

## MINUTES

### Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice-Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vioria	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Bailey Clyne	Indigenous Student Trustee
	Christopher Joseph	Student Trustee
	Nathan Nguyen	Student Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	David Amaral	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Hester	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Sue Steer	Acting Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Tammy-Lynne Peel	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Mathew Thomas	Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Max Vecchiarino	Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research and Global Learning
	Kevin Wendling	Assistant Superintendent: Math Lead
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
	Richard Moriah	General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities
	Carrie Salemi	General Manager, Finance
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas chaired the meeting as Trustee Luz del Rosario attended the meeting virtually.

2. National Anthem

The national anthem for the meeting was performed by the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School (CSS) Concert Band and Concert Choir under the direction of Teacher Tara Nadal. Students range from Grade 9 to 12. They represented Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) at the Musicfest National Finals last year and brought home a gold medal for Band and a silver medal for Choir.

Trustee Luz del Rosario requested that staff pass on gratitude to the students and their teacher for their wonderful performance.

3. Opening Prayer led by Trustee Darryl D'Souza

a. Declaration of Office and the Student Trustee Oath: Christopher Joseph

Director Mazzorato, Secretary to the Board, administered the Declaration of Office and Oath for Catholic School Trustee Christopher Joseph. Christopher received a round of applause by the assembly. Photos were taken with Trustee Bruno Iannicca and Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas. Christopher's parents were on hand to support him along with the Principal of St. Martin CSS, Maria Pallotta and teacher Natalie Ruszczak, Student Council advisor.

4. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Stefano Pascucci

5. Approval of Agenda

Taupe Sheet: Correction on Report H2 (OCSTA Term Spring 2024 to Spring 2026), Revised G2 Admissions Report, and distribution of L4a.

**Motion 1134 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Luz del Rosario

**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ADDITION OF IN CAMERA ITEM L5b.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1135 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED**

6. Declaration of Interest – Nil

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, October 24, 2023

**Motion 1136 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci

**Seconded by** Herman Vilorio

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2023, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached

8. Approval of Minutes, Organizational Meeting, November 21, 2023

**Motion 1137 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 2023, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**B. Pastor's Remarks: Monsignor Shiels Video Presentation - Remembering**

Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas requested that Director Mazzorato convey our gratitude to Monsignor Shiels for his thoughtful words.

*Trustee Shawn Xaviour joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

**C. Awards and Presentations**

1. Presentation to Rory Keilty, Non-Board Member Audit Committee

Director Mazzorato recognized Rory Keilty for his commitment and service to DPCDSB as an External Member of the Audit Committee.

Rory was appointed to the Audit Committee in September 2017 and has served two full terms in the role, for a total of six years. His support and dedication to the Audit Committee has been tremendous.

Rory is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and has extensive experience in public accounting and business operations. His education, experience and understanding has been highly regarded and valued by the committee, and his genuine and personal approach with the committee members and staff made it a pleasure to work with Rory.

The Ontario Regulation for Audit Committees limits the number of consecutive terms that an external member can serve, and therefore, Rory's role as an external member of the Audit Committee ended in September 2023.

We want to honour Rory for his service. It is with thanks and gratitude that we present Rory with a token of our appreciation.

Rory rose to a round of applause from the assembly. Photos were taken with the Board of Trustees.

**D. Delegations – Nil**

**E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt**

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Shawn Xaviour shared that the Catholic Education Week (CEW) theme for 2024 is *We are Called to Love*. All trustees have been sent resources and information. On January 19 and 20, OCSTA is hosting the *2024 Catholic Trustee Seminar: We are Stewards of the Promise* with guest speakers on a variety of topics. Please contact Michelle Vritsios to register. OCSTA resolutions are due on February 9, 2024.

Trustee Luz del Rosario advised that the OCSTA Board of Directors meeting will be held December 1 and 2, and they will provide highlights following the meeting.

Reminder to all schools to enter the OCSTA Short Video Contest for Grades 4 to 12. The deadline is December 8.

b. Student Voice Report: Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne, Student Trustee Nathan Nguyen (North), and Christopher Joseph (South)

Student Trustees introduced themselves, Bailey spoke in Anishinaabemowin.

On November 8, we hosted the Student Trustee byelection for the South. We would like to congratulate Christopher Joseph on his successful election. We are super excited to work alongside Christopher and see what we can accomplish together. We would also like to thank all the student trustee candidates who came forward to represent their schools, and for showing an immeasurable commitment to Catholic education.

Student Trustee Christopher Joseph (South): I am a grade 12 student at St. Martin CSS. I am honoured to be the newly elected Student Trustee for the South. I am a third-year Honour Roll Student and have been an active member of the Student Council for the past two years. I am a Link Crew/Leadership member and an active DECA member. I enjoy playing sports and currently I am the captain of my soccer team and play on my school's senior boys' soccer team. I enjoy playing other sports such as basketball, football, swimming, rock climbing and bowling. I actively volunteer in my community by helping to hand out food to the less fortunate and by helping to pack massive containers with food and clothing to be shipped to developing countries. I enjoy travelling with my family, listening to music, and trying new foods. Going into post-secondary, I aspire to pursue a career in Civil Engineering. Lastly, my main goal as a student trustee is to encourage my fellow students to voice their opinions freely and in turn effectively communicate this information to the board. I am serious about my faith and plan to stand for and uphold Biblical values.

Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: On November 16, we held a Student Senate meeting at Blessed Trinity Catholic Education Center. We had the opportunity to meet Superintendent Belchior and ask any questions they had. Students felt inspired by

Superintendent Belchior's commitment to Dufferin-Peel. She began as a DPCDSB student, became a teacher, administrator and now a supervisory officer. She took the time to tell us about herself, and to get to know some of the students present. Her interest in getting to know students demonstrated to us is a true advocate for uplifting student voice and she genuinely cares about the impact we can make. We took time to develop a few proposals in the area of Elementary Student Voice. We gathered the information we needed through conversations and will work on finalizing proposals to bring forward shortly and we concluded the day in our working groups. On behalf of the Student Senate, we would like to thank Superintendent Belchior for her time. We look forward to meeting with our senators again on December 14.

Student Trustee Nathan Nguyen: We would like to share a few *Good News* items that have been shared with us since our last report. On November 10, schools hosted Remembrance Day services throughout the board. Notably, St. Thomas Aquinas CSS *RAP* vocal students performed during their liturgy, and students from the Black Voices Lab at Our Lady of Mount Carmel CSS presented on the discrimination Black soldiers experienced throughout the war. As part of a joint initiative with Eco Caledon, Grade 5 students from St. John Paul II CES visited St. Michael CSS to learn more about the environment. Through this initiative, students were given the opportunity to learn that regardless of age, we can all make a difference in protecting our planet. On October 18, DPCDSB celebrated the annual *Bus Driver Appreciation Day*; St. Augustine CSS baked cookies and gave gift bags to each bus driver. We would like to thank all bus drivers for their hard work in ensuring students get to school safely.

c. Good News Reports

a. **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Christmas and Winter Activities**

**Trustee Thomas Thomas  
Mississauga Ward 5**

Every year, Toronto and Region Conservation Authorities (TRCA) create and curates unique experiences for families and communities to celebrate the holidays together. Across nine watersheds: Black Creek Pioneer Village, the Kortright Centre for Conservation, Albion Hills Conservation Area and Claremont Nature Centre, there is a diverse range of experiences and opportunities to get outside and take part in fun family activities. Please note that all events require pre-registration.

**Kortright Centre for Conservation - Magical Christmas Forest**

Escape into the Magical Christmas Forest at the Kortright Centre! This self-guided experience includes a winter wonderland filled with lights, displays, a horse drawn wagon ride through the forest, Santa in his cabin, festive music, bonfires, children's activities and hot chocolate for the whole family!

Dates: Various from November 24 - December 23

<https://kortright.org/whats-on/magical-christmas-forest/>

**Tommy Thompson Park - Winter Solstice Series**

Light up the dark! Celebrate the Winter Solstice with a series of events at Tommy Thompson Park. Create your own dreamcatcher, craft lanterns, explore the night sky, and get up close with winter animals! Join us to explore scientific and cultural perspectives surrounding the Winter Solstice as we usher in the longest night of the year!

Dates: December 2, 9, 10, 16 <https://tommythompsonpark.ca/events/>

#### **Black Creek Pioneer Village - Santa at the Village**

Santa Claus is coming to town! Jingle all the way to the Village and take part in festive fun. Try your hand at toy making and test your skills at Reindeer Games. Sip hot cocoa while listening to traditional festive tales, and then take in an old-time puppet show. Be sure to snap an “elfie” or two while visiting the jolly old man himself. He is ho-ho-hoping to welcome you this December to the Village!

**December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23**

Tickets must be purchased online:

<https://blackcreek.ca/things-to-do/holiday-season/#santa>

#### **Festive Nights**

Experience all the joys of the season on a moonlit adventure at the Village. Wander the candlelit Village, enjoying live entertainment and sampling traditional holiday treats, from roasted chestnuts to gingerbread cookies.

Dates: December 2, 9, 16

Tickets must be purchased online:

<https://blackcreek.ca/things-to-do/holiday-season/#festive-nights>

#### **b. Trustee Brea Corbet**

##### **Mississauga Wards 9 and 10**

Today is *Giving Tuesday*. DPCDSB has once again distinguished itself within the Archdiocese of Toronto as the leading school board in the greater Toronto Area (GTA) in the 2022-2023 ShareLife Campaign in employee and school campaigns. One hundred percent of our schools were able to contribute, support, and participate in various ShareLife activities. Thank you to the leadership in our schools and departments; to all ShareLife representatives. Appreciation is extended to all who have committed to supporting other charities such as St. Vincent de Paul, Eden Food for Change, and Dr. Simone's Canadian Food For Children. Your giving and Catholic faith in action helps to make a difference in many of the organizations serving our schools and communities.

##### **Trustee Stefano Pascucci**

##### **Mississauga Ward 4**

I am happy to acknowledge student Dave Grewal from St. Francis Xavier CSS. Dave is part of a robotics team that took part in the *World Robotics Olympiad* in Panama from November 7 to 9. Their team competed in the *Future Innovators - Senior Category* and placed second overall. Congratulations to Dave Grewal and his teammates for their success.

**F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt**

1. Receipt of Minutes, Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, September 12, 2023
2. Receipt of Minutes, Audit Committee Meeting, September 12, 2023
3. Receipt of Minutes, Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting, May 2, 2023
4. Receipt of Minutes, Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 13, 2023
5. Receipt of Minutes, Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 18, 2023
6. Receipt of Minutes, Mississauga Traffic Safety Council Meeting, May 31, 2023
7. Receipt of Minutes, Mississauga Traffic Safety Council Meeting, June 28, 2023
8. Receipt of Minutes, Mississauga Traffic Safety Council Meeting, September 27, 2023

**G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administrations for Receipt**

1. Retirement - C. Ribeiro, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Celiza Ribeiro, Principal of St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School (CES). Celiza came to Dufferin-Peel (DP) in 1991 and over 32 years has served in the capacity of teacher, vice-principal and principal.

Celiza began her career teaching at St. Timothy CES and St. Therese of the Child Jesus CES, she has also been an Academic Literacy Consultant. In 2013, Celiza turned her attention to a bigger calling and became a vice-principal at St. Luke CES.

After two and half years as vice-principal, Celiza was appointed principal of St. Leonard CES and remained there for the duration of her career. She is in her ninth year at the school from where she has decided to retire after a wonderful career as a servant leader.

Throughout her career Celiza has been a strong advocate for all her students. Her deep love of children, her commitment to student achievement and well-being, as well as her commitment to students with diverse learning needs has been her focus. Her gentle manner, care, and support of staff and students helped Celiza navigate the tragedy of a school fire, having to be relocated during the pandemic, and the many challenges that come with new beginnings. Celiza is a true model of an exemplary Catholic servant and leader.

Celiza will be missed by staff, students, and parents alike. We wish her all the best as she embarks on her new journey.

2. Policy 1.10: Admissions

Superintendent Gos summarized the report.

Trustee Herman Vilorio: Handed out his prepared motion to all trustees and read the motion.

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: I am against this change to our admissions policy. We as Catholic trustees have been elected to support and protect Catholic Education. The parents/guardians of our Catholic community should have a say in this change to policy, we need to hear their voices. If we change this, we will then need to ask the Minister of Education to amend the *Education Act*. Regardless of what other Catholic boards do, we at DPCDSB must protect Catholic education.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I agree, just because other boards have accepted non-Catholic students into the elementary system, does not mean we should. Has the Cardinal given his blessing? Has the Archdiocese? Does the Pope recognize these folks as Catholic?

Director Mazzorato: In accordance with the *Education Act* the Archdiocese would not weigh in on this issue as it is a school board governance item.

3. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: If this were up to the discretion of the Director of Education, would we not be opening the door to human rights complaints?

Director Mazzorato: I would not want the director to be the sole decision maker. The intent is to open admissions to Eastern Rite students on compassionate grounds; and it would be the same for each permitted denomination.

4. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I am not in favour. **Item b)** regarding space in a school would make this unequitable.
5. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi: Feedback from parents/guardians in the public school system is that they are disappointed that Christianity is not being taught and that many want to be admitted to the Catholic system. I have met a group of parents/guardians at the Coptic Church who would like to delegate the board in hopes of being allowed admission to our board. They plan to reach out to Trustee Luz del Rosario.
6. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Because 26 of 28 school boards have not followed the *Education Act*, does not mean we need to accommodate this change. We are specific whereby the child and/or one parent must be baptized in order to register at DPCDSB. **Item b)** needs to be removed or amended, we would be treating Orthodox students as second class students, which is not correct. **Item c)** regarding encouraging inclusion does not address that they are not in Communion with the Holy See.
7. Trustee Herman Vioria: In 1867 Roman Catholics were given the right to form their own school boards, in 1960 the Pope announced that it was time to update. At that time Catholics were told what they could and could not read. The Catholic church is now open for change. Our faith is similar to the Orthodox faith. Those in Communion with the See of Constantinople and the See of Alexandria believe in what we believe. The head of their churches are not the Pope. Therein lies the difference, it is a matter of the patriarch of each church that differs, however our faith is the same.
8. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Many Coptic parents/guardians in the wards I represent have been requesting this change, however, I have concerns that if we accept this group of believers, what happens to all the other Christian groups who would like to send their children to us? We are opening up to a bigger issue. I do not support the motion.
9. Student Trustee Nathan Nyguen: Regarding **Item b)** could students who are not accepted to an elementary school due to capacity, be bussed to another school? This encourages inclusivity. Why is admission to elementary school not permitted, when we have open access into secondary school?

Trustee Mario Pascucci: Because we have open funding for secondary students but not in elementary. Bussing would not be provided. This might fall under, school of choice, where bussing is not provided to these students.

10. Trustee Herman Vioria: Regarding the objections to **Item b)** our projections show that by 2032 we will have 20,000 vacant pupil seats, making this a moot point.
11. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Commented that in 1985 the government decided that they would fund all secondary students. Elementary school is where faith formation occurs for Catholic students.

*Trustee Shawn Xaviour left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

**Motion 1138 (23-11-28)**

**Moved** Herman Vioria

**Seconded** Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

**WHEREAS:** ST. JOHN XXIII ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 1961 HIS INTENTION TO CALL AN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL WHICH "WILL REACH OUT AND EMBRACE UNDER THE WIDESPREAD WINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE ENTIRE HERITAGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. ITS PRINCIPAL TASK WILL BE CONCERNED WITH THE CONDITION AND MODERNIZATION (AGGIOMAMENTO) OF THE CHURCH AFTER 20 CENTURIES OF LIFE".

**WHEREAS:** HIS SUCCESSOR ST. PAUL VI IN THE SPIRIT OF ECUMENISM WAS THE FIRST POPE SINCE THE NINTH CENTURY TO VISIT THE EAST, LABELING THE EASTERN CHURCHES AS SISTER CHURCHES. THEY PRODUCED THE CATHOLIC ORTHODOX JOINT DECLARATION OF 1965 DURING THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL. ORTHODOX STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAPAL ENCYCLICAL "UT UNUM SINT" (1995) PROCLAIMED BY ST. JOHN PAUL II.

**WHEREAS:** POPE FRANCIS IN HIS ENCYCLICAL "FRATELLI TUTTI" (2020) ENCOURAGES INCLUSION AND EVANGELIZATION. HE WRITES: "THE CHURCH IS A HOME WITH OPEN DOORS BECAUSE SHE IS A MOTHER. AND IN IMITATION OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS, WE WANT TO BE A CHURCH THAT SERVES, THAT LEAVES HOME AND GOES FORTH FROM ITS PLACES OF WORSHIP, GOES FORTH FROM ITS SACRISTIES, IN ORDER TO ACCOMPANY LIFE, TO SUSTAIN HOPE, TO BE THE SIGN OF UNITY ... TO BUILD BRIDGES, TO BREAK DOWN WALLS, TO SOW SEEDS OF RECONCILIATION".

**WHEREAS:** TWENTY-SIX (26) OUT OF TWENTY-EIGHT (28) ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARDS NOW PERMIT ORTHODOX STUDENT ADMISSIONS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH PROVISIONS.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT BOARD'S ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY PUPILS BE AMENDED SUCH THAT CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHILDREN BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND DPCDSB ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PROVIDED:

- a) THAT ADMISSIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTOR;
- b) THAT SPACE REMAINS AVAILABLE IN A SCHOOL AFTER REGISTERING/SERVICING ALL CATHOLIC STUDENTS;

- c) THAT THE CHILD(REN) MUST BE BAPTIZED IN A RECOGNIZED CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AFFILIATED WITH THE SEE OF CONSTANTINOPLE OR ALEXANDRIA; AND
- d) THAT STAFF OPERATIONALIZE A REGISTRATION PROCESS REQUIRING PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO ATTEST TO THE EXPECTATION THAT THEIR CHILD(REN) FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CATHOLIC CURRICULUM, CULTURE, COMMUNITY, AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OF THE SCHOOL.

**DEFEATED**

## **H. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action**

### 1. 2024 Board Committee Composition

*Trustee Shawn Xaviour returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.*

The Standing Committees are comprised of all 11 trustees. The election of chair and vice-chair of these committees occurred at the Organizational Meeting of the Board on November 21, 2023:

- **Administration and Finance Committee**, Chair Bruno Iannicca and Vice-Chair Mario Pascucci.
- **Faith and Program Committee**, Chair Shawn Xaviour and Vice-Chair Brea Corbet.
- **Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee**, Chair Stefano Pascucci and Vice-Chair Anisha Thomas.
- **Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee**, Chair Mario Pascucci and Vice-Chair Darryl D'Souza.

Director Mazzorato advised that the three members of the **Audit Committee** continue their term until November 2024. Chair Bruno Iannicca, Vice-Chair Anisha Thomas and Representative Thomas Thomas.

The **Contract and Negotiations Committee 2024** is comprised of trustees without a conflict. The seven (7) trustees without conflict are: Trustees Brea Corbet, Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Luz del Rosario, Darryl D'Souza, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas, and Shawn Xaviour. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the first meeting of 2024.

The **Discipline Committee 2024** is comprised of all trustees who are called upon as needed.

The **Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee for 2024** requires one representative and one alternate. Three names have been provided Stefano Pascucci, Herman Vioria and Thomas Thomas. Trustee Thomas Thomas removed himself. Trustee Herman Vioria offered to be the representative and Trustee Stefano Pascucci will be the alternate.

The **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) 2024** requires two representatives and two alternates. Three names have been provided: Trustees Luz del Rosario, Thomas Thomas and Bruno Iannicca. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi added her name. Trustees Bruno Iannicca and Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi will be the representatives and Trustees Luz del Rosario and Thomas Thomas will be the alternates. At the January SEAC meeting there will be an election for Chair and Vice-Chair, which may be a trustee or a committee member.

The **Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) 2024** requires one representative and one alternate. Three names have been provided: Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Herman Vioria and Thomas Thomas. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi removed her name. Trustee Thomas Thomas offered to be the representative and Trustee Herman Vioria will be the alternate.

Chair Luz del Rosario and Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas are automatically on the **Planning and Review Committee for the Director of Education 2024** and a minimum of three additional trustees are required to sit on the committee. Four names have been provided: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Darryl D'Souza, Mario Pascucci and Anisha Thomas.

The **Dufferin-Peel Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education (FACE) 2024** has three names: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Thomas Thomas and Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Thomas Thomas withdrew his name. Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi and Shawn Xaviour will be the representatives.

Two trustees are required for the **Challenged Material Committee 2024**, Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Stefano Pascucci, Herman Vioria, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas, and Shawn Xaviour. Trustees Thomas Thomas, Stefano Pascucci and Shawn Xaviour withdrew their names.

An election was conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Associate Director of Corporate Services, Daniel Del Bianco and Executive Superintendent of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Julie Cherepacha and Superintendent Brian Hester were appointed scrutineers.

*The trustees voted online by secret ballot.*

*The three scrutineers left the meeting to analyze the voting and then returned to the meeting.*

Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas advised that Trustees Herman Vioria and Anisha Thomas will be the Challenged Materials representatives.

**Motion 1139 (23-11-28)**

**Moved** Brea Corbet

**Seconded** Stefano Pascucci

**MOTION TO DESTROY THE POLLING.**

**CARRIED**

The **School Year Calendar Committee 2024** requires one representative and one alternate. There are four names listed. Trustees Brea Corbet, Darryl D'Souza, Herman Vioria and Shawn Xaviour. Trustees Herman Vioria and Anisha Thomas withdrew their names. Trustee Shawn Xaviour offered to be the representative and Trustee Darryl D'Souza is the alternate.

The **Secondary School Scholarships and Awards Committee 2024** requires one representative and one alternate. There are four trustees listed. Trustees Luz del Rosario, Darryl D'Souza, Herman Vioria and Shawn Xaviour. Trustees Herman Vioria and Darryl D'Souza withdrew their names. Trustee Luz del Rosario offered to be the representative and Trustee Shawn Xaviour is the alternate.

The **STOPR Governance Committee 2024** requires one trustee and there is one name listed: Trustee Thomas Thomas. Trustee Darryl D’Souza offered to be the alternate.

The **Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee 2024** requires two representatives. The Co-Chair of the STOPR Governance Committee automatically sits on this committee. Trustee Thomas Thomas is listed. Trustee Darryl D’Souza added his name as the second representative.

The **Brampton Board of Trade 2024** requires three representatives and confirmed that all Brampton trustees are on this committee: Trustees Anisha Thomas, Darryl D’Souza and Shawn Xaviour.

The **Mississauga Board of Trade 2024** requires seven representatives and Director Mazzorato confirmed that all Mississauga trustees are on this committee: Trustees Brea Corbet, Luz del Rosario, Bruno Iannicca, Mario Pascucci, Stefano Pascucci and Thomas Thomas. Herman Vilorio.

Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi is a member of the **Dufferin Board of Trade**.

The **Brampton School Traffic Safety Council** requires two trustees for the term November 2022 to November 2024. Trustee Shawn Xaviour is in year two of the two-year term as the representative. Trustee Anisha Thomas offered to be the alternate.

The **Mississauga School Traffic Safety Council** requires two trustees. One name has been provided: Trustee Brea Corbet. Trustee Luz del Rosario offered to be the alternate.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **OCSTA Directors** is a two-year term and that DPCDSB is currently represented by Trustees Luz del Rosario and Shawn Xaviour for the term which ends in the spring of 2024.

We require two trustees for the term **OCSTA Directors Spring 2024 to Spring 2026**. Five trustees have provided their names: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Luz del Rosario, Mario Pascucci, Herman Vilorio, and Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Herman Vilorio withdrew his name.

An election was conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Associate Director of Corporate Services, Daniel Del Bianco and Executive Superintendent of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Julie Cherepacha and Superintendent Brian Hester were appointed scrutineers.

*The trustees in the boardroom voted using paper ballots and the three trustees attending virtually emailed the three scrutineers.*

*The three scrutineers left the meeting to analyze the voting and then returned to the meeting.*

Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas advised that Trustees Luz del Rosario and Shawn Xaviour will be the representatives.

**Motion 1140 (23-11-28)**  
**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci  
**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

**MOTION TO DESTROY THE POLLING.**

**CARRIED**

The **OCSTA Large/Urban Advisory Council** is represented by Trustee Mario Pascucci.

The **Peel Safe and Active Routes to School** requires two trustees. Two names have been provided: Trustees Brea Corbet and Luz del Rosario.

Director Mazzorato advised that Trustee Thomas Thomas sits on an outside agency committee: **Natural Science and Education Committee**, the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority. The term is from November 2022 to November 2026.

2. Motions Recommended by the Audit Committee, November 15, 2023

**Motion 1141 (23-11-28)**  
**Moved by** Mario Pascucci  
**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF K. JOHN BOOTS, CPA, CA, AS AN EXTERNAL NON-BOARD MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023 TO NOVEMBER 2026.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1142 (23-11-28)**  
**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca  
**Seconded by** Mario Pascucci

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF THE DPCDSB FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**I. Additional Business - Nil**

1. Notices of Motion

**J. Questions Asked by Trustees**

1. Trustee Brea Corbet: Some of our honour roll lists are missing students who have an eighty percent average and above. When students follow up with guidance departments it is corrected on a case by case basis. I have been told this is due to how the reports are pulled from the system. The system only pulls from students who have eight courses (Grades 9 to 11) or six (Grade 12). Students who have seven courses will be missed. Apparently, this also happens when they have a course in summer school or take a night school course in another board. Can staff follow up?

Superintendent Murphy: We want to encourage and recognize student success. As we gain experience using PowerSchool, we are working to improve the efficiency of reports generated.

*Trustees Shawn Xaviour and Anisha Thomas left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.*

- Trustee Mario Pascucci: In the area of Sts. Martha and Mary CES there are plans to change the variance to allow for a transitional house. Have we received any information from the City of Mississauga to this effect?

Superintendent Thomas: Not to my knowledge. The City of Mississauga defines transitional housing as a supportive type of housing. It offers structure, supervision, support and life skills to help people go from homelessness to permanent housing.

- Trustee Mario Pascucci: The community has concerns for students and staff as this property abuts the schoolyard. The City of Mississauga is accepting submissions by December 8 in preparation for a public meeting on December 14. I would like to put a motion forward.
- Trustee Luz del Rosario: Do we know what the transitional housing is being used for, is it for new immigrants or a half-way house?

Associate Director Del Bianco: We have reached out to the City of Mississauga and there is not a specific use defined. We can be specific in our request that it needs to be compatible with being in close proximity to an elementary school. If it is not compatible, we can then use our influence as a school board to request a change.

**Motion 1143 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Mario Pascucci

**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

- WHEREAS:** THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OPERATES AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED STS. MARTHA AND MARY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE STS. MARTHA AND MARY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT 1760 BOUGH BEECHES BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE SCHOOL SITE ABUTS A RESIDENTIAL HOME ON 1757 ROWNTREE COURT IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE OWNER OF 1757 ROWNTREE COURT HAS SUBMITTED APPLICATION 492-23 TO THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA'S COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A MINOR VARIANCE UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING ACT TO ALLOW A CHANGE OF USE, PROPOSING A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING USE ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WHEREAS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IS NOT CURRENTLY PERMITTED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. REZONE THE PROPERTY TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE USE OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING HAS NOT BEEN CLEARLY ARTICULATED IN THE APPLICATION TO THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT, THEREBY RESULTING IN CONCERNS AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT, IF APPROVED, THE RESULTING USE OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AT THIS PROPERTY MAY BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH BEING IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A SCHOOL; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HAS SET THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 3:30 P.M. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT IS BY 4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DRAFT A LETTER TO THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA'S COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT, WITH COPY TO ALL CITY OF MISSISSAUGA COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT (MPP), OUTLINING CONCERNS REGARDING THIS MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1757 ROWNTREE COURT, MISSISSAUGA, IN THE EVENT THAT THE USE OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING APPLICATION IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH BEING IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A SCHOOL.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

5. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: On behalf of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and Indigenous students, why has the land acknowledgment been moved in the order of the opening exercises in schools without consultation with the IEC? *Policy 34.00 Indigenous Education* states "that the IEC will guide and inform DPCDSB on matters pertaining to Indigenous Education, any matters affecting Indigenous students." There are a growing number of Indigenous students and community members who are upset by having the land acknowledgment come last.

Superintendent Vecchiarino: The opening exercises in schools mirror the opening portion of Board and Committee Meetings. In this particular circumstance, the change of placement was guided by the *Education Act* and to ensure our Faith was placed first.

Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: The land of the Indigenous peoples was here first, and we feel the land acknowledgment should be said first.

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We will take direction from the board.

6. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What is the ratio of supervisors to students at sporting events?

Superintendent Murphy: The supervision ratio is the same as when moving to another site i.e., for a field trip. Primary is five students to one adult (5:1), and Intermediate through secondary is 15 students to one adult (15:1).

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We encourage all schools to exceed the minimum in case a staff has to leave with a student, then the ratio would remain in place. As you suggested, if a teacher had to leave with a student in an ambulance.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff bring back the policy to review ratios?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We can review. We will remind staff during the Director's webcast. We have reviewed our supervision ratios to other boards, and we can assure you that our rules were the most stringent.

7. Trustee Luz del Rosario: At a recent Catholic School Council (CSC) meeting there were concerns regarding parents/guardians not being permitted to watch school sports. Is this due to the bad behaviour of some, or is there another reason?

Director Mazzorato: Limitation of spectators is due to space and/or capacity to have parents/guardians attend. We are reviewing this situation. Currently, students are not allowed to

sit on the gym floor as per Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA) guidelines. Students need to sit on the stage, where formerly parents/guardians sat. The precaution is based on student safety and the physical space.

Trustee Luz del Rosario: It is good to know you are looking into this, and we can share that the limitation is based on student safety and the physical space.

8. Trustee Luz del Rosario: CSC Secondary parents raised the issue that some donations were reduced by 7%, much like an administration fee. Can staff comment?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: There should never be a deduction to a donation made. The only fee charged is cost recovery when using a credit or debit card, which is two percent (2%). It would be helpful if you could provide the school(s) name(s) to me.

9. Trustee Luz del Rosario: I recently attended an in-service by nurses from the Peel Region on the dangers of vaping. This is happening in our school bathrooms. We should encourage our administrators that may be considering parent engagement ideas to consider this option. This could be a Central Committee for Catholic School Councils event.

Director Mazzorato: We can share that information broadly.

10. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: How are the secondary cafeteria service providers working out?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: In September there were some startup bumps, however with the three service providers into their third month things are working well. We regularly meet with them, and our principals are building and working on relationships. All are providing service and following their contracts. We are not aware of any staffing issues. The contract requires the service providers to conduct a survey within the first year. We are encouraging on the ground informal surveys with students by the service providers and our own administrators.

11. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Has staff determined if DPCDSB can obtain a municipal license for holding a lottery and/or raffle, and allow schools to use the license to hold a lottery, raffle of game of chance?

Director Mazzorato: Unfortunately, Counsel Beck is not present to respond. We will follow up.

*Trustees Shawn Xaviour and Anisha Thomas left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.*

**K. Declared Interest Items - Nil**

**L. In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole**

**Motion 1144 (23-11-28)**

**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, AN EMPLOYEE, AND/OR THE BOARD.**

**CARRIED**

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

Report: Approval of In Camera Board Minutes, Receipt of In Camera Committee Minutes, Receipt of Administrative Appointments and Transfers, Questions Asked by Trustees of an In Camera Nature, and approved recommendations to the Board of Trustees from the In Camera Committee of the Whole.

**Motion 1145 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Herman Vilorio

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE TO DEFER THE REPORT (ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1146 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Luz del Rosario

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DECLARE THE BRIAN J. FLEMING CATHOLIC ADULT LEARNING CENTRE, LOCATED AT 870 QUEEN STREET WEST IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1147 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Brea Corbet

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCEED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF THE BRIAN J. FLEMING CATHOLIC ADULT LEARNING CENTRE THROUGH ONTARIO REGULATION 444/98 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, 1990.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1148 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**N. Future Meetings**

December 12, 2023

January 30, 2024

February 27, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 23, 2024

May 28, 2024  
June 18, 2024

**O. Adjournment**

**Motion 1149 (23-11-28)**

**Moved by** Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:24 P.M.**

**CARRIED**



J	Questions Asked by Trustees	
<p><b>Q 1</b></p>	<p>Trustee Brea Corbet:</p> <p>Some of our honour roll lists are missing students who have 80% average and above. When students follow up with guidance departments it is corrected on a case by case basis. I have been told it is how the reports are pulled from the system. The system only pulls from students who have eight courses (Grades 9 to 11) or six (Grade 12). Students who have seven courses will be missed. Apparently, this also happens when they have a course in summer school or take a night school course in another board. Can staff follow up?</p>	<p>We have followed up and will provide updated directions.</p>
<p><b>Q 2 – 4</b></p>	<p>Motion unanimously carried from Trustee Mario Pascucci: THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DRAFT A LETTER TO THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA’S COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT, WITH COPY TO ALL CITY OF MISSISSAUGA COUNCILORS AND LOCAL MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT (MPP), OUTLINING CONCERNS REGARDING THIS MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1757 ROWNTREE COURT, MISSISSAUGA, IN THE EVENT THAT THE USE OF <i>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING</i> APPLICATION IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH BEING IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A SCHOOL.</p>	<p>The letter to the City of Mississauga’s Committee of Adjustment was submitted on December 6, 2023, ahead of the deadline. See <b>Appendix A</b>.</p>
<p><b>Q 5</b></p>	<p>Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne:</p> <p>On behalf of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and Indigenous students, why has the land acknowledgment been moved in the order of the opening exercises in schools without consultation with the IEC? <i>Policy 34.00 Indigenous Education</i> states “that the IEC will guide and inform DPCDSB on matters pertaining to Indigenous Education, any matters affecting Indigenous students.” There are a growing number of Indigenous students and community members who are upset by having the land acknowledgment come last.</p> <p>The land of the Indigenous peoples was here first, and we feel the land acknowledgment should be said first.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Q 11</b></p>	<p>Trustee Bruno Iannicca:</p> <p>Has staff determined if DPCDSB can obtain a municipal license for holding a lottery and/or raffle, and allow schools to use the license to hold a lottery, raffle or game of chance?</p>	<p>Counsel Beck is in communication with the City of Mississauga and has requested a meeting with them. She will provide an update through an Issues and Events.</p>

December 6, 2023

City of Mississauga  
Committee of Adjustment  
300 City Centre Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Mississauga, ON, L5B 3C1  
committee.adjustment@mississauga.ca

Re: Application File No. A492.23 (1757 Rowntree Court, Ward 3)

To the Committee of Adjustment:

On November 28, 2023, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) trustees voted unanimously to approve a motion to submit a letter to the City of Mississauga's Committee of Adjustment, with copies to all City of Mississauga Councillors and the local Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding in which the subject property is located, outlining concerns regarding this minor variance application in the event that the use of transitional housing is not compatible with being in such close proximity to a school.

DPCDSB's Saints Martha and Mary Catholic Elementary School is located at 1760 Bough Beeches Boulevard in the City of Mississauga. It is of utmost importance to the Board of Trustees that the Committee of Adjustment is fully aware that the site of Saints Martha and Mary Catholic Elementary School, which serves children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, abuts the subject property. DPCDSB has received many concerns from parents and guardians of students attending Saints Martha and Mary Catholic Elementary School, as well as residents who live in this neighbourhood, about the appropriateness of transitional housing being permitted in a location so close to the school.

Concerns with this variance application, which have been represented to the Board of Trustees, include the following:

- transitional housing is not currently permitted on the subject property, nor is transitional housing currently permitted anywhere in the City of Mississauga as-of-right;
- no precedent for considering a request for transitional housing use located so close to an elementary school;
- many students attending Saints Martha and Mary Catholic Elementary School must pass the subject property as they travel to and from the school, daily;
- many children in the neighbourhood use the school's playground, which is located directly behind the rear of the subject property; and

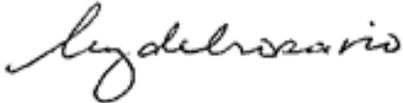
- the absence of specific regulations from the City of Mississauga regarding transitional housing, including location relative to schools/playgrounds, type of permitted usage, category of permitted occupants, ability of owners to change type of usage or occupants, and the absence of any requirement for notification by the applicant to nearby property owners/residents should there be a future change in use.

In view of the preceding, DPCDSB's Board of Trustees wishes to express its concerns to the Committee of Adjustment that the minor variance application to permit the use of transitional housing at 1757 Rowntree Court may not be compatible being adjacent to Saints Martha and Mary Catholic Elementary School.

DPCDSB's Board of Trustees wishes to be notified of the decision of the Committee. Please send the notification to [marianne.mazzorato@dpcdsb.org](mailto:marianne.mazzorato@dpcdsb.org).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Luz del Rosario  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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