Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Chair: M. Pascucci
Vice-Chair: S. Hobin
Trustees: A. Abbruscato A. da Silva F. Di Cosola
P. Ferreira B. Iannicca S. McLauchlan
E. O’Toole T. Thomas L. Zanella
Student Trustees: N. Lizzi M. MacNeil
Director of Education: J. B. Kostoff
Associate Director of Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer: J. Hrajnik
Associate Director of Instructional Services: S. McWatters
Superintendents: D. Amaral B. Bjarnason C. Blanchard
J. Cherepacha T. Cruz J. Geiser
S. Kendrick M. Mazzorato N. Milanetti
D. Oude-Reimerink 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 of the Board M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer
   Chair of the Board M. Pascucci led the Opening Prayer asking all to remember Deacon Bruno Podesta, father of Trustee A. da Silva.
3. Declaration of Interest (as defined in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act)

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items:

A5 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 27, 2014 (Items A3 Declaration of Interest and L1 Declared Interest Items),
H1 Minutes of the Administration and Finance Meeting, June 2, 2014 (Items A3 Declaration of Interest and L1 Declared Interest Items),
L1 Declared Interest Item from the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 29, 2014,
L2 Declared Interest Item from the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting of May 12, 2014.
H5 Proposed Operating Budget
M7 In-Camera Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget- Student Monitors

Trustee M. Pascucci–family member belongs to OECTA
Trustee B. Iannicca– family members belong to OECTA and CUPE
Trustee F. Di Cosola– family member belongs to CUPE at another board
Student Trustee N. Lizzi–family member belongs to OECTA
Student Trustee M. MacNeil–family member belongs to OECTA

Trustee A. da Silva–family member belongs to OECTA–interest declared during E-Reports from Trustees
Trustee S. Hobin–family members belong to OECTA–interest declared upon arrival
Trustee A. Abbruscato–family members belong to OECTA–interest declared upon arrival
Trustee L. Zanella– family member belongs to OECTA–interest declared during E-Reports from Trustees

Motion 125 (14-06-17) by E. O’Toole Seconded by S. McLauchlan

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

4. Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the agenda:
B 1 Presentation-EcoSchools Certification
F 4 Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meeting May 21, 2014
G 10 Letter of Retirement
M 9 Reporting a member to the Ontario College of Teachers

Motion 126 (14-06-17) by B. Iannicca Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.
CARRIED
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2014

Motion 127 (14-06-17) by A. da Silva Seconded by F. Di Cosola


CARRIED

i) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations

EcoSchools Certification

Lindsay Bunce, Project Manager - Education from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Jennifer Kennett, Teacher, EcoSchool Lead from St. Leonard School shared the numerous activities and projects undertaken in Dufferin-Peel schools to promote a healthy living relationship with our environment and support sustainable practices. Dufferin-Peel schools attained 100% certification as EcoSchools, a distinction shared with only two other boards in the province. The certification of our EcoSchools can be attributed to the dedication of many at the school level.

Trustee L. Zanella joined the meeting in process.

C Pastor’s Remarks
Nil

D Delegations

Admission Policy-Programs of Choice - T. O’Mara

T. O’Mara, representing a group of parents from various regional programs of choice, delegated the board to request the board put forth an interest survey to the community concerning the admission policy.

Trustee E. O’Toole requested clarification of the timeframe for the survey from the delegation. T. O’Mara, delegate, responded that if the survey could not be
completed during the summer, September would be acceptable.

Trustee E. O'Toole questioned the rationale from the community in terms of not continuing in the French Immersion program at Our Lady of Mercy School. Parent C. Neuhold advised some students were within walking distance of Divine Mercy or were eligible for busing and those options may not be available at Our Lady of Mercy School.

Trustee E. O'Toole requested staff to comment on the feasibility of a survey. Staff advised that in respecting the by-laws, the issue had been dealt with and it could not be tabled for discussion again for six months.

Trustee S. McLauchlan clarified the policy applies to multiple siblings of the same age and is not restricted to twins.

Trustee E. O'Toole supported the feasibility of a survey for parent opinion regarding the admission policy for programs of choice. Chair M. Pascucci noted the issue was approved by the Board in April 2014 and cannot be reconsidered for six months.

Motion 128 (14-06-17) by B. Iannicca Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE DELEGATION REGARDING ADMISSION POLICY-PROGRAMS OF CHOICE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 129 (14-06-17) by A. da Silva Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT DISCUSSION OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAMS POLICY BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2014 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Information/Reports from Trustees, for Receipt

i) Regular Reports
   Nil

ii) Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) Update

   Trustee T. Thomas advised he emailed the OCSTA Board highlights to trustees. An issue will be brought forward in the In Camera Session.

   Trustees A. Abbruscato and S. Hobin, who were attending graduation ceremonies, joined the meeting in process.
Trustees A. Abbruscato, S. Hoin, A. da Silva and L. Zanella declared an interest in A5 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 27, 2014 (Items A3 Declaration of Interest and L1 Declared Interest Items), H1 Minutes of the Administration and Finance Meeting, June 2, 2014 (Items A3 Declaration of Interest and L1 Declared Interest Items), L1 Declared Interest Item from the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 29, 2014, L2 Declared Interest Item from the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting of May 12, 2014.

H5 Proposed Operating Budget
M7 In-Camera Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget - Student Monitors

ii) Good News Items

Trustee S. McLauchlan shared the following Good News:

- Congratulations to Father Pat O’Dea from St. Marguerite d’Youville Parish for his great work with young people, his spiritual guidance and continued good work. Father O’Dea is moving on and we wish to express our thanks and wish him well.

- Congratulations to the staff and students of Cardinal Ambroziec Secondary School for the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative. Students were challenged to identify charitable causes, research them and then advocated for charities through their presentations. This resulted in Toskan Casale Foundation providing $5000 to the Brampton Caledon Community Living Association.

Trustee S. Hobin shared the following Good News:

- Congratulations to Loyola Secondary School for their Gold Medal Provincial Eco-School Designation. Last year they received a Bronze Medal Designation.

- Thank you to our principals and vice principals for their outstanding job in recognizing school volunteers.

- The Staff and students of St. Clare School painted a mural representing the history of the area, in the Glen Erin Underpass, located just north of the school. All students participated in the project.

- Thank you to the faith ambassadors of Mississauga South for the beautiful mass and wonderful barbeque provided by the St. Joseph Secondary School Culinary class.

- Special thanks to the Catholic School Councils for the incredible fun fairs. There were lots of activities and provided an opportunity for the communities to come together. Trustee S. Hobin thanked all volunteers for their contributions.

Trustee E. O’Toole shared the following Good News:

- Thank you to all of our priests who celebrated the year end masses.

- Trustee O’Toole wished Father Robert of Merciful Redeemer Parish a fond farewell and thanked him for his support.

- Congratulations to the students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School who attended their athletic banquet.

- Congratulations to the St. John of the Cross Church - St. Vincent de Paul Society where students participated in a “Lead-a-thon” to raise money. The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides $100 to needy students to help families get ready for the new school year.

Trustee L. Zanella thanked the Hospitality students of Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. They visited Ronald McDonald House in Hamilton to prepare meals for the families.

iii) Student Trustees’ Farewell Remarks - N. Lizzi and M. MacNeil

**Student Trustee - Natasha Lizzi**

I want to start off by saying how wonderful this year has been and how grateful I am to have represented the students of Dufferin-Peel for this school year. From the 'Great to Excellent' initiative, to collaborating with the Student Voice Council, all the way to the inter-school and provincial-wide mass, this year has brought me so many new experiences that I will cherish forever. I will admit, last year, the day I was elected, I was a little intimidated. After all, I thought, what can a student really do in a Boardroom full of well-spoken and professional individuals like yourselves? How can one or two students really make a difference? The answer is simple. It is a combination of things that have an effect on improving the student condition. We need to put ourselves at the same level as our students and plan events that unify them (like our inter-school masses). By speaking with the students rather than for them, student representation has a stronger impact. This brings me to my appreciation for this year's Student Voice Council. This entire council is made up of an absolutely amazing group of student leaders, each with different ideas and perspectives. I want to thank them for the hard work and excellent participation they have put into our initiatives this year. Their ideas and input has strengthened the student voice across the Board. I hope to see this council become even stronger over the next few years, because I see its worth and great potential. I have great
faith in Meganah Benoy and Izabella Balcerzak, our two new student trustees. I believe they will carry the traditions and aspirations of this council to an even greater level. I wish them the best of luck, and like last year’s student trustees were there for me, I will always be here to offer them guidance and support. Ultimately, we are family, and as Catholics, we will support each other every step of the way.

Thank you to Mr. Vecchiarino, who has supported this council all year. Mr. Vecchiarino has been an excellent mentor. From the very first time when he sat down with us to explain our roles, he has always showed us so much respect. I couldn't be more thankful for his hard work in helping us collaborate with the Student Voice Council.

Also, Thank you to trustees for welcoming us to the board table at the beginning of September. Thank you for your kindness and willingness to clarify all my questions about the topics of our meetings. Thank you to Director, John Kostoff, and Board staff for inviting us students into this boardroom. And lastly, thank you to the guy sitting right next to me. It was a pleasure to be co-trustees. You were by my side every step of the way.

I want to end off just like I ended the speech that got me here. I live by the idea that life is a journey, not just a destination. Sometimes it gets difficult. Running a school Board can be challenging at times, as everyone has different points of view. But this is what makes our world so interesting. And while it's important to reach our destination, it's on this journey where the best experiences take place.

Thank you

Motion 130 (14-06-17) by S. Hobin          Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE FAREWELL REMARKS BY STUDENT TRUSTEE N. LIZZI, BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee - M. MacNeil

I'd like to start off by thanking everyone here tonight, and to staff who are not here tonight because coming in here at 17 years old starting my grade 12 year was a little intimidating. I had a bit of an idea what being Student Trustee would be like but I had no idea what it would actually be like. I'd like to personally thank Superintendent Vecchiarino for mentoring Natasha and myself and for helping us through busy times, Chair Mario Pascucci for answering any questions we had during our term, and to all the Trustees for making our time around this table welcomed and appreciated. Words I would like to leave for Student Trustees to come are the words first shared to me by outgoing student trustee Mariam Rafo, "That it is all in God's hands," and I believe that sums up what happens here in respect to Catholic Education. As said earlier I came in here not knowing much, but
looking back, Natasha and myself wrote a SVC Constitution, had the third annual inter-school mass with over 500 pilgrims, held three SVC meetings all while balancing classes, extra circulars and family and our sanity. All and all I am glad I had the privilege of this position, I know I am just one of two students across Dufferin-Peel but with this position I came to realize how strong we are as a community through our Catholic Education system. That through my last four years of high school I find that we all are a community of faith, hope and love and that is a welcoming and accepting community I am proud to be a part of. And by standing together we are stronger to support each and every one much like all the teams and clubs I’ve been able to be a part of. So thank you all for supporting Student Voice and what it gives students and words I've learned that sum up the meaning for community I hope everyone remembers is "Go Team!"

M. Pascucci, Chair of the Board, thanked Student Trustees N. Lizzi and M. MacNeil, for their countless hours, invaluable input and dedication.

Motion 131 (14-06-17) by S. Hobin Seconded by S. McLauchlan

THAT THE FAREWELL REMARKS BY STUDENT TRUSTEE M. MACNEIL, BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F Reports from Committees, for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting, April 3, 2014

Motion 132 (14-06-17) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, APRIL 3, 2014, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, May 28, 2014

Motion 133 (14-06-17) by L. Zanella Seconded by P. Ferreira

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 28, 2014, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED


Superintendent J. Geiser provided a summary of the staff report on behalf of the Trustees’ Strategic Planning Committee. The preliminary report provided information pertaining to the recently completed Strategic Planning surveys
administered to Catholic School Council members, parents/guardians of students with Special Education Needs, parents/guardians of students with English as a Second Language (ESL)/English Language Learner (ELL) needs, Student Voice or Student Council members, and the pastors from our local parishes.

The Strategic Review Survey was divided into six core areas of focus that correspond to the five pillars of Dufferin-Peel’s strategic direction (Catholicity, Parish-Home-School, Learning Environment, Physical Environment, and Community Engagement), with an additional focus on technology in schools. Respondents were also provided the opportunity to submit any additional comments.

As of Thursday, June 12, 2014, 1331 surveys were completed representing an increase of over 20% in the number of respondents to the Board’s Strategic Planning surveys in 2008. A preliminary review of the responses indicated a very high satisfaction rate in all six core areas of focus. A detailed report will be presented to Trustees at the August Board meeting.

Trustee A. Abbruscato thanked staff for preparation of the report and noted the response was significantly higher than the previous survey.

Trustee A. da Silva commented the survey was well received and indicated the sample size is reflective of our community.

In response to Trustee B. Iannicca’s inquiry, staff noted the bishop has identified the pastor as the spokesperson for the parish. Trustee F. Di Cosola noted comparison from last survey to current survey would be difficult because of the movement of pastors to other parishes.

**Motion 134 (14-06-17) by A. Abbruscato Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

**THAT THE STRATEGIC REVIEW SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS, BE RECEIVED.**

*CARRIED*

4. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meeting, May 21, 2014

**Motion 135 (14-06-17) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, MAY 21, 2014, BE RECEIVED.**

*CARRIED*
Information/Reports from Administration, for Receipt

1. Letter of Retirement- N. Mant, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, thanked N. Mant for his 34 years of service and his strong support for Catholic Education. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended best wishes.

Trustee L. Zanella, on behalf of the Board, congratulated N. Mant and wished him well.

Motion 136 (14-06-17) by L. Zanella  Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE RETIREMENT LETTER OF N. MANT, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

2. Letter of Retirement- T. DeClerico, Principal

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, thanked T. DeClerico for her 35 years of service and her strong support for Catholic Education. On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff extended best wishes.

Trustee E. O’Toole, on behalf of the Board, congratulated T. DeClerico and wished her well.

Motion 137 (14-06-17) by E. O’Toole  Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE RETIREMENT LETTER OF T. DECLERICO, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

3. Director’s Year-End Report—J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, presented the report, a summary of the activities and issues dealt with over the past year. Director Kostoff noted that the Board chose to deal with a number of issues, stressing reason over passion, as identified in a number of deliberate decisions.

The Board has maintained confidence in Catholic education, ensured that students receive a Catholic education, invested in professional development for staff, invested in technology and in processes for creating safe schools.

Trustees thanked Director Kostoff for strong leadership during this challenging year emphasizing a true vocation to Catholic education.
Trustees requested an electronic copy of the report.

**Motion 138 (14-06-17) by S. Hobin Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE DIRECTOR’S YEAR-END REPORT, BE RECEIVED.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

4. Update - Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education Campaign
—J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, noting trustees’ request for a strong marketing campaign to tell our story to the community, indicated *Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education* has been a great success in branding our schools in our community as Catholic, academic and responsive to the needs of students. This message will be used on all Board communications.

B. Campbell, General Manager of Communications and Community Relations provided an update of the campaign highlighting its consistent creative aspects reflective of our diverse community. Director Kostoff added the campaign has been recognized for promoting the rich diversity of Dufferin-Peel students.

Trustee S. McLauchlan expressed his pride of the outstanding, creative work and inquired about sharing the plan with other boards.

Trustee F. Di Cosola congratulated staff in promoting the education provided to our students.

Trustee S. Hobin recognized B. Campbell and N. Marshall of the Communications Department and thanked them for the large amount of quality work that they produce.

**Motion 139 (14-06-17) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

**THAT THE REPORT, UPDATE - EXTRAORDINARY LIVES START WITH A GREAT CATHOLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, BE RECEIVED.**

*CARRIED*

5. Catholic School Graduate Expectations Survey Preliminary Results—J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, provided a summary of the information contained in the report and noted that 5,362 Grade 12 students from all 26 Dufferin-Peel secondary schools were asked to what degree they saw themselves reflected in the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE).

76% of participating Grade 12 students reported they were likely or very likely to
choose a Catholic secondary school again. Moving forward, this survey will become a component of the graduation exercises. Dufferin-Peel is the only board in the province to provide an exit survey to students.

Motion 140 (14-06-17) by A. da Silva Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE REPORT, CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

6. Stewardship and Sustainable Practices—M. Mazzorato

M. Mazzorato, Superintendent of Early Years and Community Partnerships/Relations, provided an update of Dufferin-Peel’s participation in the Ontario EcoSchools Program; the establishment of a Stewardship and Sustainable Practices Leadership Recognition Program and Interschool Council; an EcoCalendar and associated educational resources, and implementation of practices that demonstrate resource stewardship.

The Stewardship and Sustainable Practices Board-Wide Steering Committee recommended establishing a stewardship leadership recognition program that celebrates one individual annually for the stewardship leadership award. The award will be called the St. Hilegard of Bingen Viriditas Award and the first recipient will be recognized in September 2015.

Trustee S. McLauchlan congratulated staff for achieving 100% EcoSchool Certification.

Motion 141 (14-06-17) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE REPORT, STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

7. Tender Opening for St. Sofia Elementary School-Addition and Renovation—B. Bjarnason

The Chair was passed to Trustee S. Hobin.

B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning, advised the successful bidder for the St. Sofia Elementary School addition and renovation is Remo Contracting Ltd. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2014, with a target completion of August 2015 in time for the September 2015 opening.
Motion 142 (14-06-17) by A. Abbruscato    Seconded by M. Pascucci

THAT THE REPORT, TENDER OPENING FOR ST. SOFIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ADDITION AND RENOVATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

The Chair was returned to Trustee M. Pascucci.

8. Schools First Child Care Program—B. Bjarnason

B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning, provided an update of the Schools First Child Care Program. The program to repurpose existing childcare centres for younger children is a result of the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) Program.

Dufferin-Peel was allocated Schools First Funding in the amount of $2.4 Million to create a total of 416 child care spaces by September 2015 and will be undertaking retrofits at seventeen elementary schools with the majority opening September 2014. Conversion of the secondary school child care centres for infant care programs will be completed by September 2015.

The feasibility study results confirmed converting existing school space to a child care facility is reasonable at St. Peter Elementary School in Orangeville and St. Raphael Elementary School in Mississauga.

M. Mazzorato, Superintendent of Early Years/Community Relations & Partnerships, added the process was positive and staff are looking at greening the shared use space, to create outdoor learning environments where the children that attend the child care and FDK children benefit.

In response to Trustee S. Hobin, staff advised the child care centres will be created in Father Michael Goetz, Philip Pocock, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis Xavier Secondary Schools. St. Augustine Secondary School currently has an infant care program.

Trustee S. Hobin inquired why the needed infant program in other secondary schools has not been addressed by the government. Staff noted the government is in the process of modernizing child care dealing with immediate need and focused on the conversion of the child care centres servicing four and five year olds.

In response to Trustee S. McLauchlan, staff advised the retrofit converted existing child care spaces that were previously used by the younger children. Quite a number of the child care centres located in Brampton will have toddler rooms created in those schools. Space was not the sole criteria that was used to determine the retrofit, the Region of Peel has a process to be able to project the needs.
Trustee A. da Silva inquired about the funding provided. Staff advised the Schools First funding is provided by the province of Ontario. Families in need in the Region of Peel will have subsidies available. There is no longer a wait list and child care centres in Brampton will be retrofitted with toddler rooms.

In response to Trustee T. Thomas staff advised FDK has been increasing and the board will be building another FDK classroom at St. Raphael School as well as a child care centre.

In response to Trustee F. Di Cosola staff advised that the board will build the child care facilities and lease to the child care operators. St. Peter School will have a toddler room and an infant room that is scheduled to open September 2015. Long term enrollments and community needs were considered during the feasibility study.

Trustee B. Iannicca inquired if technology classes could be considered to provide cabinetry for the retrofits. Staff advised the retrofits are being performed by contract vendors and maintenance staff. Staff will investigate.

**Motion 143 (14-06-17) by E. O’Toole Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE REPORT, SCHOOLS FIRST CHILD CARE PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**


J. Cherepacha, Superintendent of Financial Services, indicated that the report contained the public consultation plan detailed responses and suggestions for the 2014-2015 Operating Budget.

**Motion 144 (14-06-17) by P. Ferreira Seconded by L. Zanella**

**THAT THE REPORT, 2014-2015 BUDGET—COMMUNITY INPUT, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

10 Letter of Retirement- J. Geiser, Superintendent of Strategic Planning, Policy and Special Projects

J.B. Kostoff, Director of Education advised trustees that J. Geiser, Superintendent of Strategic Planning, Policy and Special Projects put forth his letter of retirement after more than 35 years of dedicated service to Dufferin-Peel. Director Kostoff stated “Joe Geiser is a man of deep faith with a strong commitment to Catholic education. He is a strong advocate of students and a valued member of the administrative team.”
On behalf of senior management, Director Kostoff recognized J. Geiser’s many years of service with the Board, his strong support for Catholic education and offered best wishes to him and his family.

Trustees thanked J. Geiser for providing a wealth of knowledge, dedication, and devotion and extended their very best wishes.

Motion 145 (14-06-17) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE RETIREMENT LETTER OF J. GEISER, SUPERINTENDENT, STRATEGIC PLANNING, POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

Trustee, Committee, Administration Reports, Requiring Action

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, June 2, 2014—B. Iannicca

Motion 146 (14-06-17) by B. Iannicca Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 2, 2014, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, June 9, 2014—S. McLauchlan

Motion 147 (14-06-17) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 9, 2014, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Education Development Charge By-Law—By-Law Adoption Public Meeting—B. Bjarnason

Chair M. Pascucci invited the public to address the Board on the Education Development Charge (EDC) By-Law changes, in relation to the public EDC meeting, three times. There was no response from the public to speak. He further noted the same process was undertaken at the Regular Board Meeting of April 29, 2014.

B. Bjarnason, Superintendent of Planning, introduced S. Cox, Acting Manager of Planning and J. Rogers, Senior Planner and noted that all data analysis has been completed to the satisfaction of the Ministry. The proposed EDC is $1343 per residential unit and $0.56 per square foot of non-residential development. The EDC
is collected when the building permit is issued. Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired if boards charge the same EDC. Staff advised Dufferin-Peel has a lower EDC than Peel Board. When applying for a permit, the developer would pay the EDC from Peel Board and Dufferin-Peel as well as Region of Peel development charges. Dufferin-Peel’s EDC is lower than Peel because we have a fewer number of sites that we are purchasing over a fifteen year period.

Motion 148 (14-06-17) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE REPORT, EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW—BY-LAW ADOPTION PUBLIC MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 149 (14-06-17) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RESOLVE THAT NO FURTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED 2014 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW.

CARRIED

Motion 150 (14-06-17) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE PASSAGE OF THE 2014 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW.

CARRIED

4. Tender Opening for Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School-Site Remediation —B. Bjarnason

Motion 151 (14-06-17) by L. Zanella Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE REPORT, TENDER OPENING FOR CARDINAL LEGER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL SITE REMEDIATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 152 (14-06-17) by L. Zanella Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF $150,000 TO COMPLETE THE LEGER FIELD PROJECT FROM THE CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE $12.5 MILLION OF AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE FIVE 2013 CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS.

CARRIED
5. Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget

This report was moved to agenda item L2 due to declaration of interest.


Motion 153 (14-06-17) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by T. Thomas

THAT THE REPORT, PROPOSED 2014-2015 CAPITAL BUDGET, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 154 (14-06-17) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by T. Thomas


CARRIED

I Notice of Motion

Nil

J Additional Business

Nil

K Questions asked of, and by Board Members

1. Trustee B. Iannicca, recognizing the principal retirement letters presented in the agenda, inquired when the positions would be filled. Staff responded the appointments would be presented in the In Camera Session.

2. Trustee B. Iannicca noting the relationship forged with principals, wished A. Milanetti well in her transfer to St. Faustina.

3. Trustee A. da Silva shared the following Good News:
   Two Dufferin-Peel graduates have been accepted into QUARMS, an accelerated medical program at Queens University, out of 1600 applicants where only 10 students are accepted. Congratulations to Rukaiyah Lakkadghatwala graduate of St. Aloysius Gonzaga and Chantal Valiquette graduate of Iona Catholic Secondary School.

4. Trustee A. da Silva requested the committee invite the MPPs to a meeting in September 2014.

5. Trustee F. Di Cosola inquired if FDK students are split by years. Staff responded the two grades are combined in each classroom.

6. Trustee M. Pascucci passed the Chair to Trustee S. Hobin and noted the Board will be requesting a meeting with the Minister of Education and will be contacting MPPs.
Declared Interest Items

Trustee E. O’Toole assumed the Chair.

The following trustees who had declared an interest left the meeting:
Trustee M. Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA
Trustee B. Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE
Trustee F. Di Cosola—family member belongs to CUPE at another board
Trustee A. da Silva—family member belongs to OECTA—interest declared during E-Reports from Trustees
Trustee S. Hobin—family members belong to OECTA—interest declared upon arrival
Trustee A. Abbruscato—family members belong to OECTA—interest declared upon arrival
Trustee L. Zanella—family member belongs to OECTA (interest declared during E-Reports from Trustees)
Student Trustee N. Lizzi—family member belongs to OECTA
Student Trustee M. MacNeil—family member belongs to OECTA

Motion 155 (14-06-17) by P. Ferreira    Seconded by T. Thomas


   CARRIED

2. Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education introduced the proposed operating budget for 2014-2015. He characterized it as a good news budget; a budget balanced, but not at the expense of reductions to programs and services. Director Kostoff noted that the budget is the result of good prudent stewardship.

J. Hrajnik, Associate Director of Financial Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, thanked staff for the collaborative effort, thanked stakeholders and thanked finance staff for the effort and excellent work. Staff were able to address shortfalls in funding in benefits, Special Education, computers without using accumulated surplus to fund day to day operations.

S. McWatters, Associate Director of Instructional Services, noted the budget allows continued commitment and focus on student well-being and achievement. With the continued support of trustees lobbying the Ministry, Special Education grants have come forward to ensure all students have support.
J. Cherepacha, Superintendent of Financial Services, introduced the finance team – B. Hester, General Manager of Finance, G. Arangio, Manager of Budget, I. Fitz, Grants Administrator and thanked them for their role in the process to bring forward a compliant budget. Superintendent Cherepacha provided details of the budget development.

Trustees congratulated staff for meeting the challenge of delivering another balanced budget.

**Motion 156 (14-06-17) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas**

THAT THE REPORT, PROPOSED 2014-2015 OPERATING BUDGET, BE RECEIVED.

*CARREIED*

**Motion 157 (14-06-17) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas**

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REDUCTION IN TRANSPORTATION DISTANCE ELIGIBILITY FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS FROM 4.8 KILOMETERS TO 3.8 KILOMETERS FUNDED AS NOTED IN THIS REPORT.

*CARREIED*

**Motion 158 (14-06-17) by P. Ferreira Seconded by T. Thomas**


*CARREIED*

**In Camera Session**

**Motion 159 (14-06-17) by S. McLauchlan Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

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

*CARREIED*

**Rise and Report**

**Motion 160 (14-06-17) 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.

*CARREIED*
Future Meetings

Regular Board Meetings
August 26, 2014
September 23, 2014
October 28, 2014
November 25, 2014
December 9, 2014

Adjournment

Motion 161 (14-06-17) by T. Thomas  Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED