

Celebration of the Eucharist

Celebrant: The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau

St. John XXIII Chapel, Catholic Education Centre

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

A Call to Order by the Secretary of the Board—M. Mazzorato

At 7:00 p.m. the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, M. Mazzorato, called the meeting to order. All elected and acclaimed trustees and student trustees were in attendance.

B Opening Prayer – The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau

The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau led the opening prayer.

Julia and Grace Pulo, students from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School shared their music ministry.

C Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory—M. Mazzorato

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, M. Mazzorato, acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

D Approval of Agenda—M. Mazzorato

Motion 001 (18-12-04) by S. Xaviour

Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

E Welcoming of Guests—M. Mazzorato

Director of Education M. Mazzorato welcomed Bishop Boissonneau and all in attendance to the Inaugural Meeting of the Board.

F Director's Address to the Board—M. Mazzorato

Director M. Mazzorato presented the Director's annual year-end address to the Board.

Your Excellency, former, current and incoming members of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, members of Executive Council, senior management team, and honoured guests.

It is our tradition at Dufferin-Peel for the Director of Education to address the assembly at the inaugural or organizational meeting of the Board, and I am honoured to do so this evening.

Almost fifty years ago, at a time when the Apollo 11 mission landed the first man on the moon, on December 9, 1968, a group of trustees from eight very small boards gathered together in the Brampton municipal chambers. From these humble beginnings, the trustees from Mississauga,

Albion, Bolton/Wildfield, Brampton, Chinguacousy, Orangeville, Port Credit and Streetsville formed the “Dufferin-Peel County Roman Catholic Separate School Board”.

Collectively and collaboratively, these trustees worked on establishing policies, appointed Joe Hugel as the first county Superintendent, Ed Lemay as Chair of the board of trustees and set a \$5 million budget for the 27 elementary schools. The Board at the time had an enrolment of 8,000 students.

What grounded the trustees from the very beginning in 1969 and continues to ground and guide successor trustees was and is a deeply rooted belief in publicly funded Catholic education. Ever conscious of their responsibility as stewards of Catholic education, trustees, over the years, with the support of staff, parishes and the broader DP community established a strong foundation for the longevity of this board, by working for the good of all within the DP community and more broadly by shaping an education system that contributes to the Common good of society, the nation, the church and community through cooperation, compassion and social initiatives.

As we enter into our 50th year of excellence in Catholic education, with a budget of just over one billion dollars, soon to be 151 schools and an enrolment of approximately 81,000 students, we gather here this evening to constitute a newly elected board of trustees. We bid a fond farewell to two highly respected trustees, Anna Abruscato and Esther O’Toole, both making a significant contribution to Catholic Education. This evening, we welcome into the DP family, two newly elected trustees, Brea Corbett and Stefano Pascucci.

Together, we continue that tradition of excellence in Catholic education, based on the person of Jesus Christ and rich in treasured and sacred Catholic traditions and liturgical practices. We collaboratively work with all of our partners – trustees, parishes, parents, staff and the broader community – to nurture and develop the skills, knowledge and competencies our graduates will use to fill a critical role in the future life of our Church, our country, and our world (Catholic Schools on the Threshold, no.9). We do so within vibrant faith communities that retell the timeless story that endears our students to God, to know Him, to love Him and their neighbours and to embrace the path that He unfolds for them.

Jesus intentionally worked with communities who were on the margins, understanding that the success of each is dependent on the success of all. Mindful of Jesus’ teachings, we endeavour to see the injustices that exist. When we eliminate these injustices, there is a direct impact on inclusion, learning, well-being and achievement.

As a Catholic school board, we are aware and responsive to the awesome responsibility we have to know our learners, and to ensure that our Catholic schools are places where each person feels welcomed, included, and has the opportunity to thrive.

While, the provincial equity strategy is part of this understanding, as a Catholic board, we believe that equity is rooted in ensuring that we always focus on the inherent human dignity that each of us has, created in the image and likeness of God.

How does this apply to our families, parishes, students, employees, trustees, interactions with members of the broader community?

How does this understanding impact what we teach, how we teach it, how we serve the greater community?

How does it influence our goals as a Catholic school and board faculty, staff, administration, senior leadership and as trustees?

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us that “amid a culture of indifference, which not infrequently turns ruthless, our style of life should instead be devout, filled with empathy, compassion and mercy, drawn daily from the wellspring of prayer”.

Over the coming weeks, the newly elected board of trustees will set their minds to finalizing the multi-year strategic plan. It will be informed and built on previous plans, preserving those elements that re foundational to who we are. Yet at the same time, it will be forward looking, aspirational and contribute to the success of the next fifty years. I am privilege and honoured to serve this newly elected board of trustees in their endeavour to uphold the founding principles of the first board of trustees.

May this our 50th year as the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board be one that remains focused on the mission of that first board meeting – that our duty in Catholic education is to model all that we do on the Person of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel and to help evangelize our culture.

Motion 002 (18-12-04) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by A. da Silva

THAT THE DIRECTOR’S ADDRESS TO THE BOARD BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G Returns of Elections—M. Mazzorato

Director M. Mazzorato read the official results of the October 22, 2018 elections:

Brampton:

Wards 1, 3 & 4	Anna da Silva
Wards 2, 5 & 6	Darryl D’Souza
Wards 7, 8, 9, 10	Shawn Xaviour

Caledon/Dufferin:

Frank Di Cosola

Mississauga:

Wards 1 & 3	Mario Pascucci
Wards 2 & 8	Sharon M. Hobin
Ward 4	Stefano Pascucci
Ward 5	Thomas Thomas
Wards 6 & 11	Luz del Rosario
Ward 7	Bruno Iannicca
Wards 9 & 10	Brea Corbet

H Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance from the Education Act and the Oath for Catholic Trustees in Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

Following the reading of the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance from the Education Act and the Oath for Catholic Trustees in Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and signing by trustees, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board for 2018-2022 was declared legally constituted.

I Election of Chair of the Board In Accordance with By-Law

Elections were conducted by secret ballot in accordance with the Board’s Procedural By-Law.

Associate Director of Corporate Services, D. Del Bianco, Executive Superintendent of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, J. Cherepacha and Superintendent of Finance, B. Hester were appointed scrutineers.

Nominations for Chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Board of Trustees were opened by Secretary of the Board, M. Mazzorato.

Trustee S. Hobin was nominated by Trustee L. del Rosario. Trustee S. Hobin was asked by Secretary of the Board, M. Mazzorato if she wished to allow her name to stand in nomination. Trustee S. Hobin accepted the nomination.

Trustee M. Pascucci was nominated by Trustee S. Xaviour. Trustee M. Pascucci was asked by Secretary of the Board, M. Mazzorato if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee M. Pascucci accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Secretary of the Board, M. Mazzorato, requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed. The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

Ballots were counted and Trustee S. Hobin was elected by a clear majority on the first ballot. Chair S. Hobin assumed the chair in order to conduct the remainder of the proceedings.

J Election of Vice-Chair of the Board In Accordance with By-Law

Chair S. Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board of Trustees.

Trustee T. Thomas was nominated by Trustee D. D’Souza. Trustee T. Thomas was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee T. Thomas accepted the nomination.

Trustee A. da Silva was nominated by Trustee S. Xaviour. Trustee A. da Silva was asked by Chair S. Hobin if she wished to allow her name to stand in nomination. Trustee A. da Silva accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair of the Board, S. Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 002 (18-12-04) by F. Di Cosola

Seconded by S. Pascucci

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

Scrutineers Associate Director of Corporate Services, D. Del Bianco, Executive Superintendent of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, J. Cherepacha and Superintendent of Financial Services, B. Hester distributed ballots. The ballots were counted and Trustee T. Thomas was elected by a clear majority on the first ballot. Vice-Chair T. Thomas took the seat next to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

K Remarks from the Vice-Chair of the Board

Vice-Chair T. Thomas thanked his fellow trustees for their support and will do his best to serve the board for the betterment of Catholic education.

L Remarks from the Chair of the Board

Chair of the Board S. Hobin thanked trustees for their support, their support of Catholic education and their work as a team for the common good.

M Election of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee

Elections were conducted in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Law. Nominations for Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee were opened by Chair S. Hobin.

Trustee F. Di Cosola was nominated by Trustee A. da Silva. Trustee F. Di Cosola was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee F. Di Cosola accepted the nomination.

Trustee B. Iannicca was nominated by Trustee M. Pascucci. Trustee B. Iannicca was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee B. Iannicca accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin, requested further nominations three times.

Motion 003 (18-12-04) by D. D'Souza

Seconded by S. Xaviour

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

The ballots were counted and Trustee F. Di Cosola was elected Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee by a clear majority.

N Election of Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee

Chair S. Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Trustee B. Iannicca was nominated by Trustee M. Pascucci. Trustee B. Iannicca was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee B. Iannicca respectfully declined the nomination.

Trustee D. D'Souza was nominated by Trustee T. Thomas. Trustee D. D'Souza was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee D. D'Souza accepted the

nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 004 (18-12-04) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by L. del Rosario

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee D. D’Souza was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

O Election of Chair of the Faith and Program Committee

Nominations for Chair of the Faith and Program Committee were opened by Chair S. Hobin.

Trustee S. Xaviour was nominated by Trustee M. Pascucci. Trustee S. Xaviour was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee S. Xaviour accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin, requested further nominations three times.

Motion 005 (18-12-04) by S. Pascucci

Seconded L. del Rosario

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee S. Xaviour was acclaimed Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

P Election of Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee

Chair S. Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

Trustee B. Corbet was nominated by Trustee T. Thomas. Trustee B. Corbet was asked by Chair S. Hobin if she wished to allow her name to stand in nomination. Trustee B. Corbet accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin, requested further nominations three times.

Motion 006 (18-12-04) by S. Xaviour

Seconded by F. Di Cosola

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee B. Corbet was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee.

Q Election of Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee

All Trustees without a declared interest were eligible for nomination to the Contract Negotiations Committee. Nominations for Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee were opened by

Chair S. Hobin.

Trustee L. del Rosario was nominated by Trustee A. da Silva. Trustee L. del Rosario was asked by Chair S. Hobin if she wished to allow her name to stand in nomination. Trustee L. del Rosario accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin requested further nominations three times.

Motion 007 (18-12-04) by D. D’Souza

Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee L. del Rosario was acclaimed Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee.

R Election of Vice-Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee

Chair S. Hobin called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee.

Trustee A. da Silva was nominated by Trustee F. Di Cosola. Trustee A. da Silva was asked by Chair S. Hobin if she wished to allow her name to stand in nomination. Trustee A. da Silva accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin, requested further nominations three times.

Motion 008 (18-12-04) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by B. Corbet

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee A. da Silva was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Contract and Negotiations Committee.

S Election of Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee

Nominations for Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee were opened by Chair S. Hobin.

Trustee B. Iannicca was nominated by Trustee T. Thomas. Trustee B. Iannicca was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee B. Iannicca accepted the nomination.

Trustee A. da Silva was nominated by Trustee L. del Rosario. Trustee A. da Silva was asked by Chair S. Hobin if she wished to allow her name to stand in nomination. Trustee A. da Silva respectfully declined the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin, requested further nominations three times.

Motion 009 (18-12-04) by S. Pascucci

Seconded by D. D'Souza

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee B. Iannicca was acclaimed Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee.

T Election of Vice-Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee

Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee were opened by Chair S. Hobin.

Trustee S. Pascucci was nominated by Trustee M. Pascucci. Trustee S. Pascucci was asked by Chair S. Hobin if he wished to allow his name to stand in nomination. Trustee S. Pascucci accepted the nomination.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair S. Hobin, requested further nominations three times.

Motion 010 (18-12-04) by M. Pascucci

Seconded by S. Xaviour

THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

CARRIED

Trustee S. Pascucci was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee.

Motion 011 (18-12-04) by B. Iannicca

Seconded by B. Corbet

THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

CARRIED

U Adjournment

Motion 012 (18-12-04) by S. Xaviour

Seconded by D. D'Souza

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

CARRIED