

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: M. Pascucci  
Vice-Chair: L. Zanella  
Trustees: A. Abbruscato S. Hobin B. Iannicca  
S. McLauchlan E. O'Toole P. Ferreira  
T. Thomas  
Student Trustee: M. Rafo K. Michael  
Director of Education: J. B. Kostoff  
Associate Director of Corporate Services and  
Chief Financial Officer J. Hrajnik  
Superintendents: B. Bjarnason C. Blanchard J. Geiser  
S. Kendrick P. McMorrow S. McWatters  
N. Milanetti D. Oude-Reimerink L. Papaloni  
C. Pitoscia G. Robinson C. Saytar  
M. Vecchiarino  
Assistant Superintendent: L. Storey  
Acting Assistant Superintendent: M. DeVellis  
General Managers: B. Campbell J. Cherepacha T. Fioravanti  
R. Moriah R. Eberhardt  
Recorder: D. Reed  
Regrets: Trustees A. da Silva and F. Di Cosola  
Late Arrival: Trustee B. Iannicca, Other Board Business

**A Routine Matters**

- 1 Call to Order and Attendance  
Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer  
A video presentation of the tragedy at Sandy Hook was presented followed by the Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci, leading the Opening Prayer.

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

The following trustees declared an interest in the following agenda item H 4:

A. Abbruscato – Family members belong to OECTA

S. Hobin – Family members belong to OECTA

B. Iannicca – Family member belongs to CUPE 2026

M. Pascucci – Family member belongs to OECTA

L. Zanella – Family member belongs to OECTA

Student Trustee K. Michael – Family member works for another Board

4. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda item H 4 to be moved to L1

Additional items:

M6 – Update

Private Session Minutes

**Motion 201 (13-06-18) by T. Thomas**

**Seconded by E. O’Toole**

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

***CARRIED***

5. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, May 28, 2013

**Motion 202 (13-06-18) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by S. Hobin**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MAY 28, 2013, BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

ii) 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

#### 1. Quarterly Report (Verbal) – M. Pascucci, Chair

It is my privilege, once again, to bring forward the chair's verbal quarterly report highlighting some of the accomplishments, events and activities in which our board is involved. This report encompasses some key areas in which we have been involved over the past months. I would like to take a few minutes to share these items with you.

Looking at my calendar over the past three months, and I know that all trustees can attest to the same thing, I can't help but believe that we have not been busier at any time in the recent past. At least that I can remember. But, the great thing about this "busyness" is that it overwhelmingly involves positive, energizing community building events and activities. Over the next few minutes, I want to celebrate this positive energy and recap some of the items in which the board of trustees has been involved.

We've all attended numerous school council meetings in addition to our board and committee obligations and I think I speak for all trustees when I say that our communities and our Catholic school councils are thriving and engaged.

This speaks volumes to the positive state of Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel.

We continue to be very active, promoting the Dufferin-Peel brand and sharing our stories which illustrate the continued relevance and success of Catholic education.

I would highlight a few key events that I have attended over the past three months. Many around this table have attended these events as well:

- The OCSTA Board of Directors' Meeting, AGM and conference.
- Media events and presentations at schools that will undergo capital projects, including St. Sofia, Cardinal Leger and St. Elizabeth Seton.
- The Mayor's School Cricket Tournament launch event
- Numerous school anniversary events including St. Jude's 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Hilary's 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Pio's 10<sup>th</sup>, and Bishop Scalabrini's 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Great inclusive events for students, such as the Joe Sax Activity Festival.
- The CCCSAC Volunteer of the Year Award presentation
- The board recognition of St. Paul Chaplaincy Leader Brian Finamore, recipient of the Brian Halferty Award.
- The re-dedication of the former Loyola Catholic Secondary School facility as St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Learning Centre.

- The recent Bullying Prevention and Wellness Symposium at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School.
- Scores of spring concerts and school fairs.
- In May, we celebrated Catholic Education Week where, again, the scope and scale of events and activities speaks to the thriving state of Catholic Education in Dufferin-Peel.
- The board has received retirement notices from an extraordinary number of seasoned administrators. This is a tremendous loss of experience, but our mentoring program is strong and we have a new generation of administrators ready to take up the mantle and continue our tradition of excellence in Catholic leadership.
- Over the past several weeks, we received community input through our budget consultation process and later this evening, we will review the 2013-14 proposed budget.
- Also tonight, we will receive a report summarizing actions taken by this board over the past school year, including an indication of how these actions relate to our board's strategic plan. I will not speak to this except to say that this is a snapshot of the incredible work being undertaken across our board.

I would also want to mention our retiring Associate Director, Ralph Borrelli. Ralph has had a tremendous impact on this board in terms of his guidance and leadership over the years. We continue to hold Ralph and his family up in our prayers.

As trustees, we take our role as stewards of Catholic education very seriously. For us, it is a sacred trust. Catholic education is strong, vibrant and healthy in Dufferin-Peel. But we know that we must never take it for granted. We must continue to share the good news of the gift of Catholic education whenever and wherever we can.

As this is our last scheduled board or committee meeting until August, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to my fellow trustees, and to staff, for your dedication and commitment to Dufferin-Peel and Catholic education.

Finally, on behalf of the board, I am pleased that, in the midst of so much transition, director of education John Kostoff, and many of his admin team, will be remaining with us. This stability at the senior management level will help us greatly given the loss of experience I referred to earlier.

I hope that you all have an opportunity to get some rest over the summer. Thanks again for an incredible year and may God Bless you.

**Motion 203(13-06-18) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE CHAIR'S QUARTERLY REPORT BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

- ii) Good News Items – Vice Chair L. Zanella
1. Congratulations to St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School and St. Joseph Secondary School, both of whom were recipients of the Premier's Award for Accepting Schools. The Premier's Awards for Accepting Schools are awarded annually and recognize schools that have demonstrated initiative, creativity and leadership in promoting a safe, inclusive and accepting school climate. It is great to see that of the 12 Ontario schools that received the Premier's award, two were from Dufferin-Peel. That speaks volumes to the fact that we work hard to ensure that our schools are safe, caring, healthy and inclusive places in which to learn and to work.
  2. Congratulations to St. Rita Catholic Elementary School on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  3. Trustee S. Hobin thanked school councils for the hard work and dedication in support of our schools. Trustee Hobin acknowledged the work that has gone into the organizing of the BBQs in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries for St. Sebastian and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Elementary schools.
  4. Trustee S. McLauchlan Our Lady of Providence Catholic School for hosting a successful soccer gam which raised \$2000.00 for ShareLife.
  5. Trustee S. McLauchlan congratulated St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The occasion with a tree planting when the weather permits.
  6. Trustee S. McLauchlan congratulated the St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School community on their feast day and the BBQ held as part of the celebration. Trustee S. McLauchlan expressed his best wishes to Father J. Rodrigues who will be moving on to another parish in Ajax.
  7. Trustee S. McLauchlan acknowledged students at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School for their outstanding work in creating a science motif in the stairwell of the school.
  8. Trustee S. McLauchlan congratulated the St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School Glee Club who sang O Canada along with Mayor S. Fennel at a game in Ohio.

9. Trustee S. McLauchlan acknowledged the good work of Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School students who created a living rosary in their gym
  10. Congratulations to the Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary students and staff who started a breakfast club in their school.
  11. Trustee S. McLauchlan advised that Lowe's sponsored Father Francis McSpirtt Catholic Elementary school in their creation of a green space.
  12. Congratulations to staff and students of Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary school for obtaining gold certification status for ECO schools.
  13. Trustee P. Ferreira acknowledged the hard work of all those involved with the official opening of St. Gerard's Aboriginal Medicine Wheel Turtle Garden.
  15. Trustee P. Ferreira congratulated the St. Marcellinus Secondary School Junior Boys Soccer Team for winning the ROPSSAA Championship and St. Martin Secondary School's Senior Boys Soccer Team who won a Gold medal in OFSSAA's AA competition and the Senior Girls Soccer Team who won a Silver medal.
  16. Trustee E. O'Toole offered a special thank you to St. Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School for raising 25,000 pennies for the Mississauga Humane Society.
  17. Trustee E. O'Toole congratulated Rev. Leo Huard on his retirement from St. John of the Cross Parish in Mississauga.
- iii) Student Trustees' Farewell Remarks – M. Rafo and K. Michael

**Student Trustee – M. Rafo**

I will never forget the first board official that I met. I was in Grade 7 and I had just been transferred from St. John Bosco to Father Francis McSpirtt, the beautiful elementary school that had just opened up. I remember it was a summer afternoon just like today, when my teacher told the class that the superintendent was coming in 5 minutes. She told us to behave ourselves, be friendly, and raise our hands when we knew the answer. I will never forget the clicking heels, the beaming smile, and her identification card that was clipped to her waist. As she walked in, I didn't have the opportunity to speak with her but I thought to myself, "One day I want to work where she works". At the time, I had no idea, but there was something about her that made me feel inspired. Superintendent Saytar you probably didn't know I was talking about you, but ever since the day I walked in here I couldn't help but realize the woman that had inspired me in my Grade 7 classroom was going to be sitting across from me at the Boardroom table.

When I look at this Boardroom table I can't help but smile, I have so many memories of each of the wonderful trustees and staff that share this space with me. I will never forget my first board meeting, in late August of last year. I was so nervous and dare I say, bit intimidated by all you intelligent and well-spoken people. After the board meeting, Chairman Pascucci and Vice-Chairman Zanella took Kevin and I to their offices and briefed us as to what their roles were and told us that whenever we were in doubt we would be able to ask them questions. Also that evening Kevin and I had the opportunity to chat with someone who I would be emailing 3 times a day, our supervisor, Superintendent Vecchiarino, along with very well-respected Director Kostoff. My first board meeting was amazing to say the very least. It made me feel a part of something larger, a part of larger beautiful family that has welcomed me with open arms. Now as I look back, I have learned three important things.

First, Catholic Education works. As a product of Catholic Education for the past 12 years I have spent two thirds of my life in a nurturing and loving environment that I would never trade for any other education. Whether it be having a chaplain to talk with, or coming together as a Catholic community and raising thousands of food items for the food drives every year, or praying the Lord's Prayer with my peers, there is something extraordinary about Catholic Education that I cannot describe in words. I am so glad that my parents enrolled me in a Catholic education system, because it simply works.

Secondly, Dufferin-Peel is the epitome of excellence. Its staff, its trustees, its teachers and its superintendents, who work so hard to get the best education that they can for their students, are the cream of the crop. Believe me, I've seen it over the past few months as trustees and staff discuss policy initiatives such as Wi-Fi implementation. For example, at our last Faith and Program meeting we brought in experts to share their wealth of knowledge, and throughout the year we have pilot schools that are testing this technology. The effort and time that goes in from everyone who is employed here at this board is magnificent. I am so honoured to have been a part of this experience, as I got to experience firsthand what true, raw excellence looks like.

Lastly, I remember when the trustees heard that our Board and Committee information Officer, Ms. Reed, was retiring. Everyone at the Boardroom table at that meeting shared their memories of her and this board and I couldn't help but think that Dufferin-Peel is blessed to have such dedicated and devoted staffers like her. Dufferin-Peel is blessed to have trustees who will fight for their wards and will go into very long hours to ensure that the voices of their schools and communities are well represented. Dufferin-Peel is blessed to have the teachers who stay afterschool for homework help and run the afterschool extracurriculars. Above, Dufferin-Peel is blessed to have such committed and amazing employees who treat their students as if they were their own children.

Before I conclude, I want to say a couple of ‘thank yous’ to a number of people here. Thank you Trustee Da Silva for offering rides back home and sharing stories about university life; Trustee McLauchlan for helping Kevin and I table our first motion; Trustees Di Cosola and Ferreira for the kind smiles; Trustee Hobin for reminding me to pick up things for Kevin; Trustee Iannicca for always giving us a good laugh; Trustee Abbruscato for giving me hope in my future successes, while still having good-looking hair; Trustees Thomas and O’Toole for reminding us to always put our communities first; Trustees Zanella and Pascucci for guiding Kevin and I in this journey of ours. Also, two very big ‘thank yous’ to Superintendent Vecchiarino and Director Kostoff for steering Kevin and I in the right direction. You were our moral compass and drive this past year and we wouldn’t have been able to fulfill our roles without either of you. Above all, my last thank you goes to the guy sitting right next to me, for an infinite amount of reasons and acting as a wonderful co-student trustee.

I am excited to see what our new student trustees, Matthew MacNeil and Natasha Lizzi will do in their term next year. I am hopeful that they will carry out all the hard work of past student trustees and continue living up to the excellence that is Dufferin-Peel; especially within the Student Voice Council.

I will end off this speech in the same way I ended off my speech when I was running for student trustee. As author Mike Dooley once said, “Life’s not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it’s about doing, being and becoming. It’s about the choices you’ve just made, and the ones you’re about to make, it’s about the things you choose to say - today.” Thank you, and God bless you all.

**Motion 204 (13-06-18) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by L. Zanella**

**THAT THE FAREWELL REMARKS BY STUDENT TRUSTEE M. RAFO BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Student Trustee – K. Michael**

In his address, student trustee K. Michael noted that this school year brought many new experiences and relationships. He thanked all trustees and senior staff for the support he received throughout his term with special recognition to M. Vecchiarino, Superintendent of Schools, for his constant support and mentorship.

K. Michael expressed his dream for the Student Voice Council. This Council gives students an opportunity to participate in great initiatives like the ‘Day of Amazing Grace’. It also gives students the opportunity to express their concerns and ideas regarding their education.



As a student trustee, K. Michael noted he was pleased to be asked for input into the Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and wish the board well as they move forward with these initiative.

**Motion 205 (13-06-18) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by L. Zanella**

**THAT THE FAREWELL REMARKS BY STUDENT TRUSTEE K. MICHAEL BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**F Reports From Committees For Receipt For Receipt**

1. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, May 2, 2013  
- E. O'Toole

**Motion 206 (13-06-18) by E. O'Toole**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, MAY 2, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, May 22, 2013  
- L. Zanella

**Motion 207 (13-06-18) by L. Zanella**

**Seconded by P. Ferreira**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY 22, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**G Information/Reports From Administration, For Receipt**

1. Director's Year End Report on Board Actions – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, introduced the report and explained that the report provides a year end summary of actions taken by the board in light of our Strategic Plan. This document, once received, is then worked into a system newsletter for September and broadly distributed at the beginning of the new school year to students, parents, churches, community centres and placed on the board's web page.

Director Kostoff also noted that excluded from the report is the proposed 6th year balanced budget, which will be deliberated on later this evening.

Trustees asked that the report be forwarded to them electronically.

**Motion 208 (13-06-18) by A. Abbruscato      Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

**THAT THE REPORT, DIRECTOR'S YEAR END REPORT ON BOARD ACTIONS, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

2. EcoSchools Update, 2012-2013 – M. Veccharino

M. Vecchiarino, Superintendent, Brampton North-East Family of Schools, provided a summary of the information contained in the report. He noted that the EcoSchools initiative provides numerous and varied opportunities for schools in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board to engage in a range of stewardship activities that promote healthy living in relationship with our environment and that support sustainable practices. Dufferin-Peel has participated in the EcoSchools program since the 2009-2010 school year.

Superintendent Vecchiarino commented that this year, all schools in the system engaged in the process to become EcoSchools. Site visits, leading to certification and status (Bronze, Silver, Gold), have been completed and standings will be available shortly.

As part of the presentation, Vicky An, Project Manager, Education Program Services for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, along with T. Lariviere, Principal, Cardinal Ambrozic Catholic Secondary School, provided an update of the actions taken in Dufferin-Peel schools to attain EcoSchools certification.

Trustees enjoyed a video produced by Cardinal Ambrozic Secondary School students for the Ecofest 2013 Student Film Festival.

Trustees requested that the EcoSchools Certification Standings for all Dufferin-Peel schools be provided for information.

**Motion 209 (13-06-18) by E. O'Toole      Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

**THAT THE REPORT, ECOSCHOOLS UPDATE 2012-2013, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

3. 2013-2014 Budget – Community Input – G.P. Robinson

G. P. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services and Treasurer, outlined the options for Parents/Guardians and other community stakeholders to provide input into the 2013-2014 operating budget. Superintendent Robinson spoke to the issues provided by the community stakeholders and the board's responses.

**Motion 210 (13-06-18) by T. Thomas**

**Seconded by A. Abbruscato**

**THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED "2013-2014 BUDGET – COMMUNITY INPUT", BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

4. Letters – Mayor’s Request for Professional Development Day on Municipal Election Day 2014 – J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, commented on the two letters received from the City of Mississauga requesting that school boards deem election day a Professional Development Day to ensure that all school board facilities are available for use as polling locations during municipal elections.

A discussion ensued and the following recommendations were put forward and voted on:

**Motion 211 (13-06-18) by S. McLauchlan**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE LETTERS REGARDING THE MAYOR’S REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY ON MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY 2014, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 212 (13-06-18) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE MAYOR’S REQUEST FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY TO BE HELD ON MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY 2014 BE FORWARDED TO THE SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 213 (13-06-18) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO MAYOR HAZEL MCCALLION RECOMMENDING THAT HER OFFICE CONTACT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

***CARRIED***

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

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, June 3, 2013  
– S. Hobin

**Motion 214 (13-06-18) by S. Hobin                      Seconded by T. Thomas**

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 3, 2013 BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, June 10, 2013  
- E. O'Toole

**Motion 215 (13-06-18) by E. O'Toole                      Seconded by S. McLaughlan**

1. **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 10, 2013 BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

3. Revisions to the Designation of Members on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Term June 2013 to December 2014 – S. Kendrick

**Motion 216 (13-06-18) by P. Ferreira                      Seconded by L. Zanella**

**THAT REVISED DESIGNATION OF THE MEMBERS LISTED FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, LISETTE DE RAUCOURT GAYLIE, REPRESENTATIVE, AND DEBBIE HAVOIC, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE, BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

4. Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget

This report was moved to agenda item L 1 due to declarations of interest.

5. Proposed 2013-2014 Capital Budget

G. P. Robinson, Superintendent of Financial Services and Treasure, thanked all the Financial Services staff for their efforts in the budget preparation.

J. Cherepacha, General Manager of Financial Services, reviewed the information in the report including the detail outlined in the appendices.





Trustees requested that the report be forwarded to them electronically.

Those trustees who declared in interest in the Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget joined the meeting in session.

**M Business/Questions/Information In Camera**

**Motion 221 (13-06-18) by E. O'Toole**

**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 222 (13-06-18) by B. Iannicca**

**Seconded by S. McLauchlan**

**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**

August 27, 2013

**P Adjournment**

**Motion 223 (13-06-18) by P. Ferreira**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

***CARRIED***