

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: M. Pascucci
Vice-Chair: S. Hobin
Trustees: A. da Silva F. Di Cosola P. Ferreira
B. Iannicca S. McLauchlan E. O'Toole
T. Thomas L. Zanella
Student Trustees: I. Balcerzak M. Benoy
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 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
Regrets: A. Abbruscato

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. and welcomed Her Worship, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion and Dufferin-Peel's new student trustees.

2. Opening Prayer

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

- a) Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance for I. Balcerzak and M. Benoy, Student Trustees—J. B. Kostoff

Secretary to the Board and Director of Education J. B. Kostoff, administered the

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to I. Balcerzak and M. Benoy, student trustees. The student trustees will represent Dufferin-Peel's students for the 2014-2015 school year.

Chair M. Pascucci welcomed I. Balcerzak and M. Benoy to the Board table.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda
Addition: Report F1 Strategic Review Survey Results – Recommendation #4

Motion 162 (14-08-26) by T. Thomas Seconded by S. McLauchlan

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2014

Motion 163 (14-08-26) by L. Zanella Seconded by E. O'Toole

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2014, BE APPROVED.
CARRIED**

- i) Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil

B Awards and Presentations

Presentation of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Catholic Award of Merit to Her Worship, Mayor Hazel McCallion—J. B. Kostoff

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic Award of Merit is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Catholic education. Past recipients of this award include The Honourable William G. Davis, former premier of Ontario, Joseph Hugel, first director of education for the Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board, religious orders that were instrumental in the early days of the board, and Victor Morgado, former Dufferin-Peel student who was a catalyst in the events leading up to the full funding of Catholic Schools in 1985.

Recognized for her commitment to, and support of Dufferin-Peel and Catholic education, Her Worship, Mayor Hazel McCallion was presented with the board's Catholic Award of Merit.

Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci thanked Mayor McCallion for her on-going support of Dufferin-Peel and for recognizing and acknowledging that Catholic education is an important component of Ontario's education system.

C Pastor's Remarks

Nil

D Delegations

Nil

E Information/Reports from Trustees, for Receipt

i) Regular Reports

Nil

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

Nil

ii) Good News Items

Nil

F Reports from Committees, for Receipt

1. Strategic Review Survey Results- A. Abbruscato/J. B. Kostoff/J. Geiser

Due to technical difficulties, Trustee A. Abbruscato was unavailable to present this report. Trustee F. Di Cosola provided the background and structure of the Strategic Review Survey noting the results were very rewarding and demonstrate great satisfaction within the community. J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education reviewed the detailed report.

Trustee E. O'Toole requested an electronic copy of the report and the executive summary.

Trustee F. Di Cosola, noting the results will be shared with the greater community, requested details of the communications. Staff advised the results would be posted on the website, distributed to the community through newspaper advertising and each student would receive a copy of the Strategic Plan to take home for their families.

Trustee S. McLauchlan congratulated all who worked on this initiative. Noting the high level of satisfaction of parents of students with special education needs and English Language Learners, Trustee McLauchlan inquired about how the sample was determined. Staff advised this survey went specifically to parents of children with special education needs or English language learners.

Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about results concerning 21st century learning. Staff advised the survey affirms that teachers are using technology through a variety of programs and techniques. Proficiency is evident in the EQAO scores.

Trustee B. Iannicca commented that hard work has been done from school board perspective and inquired if it will be shared with the ministry and noted parents have indicated they are pleased with the success of their children. Staff advised the results will be shared with the Ministry of Education, a requirement under the Education Act. Results will also be shared with MPPs and pastors.

Trustees inquired about information being forwarded to parents electronically. Staff advised the information will be posted on the board and school websites, but due to anti-spam laws parents will not receive electronically until anti-spam requirements are met.

Motion 164 (14-08-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by E. O'Toole

- 1. THAT THE REPORT, STRATEGIC REVIEW SURVEY RESULTS, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED**

Motion 165 (14-08-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by L. Zanella

- 2. THAT THE REPORT, 2013-2014 STRATEGIC REVIEW SURVEY RESULTS, BE APPROVED.
CARRIED**

Motion 166 (14-08-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by S. Hobin

- 3. THAT A STRATEGIC PLAN DOCUMENT BE DEVELOPED, TAKING THE RESULTS OF THE STRATEGIC SURVEY REVIEW INTO CONSIDERATION.
CARRIED**

Motion 167 (14-08-26) by F. Di Cosola Seconded by A. da Silva

- 4. THAT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY BE SHARED WITH THE GREATER COMMUNITY THROUGH MEDIA RELEASE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.
CARRIED**

G Information/Reports from Administration, for Receipt

1. Preparedness for September Opening of our Schools- Verbal Report—J. B. Kostoff

J. B. Kostoff, Director of Education, summarized activities in preparation for the opening of school on September 2, 2014.

Good Evening,

As is my practice, I would like to share with the board information regarding our last two months as we prepare to welcome our school communities on September 2.

Full-Day Kindergarten

An additional 42 schools will come on board to complete full implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK). This represents the largest number of schools implementing FDK in a given year in Dufferin-Peel.

- 350 classes will be accommodating almost 9,000 FDK students
- Retrofits to enable 85 classrooms at 42 schools to be used for FDK will be completed by September 2014
- 41 new FDK classrooms at 21 schools will be constructed by September 2014
- 348 classroom teachers are now dedicated for FDK
- 289 Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECE) for FDK classrooms with 16 or more students

Child Care Programs

Child Care Programs continue to expand in Dufferin-Peel. This year, we will retrofit four of our secondary child care centres. This work will enable service for infant care at these centres, as well as continuing to accommodate toddler and pre-school children.

Summer Learning 2014

Throughout the summer months, we offered a variety of learning opportunities to our teachers, support staff and students. These programs were rooted in our Catholic faith and aligned to our Strategic System Direction.

- Summer Institute – This was Dufferin-Peel’s 19th year offering Summer Institute. Over 2,300 teachers and 68 administrators participated in a variety of workshops including Numeracy, Literacy, Full-Day learning, Technology and Special Education.
- Summer Secondary School – Adult and Continuing Education offered Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs, two credit co-op courses, in addition to the Career Exploration Co-op Course. Programs worked towards the “Red Seal” Diploma, which includes the mandatory two credits of Co-operative Education.
- This year, 142 Specialist High Skills Majors students participated in the two-credit SHSM Co-op Summer School Program: Arts and Culture, Information, Communications and Technology. As well, we had the Dual-Credit program, which links local secondary schools with community colleges. This year, we worked through Humber College and Sheridan College.
- Get Ready! – This program was offered to students in Grades 8-9 in 23 Dufferin-Peel Catholic secondary schools. Over 3,485 students and 180 teachers participated. The program supports Literacy and Numeracy and the development of readiness to welcome students to the secondary school experience.

- eLearning – Through Adult and Continuing Education, over 500 Dufferin-Peel students took a total of 625 eLearning courses throughout the summer. This resulted in 371 earned credits, the largest number we have had to date.
- Focus on Youth Summer Camp – Dufferin-Peel created a unique summer experience in the Arts and Leadership, which was hosted at Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School and St. Monica Elementary School. The camps provided programs for students in urban, high-needs neighborhoods, as well as employment and leadership training for secondary school students. The camps engaged 110 campers and employed 42 secondary school students as camp leaders.
- iFun Orientation Program – On August 28 the iFun Orientation Program was held at Father Michael Goetz, Ascension of Our Lord, St. Francis Xavier, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, John Cabot and Notre Dame Secondary Schools. The one-day, school-program for secondary students new to Canada, is facilitated by teachers, settlement workers and peer leaders/fellow students, who were newcomers in previous years, and the Multicultural, Settlement and Education Partnership (MSEP).
- Korean Teacher Program – Throughout the year we were involved with the education and training of teachers from Korea in English instruction and curriculum.
- Students on Ice (SOI) – As part of a secondary blended learning course, six Dufferin-Peel students and two teachers travelled to the Arctic to expand their knowledge and gain a global perspective. This expedition brought together an environment in civics education, cultural immersion, and personal leadership development.
- Summer Writing Team Work – This summer brought together 167 educators (teachers and administrators) who worked on writing teams in the areas of: Religious Education and Faith Formation, Literacy, Numeracy, Social Studies, History and Geography, Technology in the Classroom, the Arts, First Nations, Metis and Inuit Learning, student achievement and well-being.

School Readiness

- Retrofits and additions were completed at St. Dominic, St. Edmund and St. Mary Schools.
- St. Sofia School will move to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Learning Centre for 2014-15 while major retrofits take place.
- St. James Global Catholic Learning Centre received sustainable funding.
- Over 300 LTO positions were offered to teachers to prepare for the new school year
- Flood damage was contained and the damage repaired at St. Rita School.
- All computers were reconfigured in our elementary and secondary schools over the summer.
- This summer, STOPR was responsible for establishing walking distances as well as determining those who would be eligible for busing based on the new walking distance policy established by the board in May.

On September 2 we will welcome our community and the world to our Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools.

John B. Kostoff
Director of Education

Trustees thanked Director Kostoff for the report and requested an electronic copy.

Trustee A. da Silva inquired about the status of the Cardinal Leger field. Staff advised the field is progressing and it may be opened in November.

Trustee S. McLauchlan thanked staff for ensuring schools were ready for September opening and inquired about the new distance for secondary school eligibility for busing. Staff advised the changes have been incorporated for September 2nd and this information has been shared with schools and is noted on the STOPR website.

Motion 168 (14-08-26) by A. da Silva

Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE REPORT, PREPAREDNESS FOR SEPTEMBER OPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

H Trustee, Committee, Administration Reports, Requiring Action

I Notice of Motion

Nil

J Additional Business

Nil

K Questions asked of, and by Board Members

1. Trustee B. Iannicca asked staff to comment on the Young Rider Orientation Day. Staff advised the communication was sent out to Principals last year, was provided during kindergarten registration and will advise number of students who attended.
2. Trustee B. Iannicca received an inquiry from three students to bring the Haiti milk bag program to St. Martin Secondary School. Staff will research and report.
3. Trustee S. Hobin, thanked the staff in the Planning Department for their very timely, clear and concise response to parents' concerns.
4. Trustee M. Pascucci passed the Chair to S. Hobin and commented about the Ministry and OCSTA future meetings.
5. Trustee E. O'Toole applauded staff for their quick response to the Emerald Ash Borer issue in Mississauga.

L Declared Interest Items

Nil

M In Camera Session

Motion 169 (14-08-26) by A. da Silva

Seconded by T. Thomas

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

CARRIED

N Rise and Report

Motion 170 (14-08-26) 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

September 23, 2014

October 28, 2014

November 25, 2014

December 9, 2014

Inaugural Meeting of the Board

December 2, 2014

P Adjournment

Motion 171 (14-08-26) by T. Thomas

Seconded by P. Ferreira

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED