

MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

**Monday, September 29, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas	Vice-Chair
	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
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
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	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
	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
	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 6:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer
Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi led the Opening Prayer.
3. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Darryl D'Souza
4. Approval of Agenda
Trustee Shawn Xaviour arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Motion 1448 (25-9-29)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Thomas

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. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action

1. Renaming of St. Ruth Catholic Elementary School
Superintendent Odo summarized the report.
 1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza proposed retaining *St. Ruth Catholic Elementary School* for the current academic year and surveying the community later this year with the two names selected by the area trustee as per DPCDSB policy. The two names are: *St. Joseph Vaz* and *St. Elizabeth* who is the Mother of John the Baptist CES. The renaming to occur in September 2026.
 2. Chair Luz del Rosario temporarily passed the chair to Vice-Chair Thomas and sought clarification on the proposal for a third survey.

Trustee D'Souza clarified that the survey need not be immediate and suggested communicating to the community that the renaming will occur in September 2026, citing concerns about optics under supervision.
 3. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi commented that the community has been surveyed twice, the first outcome was St. Ruth CES in April, the following survey conducted at the

request of the Archdiocese resulted in St. Carlos Acutis CES. She recommended excluding *St. Joseph Vaz CES* from future surveys.

4. Trustee Bruno Iannicca expressed concern about conducting a third survey, noting 63% community support for *St. Carlos Acutis CES*.
5. Trustee Stefano Pascucci inquired whether the community questioned the second survey.

Director Mazzorato confirmed only one inquiry was received.

6. Trustee Stefano recommended adopting the community's preferred name, *St. Carlos Acutis CES*.
7. Trustee Mario Pascucci asked about next steps.

Director Mazzorato confirmed communication will be sent to the school community regarding the renaming. The current lettering of the school name is not permanent, the permanent lettering of St. Carlos Acutis CES will be finalized and changes will be made to the boulevard sign.

8. Chair Luz del Rosario again passed the chair to Vice-Chair Thomas and asked if trustees would be invited to the school blessing.

Director Mazzorato will follow up.

9. Trustee Bruno Iannicca requested clarification on trustee attendance at denominational events, including school anniversaries and blessings.
10. Trustee Mario Pascucci emphasized the importance of trustee participation in such events.

Director Mazzorato will seek clarification.

Motion 1449 (25-9-29)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE RENAMING OF ST. RUTH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2026 TO ALLOW FOR THE PROCESS OF NAMING A SCHOOL BE FOLLOWED.

DEFEATED

Motion 1450 (25-9-29)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT ST. RUTH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE RENAMED IN HONOUR OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS.

CARRIED

H. Additional Business - Nil

1. Notices of Motion - Nil

I. Questions Asked by Trustees - Nil

- J. **Declared Interest Items - Nil**
- K. **In Camera Session - Nil**
- L. **Report from the In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole - Nil**
- M. **Adjournment**

Motion 1451 (25-9-29)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.

CARRIED