Updates (Laura Zeglen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Walking Routes Program: Ongoing annual program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall: Launch event, prize pack, travel survey, safety audit walks to look at safety improvements. ○ Winter: Working on wayfinding signage for these schools. Survey determines location – will be installed over the summer. ○ Spring: Schools chose 2 education and outreach activities: 2 pedestrian options and 3 bike options. Added a Bike repair workshop option this year. ○ 5 schools chose winter walk scavenger hunt: for grades 1 and 2 students. Talked about safety points during the walk, as well. ○ A couple schools are planning on doing a Pedestrian skills and drills which involves Doing a walk around neighborhood – cross at intersections, multiuse trail etiquette, promoting AT during walk. ○ Cycling activities led by the City’s bike ambassadors. • 2nd round of School Streets pilot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shut down street in front of schools before and after school hours. Promoting alternate ways to get to school versus cars. ○ Chose schools that have students who live near school. National project, 25 cities participating. Corliss PS in Malton is the chosen school to start in September 2025. 	<p>7.2- Email Tyron if you have any ideas to add to Brampton’s Active Transportation Master Plan.</p> <p>7.3- No Actions</p> <p>7.4- No Actions</p> <p>7.5- TRCA to reach out to PSARTS members about supporting AT workshop for teachers in late August.</p> <p>7.6- Jennifer to send flyer to Susan Benjamin to promote the “Pedal Power” program.</p>
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	<p>7.5 TRCA Updates (Julie Themelis/Amy Thurston)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco schools stats; 105 schools added the walking and rolling card last year. 155 schools have added walking and rolling card this year. Looking to add AT workshop to teachers in late August. No date set. Hosted at Albion hills – plan to use fleet of fat bikes. Last one was hosted in 2019. <p>7.6 Peel Region Updates- Public Works (Jennifer Andrade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peel Children’s water festival – 5 days running in May. 4 AT activities students can participate in. Bike Rack Program – Still accepting applications. Extended to places of worship and private schools. Prepping for deliveries in May. Opened to Sheridan and Algoma college. Next round will be early summer or early fall for delivery. Community Cycling Programs have been extended with both their groups Peel Multicultural Council servicing all areas in Mississauga. – bike mentorship, bike loans and Refurbishing bikes. Punjabi Community Health Services – in Brampton – serves both Brampton and Caledon. Rahul’s “Pedal Power” Mississauga High School Cycling workshop – still looking for more participants - might be look into middle schools. AT story map for high schools; Sage looking to promote resource for high schools as it is not currently well used. GIS part of curriculum. TRCA has an elementary-focused one. 	
8	<p>8.1 Adjournment and Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 10am-12pm; Region of Peel; 7120 Hurontario Street, MR 2-421 (2nd floor). Adjournment 	<p>8.1- Please let Laura/Jaclyn know if your organization can host the October 7th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Room Requirements: Hybrid capabilities and around 20 people occupancy



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER G 1

**LETTER OF RETIREMENT
OLIVERA GLASFORD, PRINCIPAL**

May 2, 2025

Marianne Mazzorato
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board
40 Matheson Boulevard West
Mississauga, Ontario
L5R 1C5

Dear Marianne,

I am writing to formally announce my decision to retire from my position as Principal from the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. My last day of work will be July 31st, 2025.

After working in education for close to 32 years in both the secondary and elementary panel in various capacities including ERW, Teacher, English Department Head, Vice Principal, and Principal, I have made the very difficult decision to begin a new chapter in my life.

I am forever indebted to the school communities that I served in my 29 years with DPCDSB including St. Paul CSS, St. Joseph CSS, St. Francis Xavier CSS, Holy Name of Mary CSS, St. Thomas Aquinas CSS, St. Marcellinus CSS, St. Barbara CES, and my current school St. John XXIII CES. Furthermore, I am genuinely grateful for all of the support that I have received over the years from my Admin. Teams, Superintendents, Trustees and Executive Council.

In closing, I offer my sincerest thank you to every single individual who has walked with me on my educational journey. Your ongoing support and friendship have left a permanent imprint on my heart.

May God bless you,



Olivera Glasford

Employee [REDACTED]

c.c. Stephanie Strong, Superintendent, Human Resources
Drago Radic, Superintendent, Mississauga South Family of Schools



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER G 2

**LETTER OF RETIREMENT
DIANA SPERANZA, PRINCIPAL**

Diana Speranza



May 6, 2025

Marianne Mazzorato
40 Matheson Blvd. W
Mississauga, Ontario L5R 1C5

Dear Marianne,

It is after much discernment that I have decided to retire from the position of Principal of Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. My last day of work will be June 30, 2025. I have loved my 31 years in this vocation serving the students and staff of DPCDSB.

It has been an incredible journey working as a Catholic Educator in the role of Teacher, Department Head, Vice-Principal and Principal within the board. I am honoured to have served the students, staff and families in the school communities that I had the privilege of being a part of.

Prior to my formal retirement, I am available to help in any way to make the transition as smooth as possible. I am also willing and interested in helping the board as a retired Principal, for instance, as a supply Principal, and other opportunities that might arise.

I once again want to express my gratitude for what has been a great career. I feel blessed beyond measure that I had the opportunity of being part of the DPCDSB team, and to have worked and learned from some truly amazing colleagues.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Speranza'.

Diana Speranza

Principal
Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School

c.c. Stephanie Strong, Superintendent of Human Resources and Employee Relations
Adrian Scigliano, Superintendent of Education Brampton North/Caledon/Dufferin Family of Schools



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER G 3

**LETTER OF RETIREMENT
KELLY-ANN MARSİ, PRINCİPAL**

May 19, 2025

Marianne Mazzorato
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board
40 Matheson Blvd. West
Mississauga, ON L5R 1C5

Dear Marianne,

Please accept this letter as notification of my retirement from my role as Principal, effective July 31, 2025.

For over 50 years, I have been part of Dufferin-Peel as a student, teacher, parent and administrator. I have a great sense of pride that I worked for Dufferin-Peel and am grateful to have had a role in the growth of students' faith and academic achievements in the communities I served, especially in my role as an administrator. It has been a blessing to witness the positive impact of a Catholic education on my own children, students, and families in the schools where I worked. I feel honoured to have collaborated with so many talented and inspiring colleagues during the past 29 years and am thankful for the guidance of the superintendents who have mentored me along the way. Although I am ending my journey with Dufferin-Peel, I am equally excited about the next part of my life.

I am willing to help in any way that I can to facilitate the transition to the new administration, and to support Dufferin-Peel on a contract basis in the future if needed.

Sincerely,



Kelly-Ann Marsi
Principal
St. Margaret of Scotland

C.C. Stephanie Strong, Superintendent, Human Resources
Drago Radic, Superintendent, Mississauga South Family of Schools



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER G 4

**LETTER OF RETIREMENT
MICHELLE CLOUTIER McCANN, PRINCIPAL**



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May 16, 2025

Marianne Mazzorato
Director of Education
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board
40 Matheson Blvd. West
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Dear Marianne,

Please accept this letter as notice of my intent to retire from Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board effective July 31, 2025.

I consider myself privileged to have had such a rewarding career as an Educator, Early Literacy Consultant, and Administrator. I am grateful to the staff, students, families, colleagues and pastoral teams who have helped make this professional journey so memorable.

Thank you to all the Superintendents, Trustees, Directors and Associate Directors who I have had the opportunity to work with.

I will always treasure the relationships I have formed in Dufferin Peel. Teaching and leading in a Catholic system truly have been my vocation.

Respectfully,

M. Cloutier McCann

Michelle Cloutier McCann
Principal

Cc Drago Radic, Superintendent, Mississauga South Family of Schools
Stephanie Strong, Superintendent, Human Resources & Employee Relations



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER G 5

2025-2026 PUBLIC BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION REPORT

Regular Board Meeting
May 27, 2025
2025-2026 PUBLIC BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION REPORT
Multi Year Strategic Plan Value: Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive & Trust

*“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.
The human mind may devise many plans,
but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established”*
Proverbs 19:20-21

BACKGROUND

The purpose of hosting the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) public budget information session is to share financial information with our Catholic communities and provide an opportunity for dialogue on questions and comments. The questions submitted during the live session provide input into the development of the 2025-2026 operating budget of the DPCDSB and valuable insight to the concerns of our stakeholders.

Financial transparency and accountability align with the DPCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) and the value of Trust. DPCDSB is committed to ensuring all stakeholders are aware of DPCDSB’s financial position and the impact of operating under a Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan (MYFRP) with the Ministry of Education (Ministry).

DISCUSSION

Information sharing with stakeholders is vital to the budget development process. This report includes a summary of questions and comments received. The details have also been posted to the public budget webpage on the main DPCDSB website.

Public Budget Information Webcast

On April 24, 2025, Financial Services staff provided a live public budget information webcast for sharing information and addressing questions of concern from stakeholders. The webcast was recorded and remains available for viewing on the public budget webpage.

Statistics available from the webcast recording show 180 individual log-on attempts. As part of the planning for the public webcast, all schools were informed of the date early in the year so that Catholic School Council meetings could be scheduled for the same evening. Thus, an individual log-on could represent several attendees from the same location.

A list of the questions and comments from the session with staff responses was posted to the budget webpage and is attached to this report.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting

Financial Services staff presented budget information at the April 23, 2025, meeting of SEAC. An overview of the DPCDSB financial status, updates regarding the special education envelope of expenditures and forecasted 2025-2026 budget challenges were shared and discussed.

DPCDSB Communications

There were no emails with questions or concerns regarding the 2025-2026 Budget submitted through the Communications and Community Relations department.

CONCLUSION

The public budget information webcast was successful in reaching a large number of community members and stakeholders. The webcast session is provided as an opportunity to share information to our stakeholders regarding the 2025-2026 budget development, expected challenges and the current financial position of DPCDSB.

Prepared by: Scott Keys, Superintendent, Financial Services
 Julie Cherepacha, Executive Superintendent, Finance, CFO and Treasurer

Submitted by: Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D., Director of Education

This document is a consolidation of the questions submitted during the Public Budget Information Session which took place on April 24, 2025. Questions are outlined in blue below and are followed by responses. School-specific questions should be directed to the respective school.

A recording of the Session and a copy of the presentation can be found on the DPCDSB website.

1. What is the Capital Budget? Does any of the capital funding lapse if not used? If so, how much?

Response

The Capital Budget is funding from the Ministry of Education intended to cover the following capital requirements:

- Capital Priorities – approved new school builds, additions or renovations
- School Renewal and School Condition Projects – costs related to the repair needs to keep schools in a state of good repair
- Child Care Capital – approved new child care centres or additions to existing schools for child care purposes
- Temporary Accommodation – costs related to portable moves, leases, or purchases
- Land Priorities – approved land purchases, not eligible to collect Education Development Charges (EDC), to support future capital priorities

DPCDSB's current Capital Budget is \$86.7 million and includes costs associated with the following:

- St. Ruth Catholic Elementary School – new school (opening September 2025)
- St. Anne Catholic Elementary School – replacement build (opening September 2025)
- Several school renewal projects to address items such as the replacement or repair of HVAC, roofing, and asphalt.
- Costs related to the Board's portable needs

Overall, capital funding does not lapse except for school renewal funding which must be spent within three (3) years. Any remaining funding at the end of a particular project is typically returned to the Ministry of Education as the funding is only approved for that specific project.

2. What steps does the Board take to ensure it is properly managed and remains accountable to stakeholders? Does the Board have an independent 3rd party audit or similar oversight?

Response

DPCDSB has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that taxpayer's money is used in a responsible way. The Public Budget Information Session is an opportunity to provide transparency and accountability to our stakeholders around the challenges that DPCDSB is facing and to understand how education funding works.

DPCDSB continues to work in collaboration with the Ministry of Education under a Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan (MYFRP). The Ministry of Education is fully aware of the unique position that DPCDSB is in related to the fully employer-paid long-term disability (LTD) plan and continues to work with us toward a resolution. The Ministry of Education support is essential to finding a resolution as DPCDSB cannot solve our LTD plan locally.

DPCDSB is also subject to regular oversight through the Audit Committee, Internal and External Auditors and the Regional Internal Audit Team.

3. Why has Enrolment dropped off? How much of the decrease in enrolment is primarily driven by JK/SK vs. other grades? Should DPCDSB allow other religious groups for elementary Enrolment?

Response

During the COVID pandemic years DPCDSB experienced a significant decrease in enrolment. As an urban Board in the GTA area, Mississauga and Brampton can be an expensive area to live and with the increase in remote work opportunities for parents/guardians, families were moving outside of the GTA. Many Boards to the north and southwest have seen increasing enrolment, whereas a lot of the GTA boards like DPCDSB, Peel and the Toronto boards were experiencing a decrease in enrolment.

The rate of decline has significantly slowed down and next year DPCDSB is projecting a small increase. The huge outflux of families moving out of GTA appears to have also slowed down. Enrolment continues to decline in elementary, but it is increasing in secondary. Our planning department staff continue to analyze the reasons for the continued decrease in elementary, but in general the incoming cohorts of JK/SK are smaller than graduating Grade 8 classes. There is a provincial trend showing an overall decrease in the number of JK/SK age children coming into our schools and this has been shared with the Ministry of Education.

DPCDSB prepares and distributes information annually to promote registration at our elementary and secondary schools. Information is sent out to all families, shared with all parishes, placed on community signs and advertised on all DPCDSB social media platforms. DPCDSB also has a unique program through our parishes where information and documents are given to parents during preparations for Baptism. Elementary school children are admitted if they are baptized Roman Catholic or an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, or if one of the child's Parent/Guardian is baptized.

4. Why are new schools being built when we're having a hard time filling the existing schools?

Response

DPCDSB covers an area of almost 2,700 square kilometers. Within that very large and diverse geographical region there are areas where the population is changing and there is excess capacity in our schools. But there are also areas where new housing developments and population growth are putting pressure on enrolment at schools, particularly in the north of the Board's jurisdiction. DPCDSB is building schools to fulfill the capacity needs in those specific areas. All new school builds require submission of a business case and are subject to Ministry of Education approval.

5. Will per-pupil funding be shared for 2025-2026? What was the per pupil funding in 2024-2025?

Response

Within the Core Education funding model, there are many individual components that are based on per pupil funding, and other funding calculations based on demographics, board-specific metrics and other factors. The average funding per student in 2024-2025 is projected to be \$14,061. Details of the calculations are published in the Technical Guide for School Boards and [A Guide to Core Education Funding: 2024-25 School Year](#).

The 2025/2026 funding has not been shared with school boards at this time.

6. Can schools fundraise to cover some expenses? Is it possible to get donations for needed resources?

Response

DPCDSB has a Board Policy on [Fundraising and Donations](#) and an associated General Administrative Procedure (GAP). Fundraising initiatives should be complementary to, and not a replacement for funding from the Ministry of Education.

DPCDSB recognizes the contributions of Catholic School Councils, parents/guardians and staff/students to fundraising initiatives to support school and student needs. Fundraising is informed and guided by the DPCDSB mission and vision and Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) and must comply with municipal, provincial and federal legislation as well as the [Ministry of Education's School Fundraising Guideline](#).

7. What is grandfathering with respect to LTD? How much are staff paying? Do staff need LTD?

Response

Grandfathering refers to a provision in which an old rule continues to apply to some existing situations, while a new rule will apply to all future cases. The LTD benefit premium is fully employer-paid for all employee groups. The LTD benefit is tied to the collective bargaining process which is bargained at the provincial level. The recent central agreement with OECTA changed this model for new hires as of July 2024, whereby all new OECTA employees at DPCDSB would be responsible for payment of the LTD benefit. The grandfathering means that existing employees continue to have their LTD premiums paid by DPCDSB.

Most boards in Ontario have employee-paid LTD plans. The Ministry of Education is fully aware of this DPCDSB unique position. DPCDSB is committed to working with the Ministry towards a resolution as this is not something that DPCDSB can solve on its own.

8. Doesn't an insurance company cover the LTD benefit usually? Can the benefit be migrated to a company henceforth?

Response

DPCDSB has a fully insured plan in which the benefit payouts transfer to the insurance carrier. DPCDSB is responsible for the premiums associated with the LTD plan.

9. How does this budget affect individual schools?

Response

DPCDSB is committed to providing a learning environment for students that is safe, healthy and inclusive so that students can be successful and achieve their goals. Schools receive a base budget to address school level costs related to delivery of curriculum, classroom supplies and minor repairs. Centrally, the DPCDSB also provides further support to schools, including centralized curriculum purchases and a recently approved standardized device-to-student ratio program.

Many of our schools are very successful at running fundraising initiatives to help support the costs of doing extra things to support students, including extracurricular activities, bringing in guest speakers, and programs like scientists in the schools.

10. Can someone make it possible to access cheaper or sale technology or other resources?

Response

DPCDSB must follow the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive. This ensures all publicly funded goods and services are procured through a process that is open, fair and transparent. While there may be items available at a lower cost, warranties and product life cycles are taken into consideration. Cybersecurity and compatibility with Board systems are also considerations.

11. How are smaller boards that suffer loss of Special Education funds closing budget gaps to stop families from moving to larger boards to access special needs programs & resources?

Response

Although we cannot comment on what other Boards may be doing to close their budget gaps, almost all boards in the province are running a deficit in their Special Education envelope, including DPCDSB. Over half of the Special Education funding comes from the per pupil allocation which is based on the total student population, not just students receiving Special Education programs and services.

12. What are some plans that will be put into place to address the shortages of occasional teachers to cover when staff are absent. Students are currently without teaching staff in classrooms for over a month (monitors are being used because of lack of supply teachers)?

Response

DPCDSB continuously recruits qualified occasional teachers and continue to be a presence at teacher recruitment fairs held throughout the region. There are over 1,000 occasional teachers on the Board's roster. Emergency staff are only used when a certified teacher is not available. If there is a classroom specific concern, please reach out to your School Principal.

13. There was mention of math facilitators, what about facilitators for literacy?

Response

Math and literacy are priority initiatives of the Ministry of Education that are funded through the Responsive Education Programs (REP). During 2024-2025, the Ministry funded the hiring of education staff to support reading interventions as well as school math facilitators. These supports were critical in administering early reading screening assessments and working directly with students requiring additional support for reading and math. REP initiatives have not yet been announced for the 2025-2026 year, but it is hoped the Ministry of Education will continue to fund these initiatives.

14. Why not have an incentive for teacher attendance like carrying over sick days & retirement earlier? What about more health opportunities during school hours like professional development, wellness?

Response

Sick leave and other benefits form part of collective agreements which are bargained centrally under the *School Board Collective Bargaining Act (SBCBA)*. There is no funding from the Ministry of Education for incentive programs to monetize rewards for attendance.

DPCDSB has an Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP) for staff to access specialized support and the Board also has online resources and tools available to promote employee wellness.

15. Why not have daycares or YMCA in some schools to get extra funds?

Response

DPCDSB has some current space lease arrangements in place. However, underutilized space, or empty pupil spaces, is an ongoing issue. Annually, DPCDSB holds a Community Planning and Partnerships public meeting to provide information to interested community partners regarding the potential use of available space and/or potential co-build opportunities for community needs.

For more information on the Community Planning and Partnership framework and principles, please refer to the [Community Planning and Partnership Policy](#).

16. Are we doing enough to ask parents whose kids attend our schools to direct their property taxes to the catholic board?

Response

The Board of Trustees approved Board Policy *P-1010: Catholic School Support Designation*, that ensures the DPCDSB conducts an ongoing public awareness campaign to encourage eligible Catholic ratepayers to check their municipal forms on a regular basis to ensure that it supports the English Separate (Catholic) school system. DPCDSB has the “[Are You Ticked](#)” program which is shared with parishes and our communities.

17. Are high performance programs in secondary being considered to combat loss of students to private schools?

Response

There are many programs currently offered at DPCDSB schools, including local and regional programs such as Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement (AP), French immersion, Extended French and several regional programs. Please contact the Guidance department or school principal for more information.

18. Why are French Immersion students not accommodated on bus transportation?

Response

As a result of the high costs associated with busing students to regional programs, this was not provided when the DPCDSB introduced French Immersion programs. As these are programs of choice, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the required transportation to the program. This limitation is communicated to parents/guardians that are considering enrolment of their child(ren) in French Immersion.



RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER G 6

CORE EDUCATION FUNDING 2025-2026 UPDATE To be distributed prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

REPORT NUMBER H 1

**MOTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE,
APRIL 22, 2025**

- 1. THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT *REVISED POLICY P-5006 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, ANTI-SPAM AS AMENDED.***

*Please note this Motion was omitted when the Motions were brought from Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee to the April 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u> <u>POLICY</u>	
POLICY NUMBER:	P-5006
SUBJECT:	Electronic Communication, Anti-Spam Policy
REFERENCES:	Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) <i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)</i> Regulation 823, MFIPPA P-5004 : Acceptable Network Use and Security
EFFECTIVE DATE:	May 26, 2015
AMENDED DATE:	April TBD, 2025

"I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my instruction."

Proverbs 4:2

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6. All commercial electronic messages sent via DPCDSB's network must be compliant with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation.

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