Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Chair: M. Pascucci
Vice-Chair: F. Di Cosola
Trustees: A. Abbruscato D. D'Souza A. da Silva
L. del Rosario S. Hobin B. Iannicca
E. O'Toole T. Thomas S. Xaviour
Student Trustees: I. Balcerzak M. Benoy
Director of Education: J. B. Kostoff
Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer:
Social Director of Instructional Services: J. Hrajnik S. McWatters
Superintendents: D. Amaral J. Cherepacha T. Cruz
T. Lariviere M. Mazzorato N. Milanetti
L. Papaloni C. Pitoscia S. Steer
L. Storey M. Vecchiarino
Assistant Superintendents: D. Finegan-Downey E. Fischer
General Managers: B. Campbell R. Eberhardt T. Fioravanti
B. Hester R. Moriah
Recorder: L. Mackereth

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Pascucci welcomed
Henry Tieder, Grade 7 student from St. Christopher School. Henry is working towards his Scouts
Canada Citizenship badge.

2. Opening Prayer
Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci led the Opening Prayer.

3. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items:
A5 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2015 (Items A3 Declared Interest, Declared
Interest Items; and L1 Declared Interest Items.)
M1 Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting March 24, 2015 (Items M1
and M 1.1 Declared Interest Items)
Trustee M. Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA
Trustee D. D'Souza—family member is an employee of the board
Trustee A. da Silva—family member belongs to OECTA
Trustee S. Hobin—family members belong to OECTA
Trustee A. Abbruscato—family members belong to OECTA
Student Trustee M. Benoy—family member is an employee of the board.
Trustee B. Iannicca— family members belong to OECTA and CUPE (interest declared upon arrival)

Motion 125 (15-04-28) by F. Di Cosola  Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM L.
CARRIED

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 126 (15-04-28) by T. Thomas  Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2015 excluding items A3 Declaration of Interest, and L1 Declared Interest Items.

Motion 127 (15-04-28) by A. Abbruscato  Seconded by D. D’Souza

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2015, EXCLUDING ITEMS A3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST, AND L1 DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS, BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

i) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B  Awards and Presentations
Nil

C  Pastor’s Remarks
Nil

D  Delegations

A. Stepniowski- Revised Physical Education Curriculum

A. Stepniowski delegated on behalf of a group of parents of elementary school children, voicing their concerns with the content of the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum. The delegation requested the board to delay the implementation for one year to allow parents time to review.

Trustee S. Hobin requested clarification of the Criminal Code articles referenced in the presentation. A. Stepniowski referenced excerpts from the Criminal Code page 171 article 152 and page 172 article 153.
Motion 128 (15-04-28) by A. Abbruscato  Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING THE REVISED HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

E Information/Reports from Trustees, for Receipt

i) Regular Reports
   
   Nil

ii) Good News Items

Trustee S. Hobin shared the following Good News:

Many thanks to St. Bernadette school and staff, MaryJane Vowels (Principal), Kathleen Ferrao, Glen Ramos, Delia Radice and Philip Caetano as well as all the teachers involved in Elementary Skills program. The students had a fantastic time and demonstrated outstanding 21st Century technological skills in the various challenges they participated in. (i.e.: junior and intermediate: animation, construction, Lego mechanics, Lego robotics, TV video challenge, health and safety)

Special thanks as well to all the program staff who assisted with judging and the liturgy. It’s great to see so many involved in this outstanding competition. There was loud excitement especially when the winners were announced. Best of luck to the gold medal teams who will now be competing in Waterloo at the provincials on May 4th.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga’s Our Jazz Band competed at and won a Gold Medal at the Humber College Next Generation Music Festival and won an invitation to the MusicFest Nationals, which take place at U of T in Toronto. In addition, they also won a free clinic with Alex Dean, one of Canada’s foremost jazz saxophonists, who has been a mainstay of the Canadian music scene for many years, where he will come to our school and conduct a master class to help prep them for their completion.

As well, the principal was contacted by Josh Grossman of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival and invited the band to perform in the Big Band Slam as part of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival.

Each year, the Big Band Slam features four big bands from Greater Toronto Area high schools each performing a 30-minute set. This year’s Slam is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2-5 pm at The Rex Hotel. This is not a competition but is instead a chance to showcase some of the outstanding music being made by high school music students across the city.

As part of their Workplace Safety campaign, WSIB sponsors a Provincial Video Competition for Workplace Safety Targeting Youth. For the second time in 5 years, the Iona video is one of three videos selected to receive an award. Congratulations to student Darcy Huk and to Miss Swift, her teacher and advisor on this video. There is a monetary award for the student and the school. We look forward to a representative from WSIB coming to Iona to present the award very soon.

Trustee Xaviour, Trustee Pascucci, Trustee del Rosario and Associate Director Hrajnik attended this year’s Expressions concert held at the Living Arts Centre on April 22nd. It was wonderful.
We have some incredibly talented students attending our schools. I was most impressed with the level of sophistication brought to the concert on the part of the students and their performances. This was as good as any professional performance you might see at any of our expert theatres. Very special thanks to teacher Michael Ferro and all the terrific teachers who worked so hard with our students. I encourage all of our trustees to attend next year if you can. You will not be disappointed. I encourage other schools to take part next year. St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis Xavier, St. Marguerite d’Youville, Father Michael Goetz, and St. Joseph Secondary and Robert F. Hall Secondary Schools participated.

Trustee D. D’Souza congratulated staff, students and volunteers for:
- St Edmund Campion hosted a Mental Health and Wellness Awareness event.
- St. Edmund Campion has been selected for the Journey of Learning initiative. They showed the highest overall improvement in the province in cohort tracking from Grade 6 to 9 Math. 77% of St. Edmund Campion students achieved at or above the provincial standards in 2014 in Applied Math. Every year EQAO visits a number of elementary and secondary schools across the province to allow educators to learn how they are using EQAO and other data to inform discussions and student achievement. These schools are chose because they have shown growth over time in the EQAO results and offer an action plan based on the evidence.
- Brampton Northwest Family of Schools students participated in a day of faith and international anti-bullying day.
- Brampton West Family of Schools Students participated in Sir John A. Macdonald speech and spoken work competition. Congratulations to the finalists at Guardian Angels and Our Lady of Fatima Schools.
- St. Anne School Team won the Family of Schools Girls’ Intermediate Basketball title.
- The Family of Schools Chess Tournament was attended by 250 students. The primary winner was St. Ursula School and junior and intermediate were won by Guardian Angels School.
- Special thanks to Superintendent S. Steer for the assistance with the bible studies program at Guardian Angels Parish.

Trustee L. del Rosario congratulated staff, students and volunteers for:
- Celebration of A Way of the Cross with Mississauga Brampton Central Family of Schools Administrators.
- Mississauga South Family of Schools Stations of the Cross Presentation by students and staff of St. Joseph Secondary School.
- Stations of the Cross at St. David of Wales School.
- Winners and participants of the Catholic students Technology Elementary Skills competition at St. Bernadette School.
- CCCSC Market Place organizing committee.
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School Crimes of the Heart production.
- 10th Anniversary Celebration of Courtney Park Library
- Earth Day celebrations at St. Bernadette School. The school received a grant of $400 from Erin Park Toyota to purchase plants to add to the Peace Garden and a $1208 grant from TD Friends of the Environment for benches. Special thanks to the school council for applying for these grants.
- Students from St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Michael Goetz, Robert F. Hall and St. Joseph Secondary Schools for their participation in Expressions 2015 at the Living Arts Centre.
- Thank you to the principals, vice principals and superintendents for their support and guidance in these successful events.
Trustee E. O’Toole congratulated staff, students and volunteers for:

- Sir John A. MacDonald Public Speaking and Media Competition winners for Mississauga North: Matthew Panza, St. Simon Stock School; Macy Jona, St. Elizabeth Seton School; Tolu Olubode, St. Joan of Arc Secondary School.
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, one of the top four teams in Peel advanced to the Regional Mock Trial Team Championships. Congratulations to Law teacher Michael Gordon and his students.
- St. Elizabeth Seton School dedication ceremony officially opened the six new classroom addition. Special thanks to Parent Council who helped make a Tree of Life using finger prints.
- St. Faustina hosted a Bike Rally for Earth Day.
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School presented two plays: Crimes of the Heart and Glass Menagerie.
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary hosted his Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins
- Central Committee for Parent Council Market Place staff and members presented fabulous keynote speaker Anne Jamison.
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School Parent Council hosted Anthony McLean’s presentation on social media.
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School evening walk with students performing Stations of the Cross.

Trustee S. Xaviour congratulated staff, students and volunteers for:

- Brampton North East Family of Schools organized an outdoor Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the team for an amazing event.
- 10th Annual Dance Showcase presented many talented elementary students at the Rose Theatre.
- St. John Bosco School won the province-wide Battery Blitz competition by Earth Rangers. Students collected 731 kilograms of batteries.

Student Trustees I. Balcerzak and M. Benoy provided the results of the Student Trustee Election held on April 21. Congratulations to our new Student Trustees for 2015-2016: Jana Anderson from Iona Catholic Secondary School and Alexandria Hesketh-Pavilons from St. Michael Secondary School. Special thanks to Director Kostoff, Associate Director McWatters, Trustees, Superintendent Oude-Reimerink and teacher P. Calendar for their guidance support.

Trustee A. da Silva congratulated staff, students and volunteers:

- St. Augustine Secondary School Parent Council held a parent involvement event focused on Health and Wellness. Students provided demonstrations of wrestling and karate. Rose Reisman provided a very informative and entertaining presentation about Nutrition. Brampton Councillor Bowman and Regional Councillor Medeiros attended. Special thanks to school Council Chair Sayegh, School Council members and Principal Dr. Martine Lewis for a very successful event.

Trustee F. Di Cosola provided information about the recent National Catholic Educational Association Conference.
Reports from Committees, for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meeting, March 18, 2015

Motion 129 (15-04-28) by T. Thomas                  Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, MARCH 18, 2015, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, March 25, 2015

Motion 130 (15-04-28) by S. Hobin                  Seconded by D. D’Souza

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 25, 2015, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Information/Reports from Administration, for Receipt

1. Letter of Retirement—M. Cockburn, Principal—J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, thanked M. Cockburn, Principal, for his many years of dedicated service and his strong support for Catholic Education. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended best wishes.

Trustee F. Di Cosola, on behalf of trustees, congratulated M. Cockburn and wished him well.

Motion 131 (15-04-28) by F. Di Cosola                  Seconded by S. Xaviour

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM M. COCKBURN, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

2. Letter of Retirement—S. Daly, Principal—J. B. Kostoff

Director J. B. Kostoff, thanked S. Daly, Principal, for his many years of dedicated service and his strong support for Catholic Education. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended best wishes.

Trustees A. Abbruscato and L. Del Rosario, on behalf of trustees, congratulated S. Daly and wished him well.

Motion 132 (15-04-28) by A. Abbruscato                  Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM S. DALY, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED
3. Letter of Retirement from S. Palmateer, Principal—J. B. Kostoff

Director J. B. Kostoff, thanked S. Palmateer, Principal, for his many years of dedicated service and his strong support for Catholic Education. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended best wishes.

Trustees S. Hobin and E. O’Toole, on behalf of trustees, congratulated S. Palmateer and wished him well.

Motion 133 (15-04-28) by S. Hobin
Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM S. PALMATEER, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.
CARRIED


Trustee B. Iannicca joined the meeting in progress.

E. Fischer, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education and Support Services and R. Eberhardt, Chief Information Officer, provided a detailed review of the report and progress update. The work in the area of technology, linked to the Catholic Board Learning Plan and the Ontario Catholic School Graduation Expectations, focuses on learning in the 21st Century and being responsive to the needs of students.

Trustees thanked staff for the comprehensive report and complimented CIO Eberhardt on the progress made under his direction and thanked ICT staff for their efficient, progressive work. Trustee Hobin requested a copy of the graphics and statistics contained in the report.

In response to Trustee F. Di Cosola’s inquiry concerning expansion and capacity, R. Eberhardt, CIO, advised staff are monitoring the expansion, coordinating bandwidth and some infrastructure will move to the cloud. Director J. B. Kostoff noted increased ICT work volume is handled without adding staff. Staff are hopeful that the ministry will support future maintenance as 21st Century Learning moves forward.

Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired about software and professional development. Director Kostoff explained a central suite of apps will be installed on all equipment and special education will have a special suite of apps. E. Fischer, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education and Support Services advised itinerant technology teachers are working to ensure personalized learning for students with differing learning abilities. Professional development will involve training of teams of teachers who will then build supports within the schools. Schools may be efficient and effective while some may require mentoring. The technology carts, Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) and existing technologies focus on learning, building capacity and learning for all.

In response to Trustee S. Hobin, E. Fischer, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education and Supports Services, advised principals were given the opportunity to choose a cart with iPads or tablets and will continue to build through the school. There are 800 units provided to students with differing abilities.

Trustee B. Iannicca declared an interest in agenda items A5 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2015 (Items A3 Declared Interest, Declared Interest Items; and L1 Declared
Interest Items.) M1 Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting March 24, 2015 (Items M1 and M 1.1 Declared Interest Items)

Motion 134 (15-04-28) by L. del Rosario  Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE REPORT, LEARNING FOR ALL: EMERGENT TECHNOLOGY, CREATING CATHOLIC CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H  Trustee, Committee, Administration Reports, Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, April 13, 2015—A. da Silva

Motion 135 (15-04-28) by A. da Silva  Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 13, 2015, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, April 20, 2015—E. O’Toole

Motion 136 (15-04-28) by E. O’Toole  Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 20, 2015, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

I  Notices of Motion

Nil

J  Additional Business

Nil

K  Questions asked of, and by Board Members

1. Trustee E. O’Toole requested staff review the priority list for installation of school council funded equipment. Staff will review and advise.

2. Trustee S. Xaviour requested an update on cash-free schools. Staff advised the online payment system is in the planning and development stage. Staff have surveyed boards throughout the province, are reviewing products and anticipate the possibility of a pilot in the next school year.

3. Trustee S. Xaviour attended the TFC Kick-Off Assembly at St. Anthony School day with Toronto FC player Jonathan Osorio, graduate of St. Edmund Campion Secondary School.

4. Trustee B. Iannicca requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Peel Regional Police to thank them for their collaboration and presence in our schools.
Motion 137 (15-04-28) by B. Iannicca  Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD SEND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO PEEL REGIONAL POLICE.

CARRIED

5. Trustee S. Hobin inquired if Special Education funding is specific to the student. Staff advised Special Education funding is provided through grants related to student needs.

6. Trustee S. Hobin inquired about parents who may not agree with the assessment of their student with differing learning abilities. Staff advised a team reviews the needs of the student, gathers information and invites the parents into the conversation.

7. Trustee F. Di Cosola requested clarification on the form of governance the board follows. Staff advised Policy Governance is the model used by school boards and will provide a link to the information.

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education provided a copy of the Trustee newsletter that will be distributed to elementary and secondary students, churches, community centres, and MPPs during Catholic Education Week.

L  Declared Interest Items

Trustee F. Di Cosola assumed the Chair.

The following trustees left the meeting for the declared interest items.
Trustee M. Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA
Trustee D. D’Souza—family member is an employee of the board
Trustee A. da Silva—family member belongs to OECTA
Trustee S. Hobin—family members belong to OECTA
Trustee A. Abbruscato—family members belong to OECTA
Student Trustee M. Benoy—family member is an employee of the board
Trustee B. Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Minutes of March 24, 2015 items A3 Declaration of Interest, L1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 24, 2015 and L1Declared Interest Items.

Motion138 (15-04-28) by L. del Rosario  Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT ITEMS A3 DECLARED INTEREST, A5 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2015 AND L DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 24 2015, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

M  In Camera Session

Motion 139 (15-04-28) by T. Thomas  Seconded by S. Xaviour

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

CARRIED
Rise and Report

Motion 140 (15-04-28) by T. Thomas Seconded by A. Abbruscato

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

CARRIED

Future Meetings
May 26, 2015 June 16, 2015

Adjournment

Motion 141 (15-04-28) by B. Iannicca Seconded by S. Xaviour

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED