



**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 22, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair:	M. Pascucci		
Vice-Chair:	L. Zanella		
Trustees:	A. Abbruscato	A. da Silva	F. Di Cosola
	P. Ferreira	S. Hobin	B. Iannicca
	S. McLauchlan	E. O'Toole	
Student Trustees:	N. Lizzi	M. MacNeil	
Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer			J. Hrajnik
Associate Director of Instructional Services			S. McWatters
Superintendents:	D. Amaral	B. Bjarnason	C. Blanchard
	T. Cruz	J. Geiser	S. Kendrick
	M. Mazzorato	N. Milanetti	D. Oude-Reimerink
	L. Papaloni	C. Pitoscia	G. Robinson
	S. Steer	L. Storey	M. Vecchiarino
Assistant Superintendents:		D. Finegan-Downey	E. Fischer
General Managers	B. Campbell	J. Cherepacha	R. Eberhardt
	T. Fioravanti	R. Moriah	
Recorder:	L. Mackereth		
Regrets:	Trustee T. Thomas		

**A Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance  
Vice-Chair L. Zanella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer  
Vice-Chair of the Board, L. Zanella, led the Opening Prayer.

3. Declaration of Interest (*as defined in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*)

The following trustees declared interest in agenda item A5—Minutes Regular Board Meeting – September 24, 2013

A6 – (H4 Proposed 2013-14 Operating Budget)

A7 – (H1 – Minutes of the Special Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting August 1, 2013)

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M1 – Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting (Special Contract and Negotiations Committee Meeting – August 1, 2013)

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4. Approval of the Agenda

i) Approval of Consent of Calendar Item

Nil

**Motion 261 (13-10-22) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

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

**CARRIED**

**Motion 262 (13-10-22) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, EXCLUDING ITEMS A6 – (H4 PROPOSED 2013-14 OPERATING BUDGET); A7 – (H1 – MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 1, 2013); H1 – (H2 – MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY – APPROVAL OF UNSPENT 2012-2013 BUDGET); M1 – MINUTES OF THE IN CAMERA SESSION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (SPECIAL CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 1, 2013); M5 – MINUTES OF THE IN CAMERA SESSION OF THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

i) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

**B Awards and Presentations**

Nil

**C Pastor's Remarks**

Nil

**D Delegations**

Nil

**E Information/Reports from Trustees, for Receipt**

i) Regular Reports

Nil

ii) Good News Items

1. Trustee S. Hobin shared the following Good News:

- Christ the King Catholic School is very proud to have reached its goal for the Terry Fox Walk in raising over a thousand dollars.
- Loyola Catholic Secondary School hosted and won two Friday evening football games with over 1000 people in attendance at each game. As well, Loyola Catholic Secondary School raised over \$3600 for the Head for the Cure Walk for Brain Cancer. The entire school took part and walked the track.
- Loyola Catholic Secondary School hosted and a Board-wide Inuit cultural presentation on October 22 and hosted college and university fair for their students. Over 50 colleges and universities with displays and 400 students and parents took part.
- On November 1, St. Francis of Assisi School's Grade 8 students will take part in a football game at the Rogers Centre. There will be Argo shirts, a pre-game tailgate party and tickets to the game that night between Montreal and Toronto.
- St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School held their Academic Awards evening. It was a huge success, with the largest number of students being acknowledged as Honour Roll recipients to date. They also held their most successful Link Crew-sponsored dance for Grade 9 students to date.
- Iona Catholic Secondary School and Loyola Catholic Secondary School students participated in the Teen Safe Driving initiative. Feedback from the students indicated that this should be a school-wide event. Iona also has bragging rights as they won their last basketball game against Lorne Park 51-49. Go Dolphins!

- At St. Rose of Lima School, a Grade 7/8 Congregated Gifted class will take part in Dufferin-Peel's Roots of Empathy program. The heart of Roots of Empathy is the neighbourhood parent and infant who join the instructor in the classroom for Family Visits. A Roots of Empathy Instructor visits the classroom 27 times over the school year. For nine of these visits (about every three weeks) the Roots of Empathy family joins the instructor in the classroom. The children have written a welcome and good-bye song for the baby.
- St. Luke Catholic School held a successful Thanksgiving food drive in support of the St. Catherine of Siena breakfast program. St. Luke's opening Mass and Thanksgiving mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea was held on October 8. Fr. Neil complimented the students on their participation and looked forward to receiving them for their sacraments.
- St. Clare School held a successful Thanksgiving Food Drive sending 24 boxes of food to the Salvation Army. The St. Clare School community was extraordinarily generous.
- St. Mark School reports that Iona held a very successful open house for Grade 8s at St. Helen School. Also, their Thanksgiving food drive for Compass Food Bank was an outstanding show of support from students, teachers and parents.
- St. Christopher School students brought in over 1500 food items during its Thanksgiving food drive for Compass Food Bank. Two pickup trucks were filled with food items during this event which was run by the student parliament.
- Congratulations to all schools as they are doing a stellar job in supporting of our community food banks.

2. Trustee E. O'Toole shared the following Good News:

- Congratulations to M. Storey, Special Education Department Head at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, who was recently recognized as Educator of the Year by Special Olympics Ontario for her work hosting the annual Have-A-Go celebration at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School.
- Congratulations to the dance crew from St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School, who on October 4, performed at the second annual Autism Gala at the Mississauga Grand. The crew was comprised of 21 students ranging from Grades 5-8 who all share a love for dance. Between performances, a Grade 7 student with autism, Christopher, played the piano and sang along with classmate Julia, for the audience. Special thanks also to teachers

J. Magallanes dela Cruz, W. Hannah, K. Wright, L. Woods, and parents Mrs. Casanova and Mrs. Young.

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School's awards celebration recently took place at St. John of the Cross Church. A special thank you to the parish for allowing use of the space to bring parish, school and families together.
- Eden Community Food Bank thanked our Catholic schools for their generosity. They recently held an open house showcasing their Learning Kitchen in which many of our students will have an opportunity to work.

**F Reports from Committees, for Receipt**

1. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting—September 18, 2013  
—L. Zanella

**Motion 263 (13-10-22) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by S. Hobin**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

2. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board—September 18, 2013  
—P. Ferreira

**Motion 264 (13-10-22) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by E. O'Toole**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**G Information/Reports from Administration, for Receipt**

1. 2012-2013 EQAO and OSSLT Results: Continuing to Support Student Well-Being and Achievement-D. Oude-Reimerink/S. Kendrick

Associate Director S. McWatters brought forward a report outlining results from EQAO and OSSLT. The presentation was grounded in the Board System Direction, the Catholic Board Learning Plan (CBLP), and the Catholic Board Corporate Plan including the ICT Plan.

Dufferin-Peel is above the Provincial averages in Primary reading, writing and mathematics; Junior reading, writing and mathematics; Grade 9 Academic Mathematics, Grade 9 Applied Mathematics and OSSLT first time eligible and OSSLT

previously eligible.

S. Kendrick, Superintendent of Special Education and Support Services reported primary assessments over past five years demonstrate steady growth over time in primary reading, writing while performance in mathematics remains relatively stable. Dufferin-Peel is currently exceeding the 75% provincial target in primary writing. Students with English Language Learning (ELL) needs demonstrated in the areas of primary writing, but noted a slight decline in the area of mathematics. In the past five years, students with special education needs have shown success specifically in the area of primary writing. There has been steady growth over time in all three areas particularly in the last four assessment years.

S. Kendrick further provided information related to Junior EQAO results over the past five years indicating that there has been steady and notable growth in reading and writing, with a decline in mathematics similar to results across the province. Data was presented around students with ELL needs with improvement demonstrated and some stabilization in mathematics following an initial decline. Students with special needs also demonstrated growth in all three assessments.

S. Kendrick presented information on Grade 9 Mathematics results indicating that all student groups, including students with special needs and ELL groups, have demonstrated growth over time. It was further noted that Dufferin-Peel is currently exceeding the provincial target of 75% in Grade 9 academic mathematics with results at 89%.

S. Kendrick addressed the Grade 10 OSSLT results indicating that there has been an increase over time in results for students who are First-Time Eligible as well as Previously Eligible. It was noted that Dufferin-Peel continues to exceed the provincial results for fully-participating First-Time Eligible students. (DP: 86%; ON: 82%)

D. Oude-Reimerink, Superintendent of Program, addressed what is working in Dufferin-Peel and how EQAO data (2012/13) can be related to the work within the five pillars in the CBLP 2010-2013. There has been growth all six literacy assessment areas and in two of the four assessments related to numeracy. A decline in primary and junior mathematics will continue to be an area of focus and professional learning. Students in Dufferin-Peel continue to make gains in applied and academic mathematics. Cohort data indicates that 37% of students who did not meet the standard in Grade 6, met it in Grade 9 Applied Mathematics and 16% of those students who did not meet the standard in Grade 6, met it in Grade 9 Academic Mathematics. Staff noted that each school tracks its own cohort and historical data using a variety of tools. In addition, Dufferin-Peel has seen a growth in the graduation rate since the implementation of the CBLP 2010-2013. Moving forward, there are a variety of system supports in place for staff to enhance professional learning based on localized needs with a continued focus on student well-being. In

addition, staff will remain committed to the monitoring and evaluation of the new CBLP, using a variety of data sources including the Provincial report card marks, Learning Skills, School Self-Assessment and professional learning team feedback. Continuous monitoring and reflection will support our commitment to, “Each one called by Name.” (Isaiah 43:1)

In response to trustee inquiries, staff noted that through strategic staffing and professional learning opportunities, staff is equipping teachers with skill sets and best practices for all learners. Staff further noted that students with special needs would be eligible for EQAO accommodations as noted in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) and that student scores are shared with parents through the school and that the principal will provide the school council with an overview of school results.

Trustees congratulated staff on the results.

**Motion 265 (13-10-22) by A. Abbruscato                      Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE REPORT 2012-2013 EQAO AND OSSLT RESULTS: CONTINUING TO SUPPORT STUDENT WELL-BEING AND ACHIEVEMENT, BE RECEIVED  
*CARRIED***

#### **H            Trustee, Committee, Administration Reports, Requiring Action**

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, October 7, 2013—S. Hobin

**Motion 266 (13-10-22) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by A. da Silva**

**1. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2013, BE RECEIVED, AS AMENDED.  
*CARRIED***

**Motion 267 (13-10-22) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by A. da Silva**

**2. THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS REMAIN STATUS QUO.  
*CARRIED***

Trustee F. Di Cosola shared his concern regarding the STOPR Peel Board decision in Caledon East. Associate Director J. Hrajnik advised staff will bring forward the report on governance to the November Board.

After discussion it was decided that the matter of trustees leaving meetings and the manner in which it is reported in the meeting minutes, be reviewed by the By-Law and Policy Committee.

**Motion 268 (13-10-22) by F. Di Cosola**

**Seconded by S. Hobin**

**3. THAT REFERENCE TO A TRUSTEE LEAVING THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MEETING BE STRUCK FROM THE MINUTES.**

***CARRIED***

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, October 21, 2013  
—E O’Toole

**Motion 269 (13-10-22) by E. O’Toole**

**Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2013, BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

3. Reappointment of External Member to the Audit Committee—G. P. Robinson

G. P. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services and Treasurer, reported that under provincial regulations, Boards are required to have two external members on the Audit Committee. In February 2011, the Board appointed two members for a three-year term ending February 2014 and is permitted to reappoint non-board members for a further three-year term. The committee recognized the significant contributions made by the non-board members and recommend L. Prestia be reappointed. M. Wijesinghe tendered his resignation due to personal conflict of interest, therefore the Board is required to fill this vacancy. Staff will start the recruitment process for the second position.

**Motion 270 (13-10-22) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by E. O’Toole**

**1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED “REAPPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBER TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE” DATED OCTOBER 22, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 271 (13-10-22) by E. O’Toole**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

**2. THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LAURA PRESTIA, CGA, AS AN EXTERNAL NON-BOARD MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER THREE (3) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 23, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 23, 2017.**

***CARRIED***

Trustee E. O’Toole thanked M. Wijesinghe of the Audit Committee for his contributions.



**I Notices of Motion**

Nil

**J Additional Business**

Nil

**K Questions asked of, and by Trustees**

Nil

*Trustee S. McLauchlan joined the meeting in progress.*

*Trustee L. Zanella passed the chair to Trustee E. O'Toole.*

**L Declared Interest Item**

The following trustees declared an interest and left the meeting:

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**Minutes Regular Board Meeting – September 24, 2013 Item #4 Declarations:**

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**Motion 272 (13-10-22) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

**THAT ITEM # 4 OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

Trustee E. O'Toole thanked D. Reed, Board and Committee Information Officer for her dedication and wished her well in her retirement.

**M In Camera Session**

**Motion 273 (13-10-22) by A. Abbruscato                      Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE BOARD RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE IN  
CAMERA SESSION.**

***CARRIED***

**N Rise and Report**

**Motion 274 (13-10-22) by P. Ferreira                      Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

**THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA BE PRESENTED  
AND THAT THE COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS BE ADOPTED.**

***CARRIED***

**O Future Meetings**

Regular Board Meetings  
November 26, 2013  
December 10, 2013

**Organizational Meeting of the Board**  
December 3, 2013

**p Adjournment**

**Motion 275 (13-10-22) by S. McLauchlan                      Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

***CARRIED***