A. **Routine Matters**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance**
   Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory**
   Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

3. **Opening Prayer**
   Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci led the Opening Prayer. Trustee B. Iannicca asked the assembly to remember Joann Curitti, recently passed wife of former Trustee, Barry Curitti.

4. **Approval of Agenda**
   Addition to the Agenda: M 5 ; Removed from the Agenda - M 7
   Trustee A. da Silva requested a delegation be permitted. Chair of the Board declined the delegation because documentation was received outside the timeline. Chair Pascucci suggested the delegation present at the Regular Board Meeting in December, speaking on her own behalf.
Motion 264 (18-11-27)
Moved by T. Thomas
Seconded by B. Iannicca

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

a. Approval of Calendar Items - Nil

5. Declaration of Interest - Nil

6. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, October 23, 2018

Motion 265 (18-11-27)
Moved by E. O'Toole
Seconded by A. Abbruscato

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 2018, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

B. Awards and Presentation

1. Principal Michelle Coutinho, Recipient of the Harmony Movement Leadership in Education Award

Michelle Coutinho, Principal of Equity and Inclusive Education, recipient of the Mary Samuel Award for Leadership in Education from the Harmony Movement for her work in advancing equity and inclusive education, was recognized by the board.

Motion 266 (18-11-27)
Moved by A. Abbruscato
Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE AWARD, HARMONY MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION, PRESENTED TO PRINCIPAL MICHELLE COUTINHO, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. C. Soplet - Royal Canadian Legion 100-year observance of the 1918 Armistice on Remembrance Day 2018

This presentation was not received. The presenter was not present.
C. Pastor’s Remarks

1. Rev. Mark Kolosowski, Pontifical Master of Ceremonies, Archdiocese of Toronto

Rev. Mark Kolosowski shared his Ministry at the Archdiocese and his work with youth and the sacraments.

Trustee E. O’Toole acknowledged the importance of women in Catholic celebrations. Fr. Mark explained the importance of inviting lay ministers and will bring Trustee O’Toole’s comment to His Eminence.

In response to Trustee A. da Silva’s Baptism inquiry, Fr. Mark explained that faith is the important factor for the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism requires a willingness by all parties involved to be catechized. Children are baptized into the faith of their parents.

Motion 267 (18-11-27)
Moved by A. Abbruscato
Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE PASTOR’S REMARKS FROM REV. MARK KOLOSOWSKI, PONTIFICAL MASTER OF CEREMONIES, ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

Trustee M. Pascucci passed the Chair to Trustee A. da Silva.

Trustee M. Pascucci acknowledged Trustees-elect Brea Corbet and Stefano Pascucci, seated in the gallery. Associate Director D. Amaral advised contact, festivities and graduation lists will be sent to Trustees-elect on December 3.

Trustee M. Pascucci resumed the Chair.

2. Good News Items

Trustee E. O’Toole shared:

Divine Mercy

Staff and students participated in the Remembrance Day Liturgy, Author Ruth Ohi visited our primary students, Math Mania and the Rosary Apostolate.

St. Albert of Jerusalem

Students and staff participated in a beautiful Remembrance Day celebration hosted by the Grade 6 students. The students reenacted the feeling of war through drama and sound effects. The community participated in Movie Night featuring The Incredibles 2.

All grades were provided with canvasses to paint images reflecting the Virtues. Canvasses will be displayed in the front foyer of the school. The artwork looks amazing. The Region of
Peel Parks and Forestry department came into school to paint poppies on hundreds of pieces of wood. These wood pieces were then displayed at City Hall recognizing the 100 anniversary of the end of World War.

An Intermediate Bullying-Awareness morning session hosted by school administrators for the Grade 7 and 8 students provided activities, videos, cooperative games and reflection. Students reflected on the consequences of bullying as well as how to create a school climate that is welcoming.

**St. Edith Stein**

The school hosted the annual Christmas Bazaar on November 17 featuring photos with Santa, ornament making, face painting, live entertainment and 65 vendors offering unique crafts and gifts.

**St. Faustina**

Staff and students participated in School Spirit Day, a Remembrance Day Liturgy, Peter Schuler Elder from the Mississauga of the New Credit visited our classes, Mitten Tree and Christmas Families Collections/Donations, and our Virtue of Conscience and OCSGE assembly.

**St. John of the Cross**

Staff and students participated in ShareLife donations for Halloween Dance, “Bella’s Sock Drop”-collection of socks for the homeless in support of a student/family initiative, the Opening school mass, a visit from Father Joseph in preparation for First Reconciliation, the Rosary Apostolate, our Remembrance Day Liturgy and a visit from War Veteran Sir George St. Cyr, a Popcorn School Fundraiser in support of Healthy Foods initiative, Peel Police Teaching Presentations, an Anti-Bullying Presentation from Leo Barbe, Peel Water Workshops and Junior and Intermediate Volleyball.

**St. Richard**

Staff students participated in many activities for students such as Boys & Girls Volleyball Team practices and game, the Grade 5 trip to Riverwood Outdoor Centre, the Grades 7 and 8 Junior Achievement day, Bus Safety Training Program took place for the whole school, a Bullying Awareness week highlighted by introduction to Zones of Regulation Program for all our Kinder students, a Remembrance Day Liturgy and successful Progress Reporting period and interviews. Staff and administration participated in the Math session and shared information at the November PA Day.

**St. Teresa of Avila**

The St. Teresa of Avila Grade 5 boys are MNAA Cross Country Champions. The primary students are heading to see the Grinch on December 10. Our Faith in Action Team will be caroling for a local Seniors residence on December 14. Our Kindergarten students will be hosting a Christmas concert on December 14. On November 20, Junior and Intermediate students heard a terrific and motivational presentation from two-time hockey gold medalist Cheryl Pounder. Staff are beginning to plan our Angel Tree to support families in need at Avila. On December 20 all students at Avila will participate in our Advent retreat.
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School

The Junior Girls Basketball won Silver, the Junior Boys Volleyball won Silver and the Senior Boys Volleyball won Gold at ROPSSAA.

Students and staff participated in the collection of 200 cases of diapers and $6000 raised (in conjunction with Merciful Redeemer Parish) for Vita Centre for pregnant and parenting youth. The Dignity Club is making regular visits to the local Senior Residence to participate in social activities, a successful Awards Night, Carazaga Multicultural event and Grade 8 night where the school was opened to the community for the many programs and activities Gonzaga has to offer.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

A successful Academic Awards Ceremony was held on November 8 during the day with approximately 500 parents present to watch their child receive awards. Special Olympics will be held here at SJA on November 23.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School

On Wednesday November 21, 2018 the Grade 9 and 10 girls of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School participated in an imatter: Empowering Ourselves and Others event. This event included presentations from Coco LaRain, an inspirational speaker and life skills coach with 25 years of experience motivating youth. This event also included a presentation from Nichelle Laus, a certified personal trainer, transformation and competition coach, in which she included a fun kickboxing workout! This fun filled event included engaging activities, mindfulness yoga, dinner and a chance for these students to come together and focus on their health and wellness, while engaging and connecting with other females.

Trustee L. del Rosario shared:

Thank you for all our schools who participated in the Remembrance Day celebration as well as the Bullying Week Activities.

Congratulations to St. David of Wales Elementary School for starting the Cooking Club. Students aged 8-13 are participating and they are hoping to prepare 200 complete well-balanced meals before the end of school year to be donated to help feed those in need.

Congratulations to St. Joseph Secondary School’s Mock Ball Team for winning the 2018 Peel Region Mock Bail Tournament. Thank you to the staff and students for working hard in this event.

I am very proud to announce and congratulate Jaden Brown, an outstanding student and player at St. Marcellinus Secondary School, for signing with the University of Kentucky baseball scholarship. He will be in the MLB draft in June 2019. Please keep him in your prayers.
Trustee S. Hobin shared:

All Saints

All Saints School continues to be a busy location. Our grade two students are readily preparing for the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation next week. At our recent Catholic School Council we learned that we will welcome grade one French Immersion classes to All Saints in September. Council approved many purchases to improve school life, include educational experiences, technology, library resources and classroom resources. Our eco team had students experience Loretta Penny coming in to discuss the value and protection of animal wildlife. Students have the opportunity at lunch to learn ukulele. Our YFA are preparing their advent food drive while continuing to collect Halloween Candy for Dr. Simone and milk bags to weave sleeping mats. Volleyball tournaments continue and our students are standing up against bullying in our School spirit week this week.

Every year, during the month of November, Christ the King’s School Community has the unique opportunity to deepen their knowledge of and appreciation for our veterans as Brian Masson, retired and former teacher of CTK, displays his personal collection of artifacts from World War I and II. As well, our grade 5 class organized a moving Remembrance Day assembly to help our students pay their respects to our fallen soldiers. We were especially happy to learn about the contributions made by Canadian women and Indigenous peoples during these wars. As well, November 5 to 9 we celebrated National Treaties week by promoting awareness. During Bullying Prevention and Awareness week, students recited our school Anti-Bullying Pledge and engaged in a variety of activities.

St. Christopher

The St. Christopher Crusaders are always on a mission! Our Student Parliament and Youth Faith Ambassadors provided a memorable presentation on the Virtue of Conscience tied in with the Remembrance Day celebration on November 19. Our Grade 7 students are prepared and celebrated their upcoming sacrament of Confirmation; they have now chosen to be adult members of the Church. Our School Council is working hard at planning the rest of the years’ events, enhancing our program with additional resources and wrapping up their annual fundraising campaign. We are busy canvassing for parent volunteers to assist with our primary reading program and we have had a great response. We are all excited for the upcoming Advent Season, and we will celebrate with a special evening mass on December 4 at the Church. This will be a community mass in preparation of Advent where we have school wide participation in the forms of voice, song and readings. The Crusaders know that this month’s virtue was conscience and it is evident in how we all make decisions and take responsibility for our own actions! Follow us on Twitter! Follow us on Twitter @StChris_DPCDSB

St. Clare

In November our Youth Faith Ambassadors organized a beautiful Remembrance Day Service. The Rosary Apostolate volunteers continue to work with our classes to pray the Rosary. Father Charles met with our Grades 6 to 8 students to encourage participation in the Edge Youth Group. The Intermediate Boys’ and Girls’ Volleyball teams participated in a Tournament at St. Joseph’s Secondary and both teams have played their first game of the season. Our Eco Team continues to focus on a variety of initiatives to maintain our gold status. Students participated in the Escarpment Outdoor Adventures climbing program and
a Family Fun Night sponsored by our School Council. Grade 8 students visited Loyola Secondary School for an Orientation Day. Grade 2 students are preparing for and will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 28. Youth Faith Ambassadors are organizing activities for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – promoting ‘WITS’, Pink Day, Youth Education with Officer Billy and daily announcements encouraging positive, healthy interactions. Students will participate in the Youth Faith Rally at BT. Grade 6 students participated in the Camp Muskoka Recess Guardians Workshop to initiated inclusive and engaging games at recess time. Our School Resource Officers attended and supported us with exercising a Lockdown Drill. Our Catholic School Council supported Show to Go Productions continues to work with students rehearsing for our Christmas Concert, ‘Christmas Visits’. School Council is also organizing a Christmas Store Fundraiser. Our Choir is preparing for Advent Mass and they will be singing at the Seniors’ Mass in December.

**St. Francis of Assisi**

Exciting times at SFA. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful things happening day in and day out. October finished off with quite a SCARE as SFA transformed into our Hallo SPIR – O – WEEK. From Orange and Black Day, Hallo-Hair Day, Twin Day, PJ & Stuffie Day, pumpkin carving contests with student online voting, ShareLife raffles, with the highlight being our ShareLife Dance & Costume Day. Congratulations to our sports’ teams that represented our school at the board cross country Meet, Boys & Girls Junior Volleyball teams board tournaments, Intermediate Soccer Champions, as well as the Co-Ed Flag Football Mississauga South Champions. Way to go. Thanks to Dr. Rumeet Billing for facilitating a conversation with our Youth Faith Ambassador Leaders & C.A.R.E. Crew members where students generated goals and action steps to address issues like: Equity, Inclusion, Respect (anti-bullying), Treaty Recognition Week (We are all treaty people), Student Activities, Faith, Mental Health, ShareLife Fundraising, Healthy School Goals – mindfulness etc., ECO goals – stewardship, & Catholic Graduate expectations.

**St. Helen**

Rosary Apostolate visited St. Helen on October 15 and November 12. Our Grade 7/8 class visited Silvercreek on October 1h. Our intermediate Co-Ed soccer team played very well at the tournament on October 22.

Peel police presented the RAID program to our Grade 6 class on October 23, November 6 and November 20. Camp Muskoka came in on October 24 to work with Grades 1-6. Picture We celebrated mass on October 26 with St. Christopher’s Parish. We held our Empathy Virtue assembly on October 30. October 31, the Catholic School Council held our annual Spook-a-thon. Students also participated in pumpkin and door decorating contests. We raised $161 for ShareLife raffling off a Halloween prize basket. On November 2, St. Martin’s Sports program came in to speak to our Grade 8’s about their SHSM program. Our intermediate volleyball team played four games from early to mid November against neighbouring schools. On November 8, our Grade 2 through to 8 classes visited the Royal Winter Fair. We honoured Remembrance Day with a beautiful assembly on November 9. The intermediate flag football team played in the tournament on November 13. The Grade 8’s visited Iona Catholic Secondary School on November 14. Our Grade 7/8 class visit Camp Brebeuf on their overnight Graduation trip from November 19 to November 21. On November 27 students from Grade 4 to Grade 8 had the opportunity to learn about the NHL
Future Goals, STEAM program. The program integrates hockey into Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

St. Louis

November is always a time of Remembrance at St. Louis School and much time and attention is paid to those who have sacrificed their lives for the betterment of their community. It coincides nicely with All Saints and All Souls Day – so we are able to make the connection for the students as the contribution of the Saints to the improvement of many communities worldwide. We also were able to have a Virtue Assembly this month and for the foreseeable future which combined this character development with Wellness Activities, in tribe formation, sewing; baking; fruit art; crafts; handwriting; keyboarding. All activities meant to be activities which promote relaxation and an alternative to screen time. Interview evening is such a nice time to meet and greet our parents and a PA day gave us the opportunity to further develop our Math Plan and school goals. We end the week with the Reconciliation and Confirmation of our Grade 7 students.

St. Luke

As we head into the Advent season St. Luke continues to reflect the hope and joy of the season. We have begun our Angels on A Tree campaign and through the generosity of our community, many families will have a Blessed Christmas. In November, our Intermediate division presented a moving Remembrance Day Liturgy. The Grade 7 students are embracing 21st Century Learning through the implementation of the Edwin project; the students have been integrating their Chrome Books into their daily learning. Our Youth Education Officer, Officer Billy, spent a day at St. Luke educating the students on various topics. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors attended the MS Youth Faith Rally. This faith building event provided our YFA with the opportunity to celebrate their faith and lead faith-based activities at St. Luke.

St. Margaret of Scotland

Students placed their petitions before the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast Day of St. Margaret of Scotland in an act of love: “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

St. Mark

Spirits are high at St. Mark School as all students from kindergarten to Grade eight are making sure we are eco friendly in a number of exciting new initiatives, aiming for platinum. The students are extremely excited about our new Coding, Robotics and MakerSpace Movement engaging students with coding and robotics (STEM) challenges and hands on tasks. The Rosary Apostolate Group from St. Ignatius Loyola Parish continue to nurture the faith journey for our entire school community on a monthly basis. Our Grade 7 students highlighted Veteran’s Week and showcased a bagpiper and our community officers at our Remembrance Day Service. It was a very moving and memorable experience for the entire school community.

Iona Catholic Secondary School

On November 12, students enrolled in the Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services SHSM program from Iona Catholic Secondary School visited the Garry Morden Training Centre. They were the first group to ever participate in the Mississauga Fire and
Emergency Services new recruit program. These 24 Iona students were given the opportunity to share in a variety of training practices throughout the 60,000 square foot facility located on a 37-acre parcel of land. Some of the new recruit training drills included fire fighter survival, auto extrication and fire hose movement exercises. Students were personally welcomed by Mississauga Fire Chief Tim Beckett and Assistant Fire Chief Kalpana Rajgopalan. They both also hosted a question and answer forum at the end of the day where students inquired about educational pathways, programs to combat post-traumatic stress and equal employment opportunities. Platoon Chief Luigi Davoli led our group for the entire day throughout all skill stations. His senior status and years as Platoon Chief enhanced this experience. Our Iona Catholic Secondary students were the first group of high school students ever to be a part of this integral learning as an extension of the classroom. We are truly thankful and appreciative to have such welcoming community partners.

Loyola Catholic Secondary School

The Girls’ Varsity Basketball team competed in the ROPSSAA Semi-Finals and lost by a small margin to St. Edmund Campion. The Loyola Football team defeated St. Joan of Arc in the Semi-Finals at Loyola.

Loyola hosted a well-attended Post-Secondary Fair. (over 30 Colleges and Universities participated)

The Hospitality students hosted a High Tea with the Bishop Ecuardo Kussala from South Sudan and Father Stan; it was attended by teachers, Admin and our Trustee, Sharon Hobin; the Bishop also presented to our students and provided a specific context for our Catholic faith as it is challenged but also nurtured overseas; students participated in several cultural trips this month that included Stratford, Roy Thompson Hall (for the Beatles White Album concert), the AGO and The Rose Theatre.

Three staff members and 10 students attended the “Say Yes to Mental Health” initiative; it is our hope that this group will help us to continue to promote mental health in our schools. The school marked Remembrance Day on November 9 through a multi-media presentation.

St. Rose of Lima

On November 9 we held a Remembrance Day Liturgy to commemorate 100 Years of the WW1 Armistice and recognize Canada’s role in helping to bring peace to the world. It was a lovely celebration attended by students, staff and parents.

Our Volunteer Donation Fundraiser concluded on November 9 surpassing our goal of $10000 by raising $10886 for our student initiatives.

St. Sebastian

Over 70 Grade 7 students recently spent 3 days at Camp Brebeuf. This experience provided students with the opportunity to deepen their faith and strengthen bonds with both God and each other. Students participated in numerous outdoor and indoor activities and returned to school with a rich and memorable experience. St. Sebastian, under the leadership of the students in YFA’s, they have been participating in numerous activities related to this week’s Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week. St. Sebastian will recognize all victims of bullying and raise awareness in putting a stop to bullying by wearing pink on
November 22 (Pink Shirt Day). St. Sebastian, as a community, also took and signed an anti-bullying oath/pledge and observed a moment of silence on Monday remembering all victims of bullying.

Trustee A. da Silva shared:

St. Augustine Secondary School

The month of November has been another positive one here at St. Augustine. Our Remembrance Day Assemblies were very well received and respected by both staff and students, including a guest presentation by a current member of the Canadian Armed Forces who shared his experiences serving in Afghanistan. Our Senior Girls Basketball Team had a great season, despite losing to Heart Lake in the semi-final. Anti-Bullying Week activities, both school-wide and classroom based, took place November 19 to 23. These included specific messaging each day focused on support for gender equity, mental health, abuse, addiction and the LGBTQ community, while promoting our need to continue to strive to welcome and understand one another (Romans 15:7). Finally, during our Grade 8 visits and community open house events, students from our Catholic elementary schools enjoyed tours and some St. Augustine gifts, while over 190 registration packages have already been given out to non-Catholic school students. One of the highlights of our Grade 8 feeder school visits was the healthy and delicious lunch prepared and served by our Hospitality students for over 200 guests. We are very proud of the staff and student leadership and teamwork here at St. Augustine S.S.

St. Joseph (Brampton)

St. Joseph School celebrated busy liturgical months in October and November with the celebration of our school Virtue assemblies, the ongoing monthly visits of the Rosary Apostolate and with the continuation of our school outreach program helping those less fortunate in our community. The Virtue for November is Conscience and with that in mind, we began the month with prayers as well as class liturgical prayers around All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day. Students, staff and community were invited to add remembrances to our St. Joseph School Remembrance Book which is proudly displayed in our front foyer near the statue of St. Joseph. Daily prayers included students reading their Remembrance prayers. Our community came together on November 9 to commemorate Remembrance Day. Our Grade 7/8 and Grade 1/2 classes came together to display a very emotional PowerPoint to remind us all why keeping Remembrance Day alive is very important. Trips in November included Grade 8s visiting St. Augustine S.S. on November 14, which was also Take Your Kids to Work Day. There the Grade 8s received a warm welcome and participated in many secondary school events. Other trips included a FDK trip to the Rose Theatre. We are well on our way preparing for the Advent Season commencing with a school Mass on December 6. Finally, our Catholic School Council will be providing a hot Christmas meal to all staff and students on December 11 and we are hoping that the Jolly St. Nicholas and his wife may also make an appearance.

St. Kevin

St. Kevin School continues to be a very energetic school focusing on the development of students academically, spiritually and physically. Our Catholic School Council has supported our major focus on Math by providing IXL passwords for the entire Grade 1-8 student body. This on-line Math tool will allow Math development and is a great communication tool for
parents and teachers. Our Grade 3 students are just finishing up their Swim to Survive program and the Grade 7s will do a follow up Swim to Survive early in 2019. Through a grant from the YMCA, we are introducing the “Snack Grab and Go” to let children eat snack foods high in vitamins and low in sugar! Plans are underway for the St. Kevin Advent Concert and Celebration to be held December 18 and 19.

Our Lady of Peace

At Our Lady of Peace, we started November after a fun filled Halloween Dance-a-thon and pumpkin carving contest. Our Grade 8s were visited by Guidance Counsellors from St. Augustine S.S. The next week, our students travelled to St. Augustine to visit classrooms and to get a taste of what it will be like when they go to Grade 9. On November 9, we held a school-wide Remembrance Day Assembly. Our intermediate students built the sets and rehearsed their various roles. All students walked through a WWI Trench to enter the gym. They could hear the sirens and see the anguish of war. They viewed the rail car where the Treaty of Versailles was signed. A huge cross was built to represent all who have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. Our Grade 1 and 2 students were part of the Region of Peel Waste Management presentations. Our bus patrollers attended a workshop at Peel Safety Village. Our Grade 5 student leaders had a full morning of training with Recess Guardians. This is a program similar to PALS that provides primary grade children the opportunity to participate in games and activities and feel welcome and included. Our Lady of Peace hosted the MBC Feeder School Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament. Our Girls’ Team was heading to St. Monica for their tournament.

Pauline Vanier

The entire school was part of the Region of Peel/YMCA of Greater Toronto Peel Student Nutrition Program’s “The Great Big Crunch” in its promotion of healthy eating. As in previous years, our Remembrance Day Liturgy specifically focused on an ex-Pauline Vanier student, Andrew Miller, who at the age of 21 died in Our small but mighty community of 104 families, generously were able to provide over 130 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Recently, students from St. Augustine S.S. came over to work with our Photography Club as part of our work on strengthening transitions between Elementary and Secondary schools. In addition, our Grade 8 students had the opportunity to spend the day at St. Augustine to experience secondary school life. Furthermore, a core group of our junior students received Recess Guardian Training and have begun to facilitate games and activities during recess time. Finally, our Youth Faith Ambassadors are currently leading our ‘Cram a Cruiser’ food drive and our Catholic School Advisory Council is in the process of planning for our annual Christmas Marketplace.

St. Brigid

Our Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team won their mini-tournament and our Intermediate Girls Team came in second place. Both teams are advancing to the Family Championships. We had a beautiful Remembrance Day Liturgy. Students honoured the sacrifices of our veterans and spread the message of Peace. This week we had a wonderful student lead assembly on the virtue of conscience. We are learning to listen to our conscience and follow Jesus’ example of how to live as we move toward Advent.
St. Monica

November was another busy month. Our Gators celebrated a reflective Remembrance Day liturgy, we welcomed Sandrina - Peel regional health nurse to our Catholic School Council focusing on Healthy Habits, we welcomed back our Rosary Apostolate and our students participated in Diabetes Awareness Day through showing their support by wearing blue. Take Your Kids to Work Day was a highlight for our students who will be attending St. Augustine S.S. and Cardinal Leger S.S. in the fall of 2019. Our extracurricular activities continued; Intermediate Volleyball, Choir, Healthy Schools, Eco, Youth Faith Ambassadors, Hip Hop, Grade 2 to 4 Drama and Move-It Mondays. Our Stack A Thon team participated in the Guinness World Records’ Challenge on November 8. Staff continued to be involved with in-servicing; NTIP, CPI, Math Fundamentals, etc. The primary division is anticipating media time together as they will be attending a movie in a Brampton theatre collectively. Our Severe Needs class continued with their courier, postal, delivery and “Coffee Cart” services, which are appreciated throughout. Our Superintendent visited our school and his visit and sincerity was well received. E-GELTs (Karla and Art) met with our intermediate staff sharing suggestions, strategies, programs, etc. Intermediate staff registered for “Mathify” with TVO, Junior Achievement and “Microbits”. We are anticipating great partnerships. We are preparing for the season of Advent; Advent Mass at St. Jerome Parish, Christmas Store Collection for ShareLife, Cram A Cruiser, Peel Regional Police/Staff competition, Gifts of Warmth, etc. Go Gators Go, Big and Small!

Trustee T. Thomas shared:

St. Marcellinus Secondary School

November is a time to celebrate at St. Marcellinus S.S. First, our Physical Education Leadership class organized the Inside Ride challenge which raised $13,066 for cancer research. Second, in sports news, our Junior Boys Football Team won the ROPSSAA Championship and our Junior and Senior Boys Volleyball Teams won the ROPSSAA Championship. In fact, our Senior Boys are presently competing at OFSAA. Third, our Transitions Team organized the Grade 8 Open House for students and their families. Moreover, our school had hosted all of our feeder schools on Send Your Kids to School Day which took place on November 14. Grade 8 students were able to participate in classes, watch dance and dramatic presentations and participate in a liturgy with our chaplain. Fourth, our students celebrated the beginning of winter at a semi-formal called Winter Ball. Fifth, this week marked Financial Literacy Week organized by our Business Department. Next week we will be having our Wellness and Mental Health Week, where there will be grade assemblies. Finally, we will be holding our annual Family Faith Night on November 29, where we will be opening our doors to the world. This is our 16th year serving children and families from Sojourn House. It promises to be a heartwarming evening and a great preparation for the Advent season.

St. Francis Xavier Secondary School

Over the past month the St. Francis Xavier S.S. Athletics Program has experienced some unprecedented success and recognition. The school’s Cross Country Team finished their season on a very strong note, with a team of Grade 9 boys finishing 4th in the Province. The Varsity Girls Basketball Team finished their season with a respectable 21-10 season record, along with five tournament bronze medals. Also, in the first years of the program, Xavier’s
Girls Flag Football Team lost a closely-contested quarter-final by the score of 7-6, to the leagues eventual champions, RF Hall Wolfpack. In recent weeks, the school’s Boys Basketball program has been very successful picking up where they left off from last season, when the Senior team finished 2nd in the Province. Already this year, the Senior team has won gold at the Humber Hawks tournament and both the Junior and Senior teams have won their respective divisions at the Mike Sullivan Memorial tournament in St. Catharine’s, ON. This is the Junior team’s fourth straight gold medal in this tournament. As a result of some recent successes, Xavier’s Senior Boys team is currently ranked 20th nationally, being one of only two mainstream, publically-funded schools in the National Top 25 Ranking.

In addition to all the good things happening in athletics, the student body at the school has also been very busy supporting the other components of a healthy school environment. The school’s Student Council organized a very successful and enjoyable Spirit Week and Pep Rally, where the celebration and appreciation of contributions to the school culture ranged from school clubs and teams to an acknowledgement of the hard work and commitment of our school’s support staff. Under the direction of the schools Canada and World Studies Department and Chaplaincy Team, staff and students orchestrated four reverent and respectful Remembrance Day services, each featuring numerous Xavier students in their role as Cadets participating in the wreath laying ceremony.

St. Hilary

At St. Hilary School, we have just completed our progress report reporting and have sat as staff to plan our focus for the year in mathematics. We have been fortunate to have STEM learning sessions with our primary students and had them involved in coding. November 18 to 22 is anti-bullying month and we have made our focus the fact that we are people of conscience and that we do the right thing even though it might not be the popular thing to do. We should never be bystanders but stand up for each other. Our staff and Catholic School Council have met to plan our Advent season and activities that support the school and our community. We are planning on celebrating the Christmas Season with our Christmas Concert and our giving Elves that will be delivering positive messages to our staff and students. We have also made plans to support the St. Vincent de Paul through the collection of gift cards and the support of families in need within our school community.

San Lorenzo Ruiz

November began with the observance of All Saints and All Souls Days, during which we remember those models of faithful living who have gone ahead of us. In class liturgies, staff liturgies and morning observances, staff and students are encouraged to remember loved ones who have passed away and to appreciate the saints as models of virtuous living. In that Spirit, we gathered for our Remembrance Day assembly on November 9, the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War. At San Lorenzo, we are blessed to have faculty who keep this tradition alive by offering their gifts and talents in a multi-media, student-led assembly which had a great emotional impact. On November 20, our school received 92 Edwin Chromebooks for deployment to all Grade 7 students. This is an incredibly exciting project that allows for greater access to technology and online content for the benefit of all students. We are grateful to the Program Department for allowing us to be part of this exciting initiative.
St. Veronica

Our YFA and choir lead our community in a moving Remembrance Day Ceremony to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, our YFAs prepared a variety of announcements and promoted a variety of activities to support acceptance and inclusivity. Our Dance Team is already busy practicing for the annual Dance Event later this year. Our Catholic School Council presented a STEM parent engagement evening where students, staff and parents participated in a Mad Science presentation which included a variety of hands on activities. It was a wonderful evening of learning and fun!

St. Jude

November 19 through November 23, St. Jude students and staff recognized and highlighted Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week through a number of activities:

**Respectful Monday** – Put Bullying to Bed. Wear your favorite PJs.

**Supportive Tuesday** – Being a Friend is no Sweat. Wear a favorite sweatshirt and/or sweatpants.

**Encouragement Wednesday** – Boot out Negativity. Wear boots and cowboy hats or any type of hat (e.g., Santa hat, sports hat, winter hat).

**Caring Thursday** – Everyone Counts Day. Wear a shirt or jersey with a number on it.

**Friendship Friday** – Band together against Bullying. Wear a band t-shirt or your whole class can band together and wear one colour.

This month Officer Bear visited our intermediate classes and emphasized how important it is to treat one another with respect. Our Rosary Apostolate team, during their Wednesday visit, shared and discussed gospel values with our students. Some of our primary students became superheroes, sharing with others through their writing what they would do to stomp out bullying. Grade 8 students shared positive messaging daily during morning announcements and our school-wide empowering WITS (walk away, ignore, talk it out, seek adult help) strategy was modelled and discussed in our classrooms. The week ended with kindergarten and junior reading and game buddies modeling what it means to be ‘good to one another’ through hosting a shared board game event in our atrium. Our messaging at St. Jude is, ‘Get involved and take a stand! Bullying is not acceptable at St. Jude School! Let’s stomp out bullying for good.'
3. Comments from Departing Trustees: A. Abbruscato and E. O’Toole

a. Trustee A. Abbruscato

Trustee A. Abbruscato addressed the board:

Thank you.

To paraphrase one of my favourite authors Charles Dickens, my 24 years as a member of this Board have been “the best of times, and the worst of times”.

When I was first elected to this position in 1991, we were an English Board and a French Board with a total of 22 members.

It was the best of times because we were in a growth position and we were opening schools and programs as fast as we could keep up. It was not uncommon for our elementary schools to have over 800 students. We were hiring teachers with teaching permits from other provinces and countries and we received permission from the ministry to hire teachers who promised to get their teaching permits over the summer.

Our motto was Come Grow With Us and grow we did.

It was the worst of times because we faced challenges from the government, such as underfunding, unequal tax allotments, Ministers who promised to create a crises in Education, and the always present threat of losing Catholic Education.

However, although we have faced numerous challenges we are still a strong and vibrant system and I know that it will continue to thrive because of the commitment that you all have to Catholic Education.

I have had the pleasure of sitting on all Board committees and chairing many of them, and of having served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Board.

I have had the privilege of representing the electors of Ward 4 and the students of Dufferin-Peel for 24 years and I will be taking many pleasurable memories of events and of people that I have met along my journey.

Thank you for all the work that you will continue to do on behalf of the students, staff and ratepayers of this amazing Board.

In the words of Novelist Frank Deford, “Thank you for listening.
Thank you for abiding me.
And now ladies and gentlemen I bid you good bye and take my leave.”

**Motion 268 (18-11-27)**
Moved by T. Thomas
Seconded by B. Iannicca

**THAT THE RETIREMENT ADDRESS FROM TRUSTEE ANNA ABBRUSCATO, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.**

CARRIED
b. Trustee E. O'Toole

Dear Board Members, Director of Education, Superintendents and Staff of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board.

The past 27 years I have been elected as a school trustee in Wards’ 2, 4 and 9 & 10, it has been a great privilege to serve my community, to be an advocate for students and parents and sit at the board table with such fine people. I especially am grateful to the Trustees who have passed; Art Steffler, John Doran, Patrick Meany and recently this year Monsignor Terrance D'Souza.

My decision not to run for re-election was made with a heavy heart for over the 27 years I have experienced a great deal of knowledge, joy and increase in my own faith. I wish all the Board employees much gratitude for the work they do and I also wish the new Board of Trustees elected in 2018 well in the next four-year term. Please know I will miss all of you.

My feelings are summed up in a prayer written by Thomas Merton who said, **Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another.**

His Prayer says, **My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.**

I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

**I will Fully Rely On God (FROG)**

With a Grateful Heart,

Trustee Esther O’Toole

**Motion 269 (18-11-27)**

Moved by A. da Silva

Seconded by L. del Rosario

**THAT THE RETIREMENT ADDRESS FROM TRUSTEE ESTHER O’TOOLE, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET.**

CARRIED
4. Chair's Year End Address to the Board

Good evening. It is a Dufferin-Peel tradition that the chair provides year-end remarks to the Board of Trustees and I am pleased to briefly share a few words with you tonight.

Let me begin by saying to my trustee colleagues around this table that looking back over the past four years of our term, I can honestly say that we have achieved so very much during this time.

And I thank you with all my heart for your confidence in choosing me as your chair each of these four years. I hope I have served you well.

The fact of the matter is, that it takes teamwork to be successful and we have been a great team. We have had a tremendous relationship with the Director and the senior management team and that has been beneficial to our community and to our organization.

As a team, we have contributed to, and experienced significant levels of success and achievement – measureable through the likes of our EQAO scores, graduation rates compliant budgets, and other quantitative as well as qualitative variables.

I would make mention of a few of these successes, including:

- Our 11th consecutive compliant budget, now in excess of $1B;
- Enrolment that has again exceeded projections;
- Continued upward trending EQAO scores that consistently meet or exceed provincial standards as well as provincial averages in most assessment areas;
- Graduation rates that are among the highest in the province;
- Successful implementation, oversight and completion of our Multi-year Strategic Plan, and we have laid the groundwork for the new Board of Trustees to develop our new plan in 2019;
- The incredible number of charitable works, both for local and global causes, in which our students and staff are engaged in our schools and other board facilities. In fact, we are the top school board in the Archdiocese of Toronto in terms of fundraising for ShareLife;
- Our schools are 100% Eco certified;
- We have had a successful start to the current school year;
- and the list goes on and on.

Each and every trustee around this table has worked so very hard on behalf of our communities, for the benefit of our students and our families. This commitment and dedication is in keeping with the trust bestowed upon us as stewards of Catholic education.

It is an awesome privilege.

We never tire of celebrating and spreading the good news of Catholic education, for Catholic Education is truly alive, well and flourishing in right here in Dufferin-Peel.

As our 2014-2018 term of office draws to an end, we look forward to our new term with anticipation, but also with a sense of sadness.

We say farewell, not goodbye, to our dear colleagues, Anna Abbruscato and Esther O'Toole. An incredible 51 years of experience....and exemplary service, between them.
I know we are attending a function tomorrow to say a more personal thank you and farewell but I wanted to take the opportunity tonight, as well, to say thank you both for your years of service to our community, to the DPCDSB, to Catholic education and on a personal level, for your friendship. We have shared so much over so many years. We have not always agreed on everything, but I have always held you both in high esteem and with the utmost respect.

I will miss you very much. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

To my fellow trustees, I thank you again for your support and hard work on behalf of children and families. We, as a board, are in a good place.

We must continue to be ever vigilant in standing guard for Catholic education, for children and for families.

And we must remain firmly committed in our desire to promote and maintain our outstanding school system and we are unified in our belief that Extraordinary lives begin with a great Catholic education right here in Dufferin-Peel.

Thank you and may God Bless you all. Merry Christmas.

Motion 270 (18-11-27)
Moved by T. Thomas
Seconded by S. Xaviour

THAT THE CHAIR'S YEAR END ADDRESS TO THE BOARD, BE RECEIVED AND READ INTO THE MINUTES.

CARRIED

5. 2019-20 Education Funding Engagement Guide

Trustee M. Pascucci passed the Chair to Trustee A. da Silva.

Trustee M. Pascucci noted the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) will be providing a response to the Ministry. OCSTA must submit a response to the Ministry by December 14. Trustees will provide input to the Director of Education to be forwarded to OCSTA by December 7, 2018.

Trustee M. Pascucci resumed the Chair.

Motion 271 (18-11-27)
Moved by F. Di Cosola
Seconded by S. Hobin

THAT THE 2019-20 EDUCATION FUNDING ENGAGEMENT GUIDE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED
F. Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, September 11, 2018
   
   **Motion 272 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by L. del Rosario
   Seconded by S. Xaviour

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

   CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, September 25, 2018
   
   **Motion 273 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by S. Hobin
   Seconded by F. Di Cosola

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

   CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, October 2, 2018
   
   **Motion 274 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by A. Abbruscato
   Seconded by S. Hobin

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

   CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 17, 2018
   
   **Motion 275 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by L. del Rosario
   Seconded by S. Hobin

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

   CARRIED

5. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meetings, September 19, 2018 and October 24, 2018
   
   **Motion 276 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by T. Thomas
   Seconded by L. del Rosario

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 AND OCTOBER 24, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

   CARRIED
G. Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. The 2018-2019 Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle

M. Vecchiarino, Superintendent of Policy, Strategy and Global Learning, presented the report, the operational plan for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board’s Strategic System Plan 2014-2019.

In response to Trustee S. Hobin’s inquiry, Superintendent M. Vecchiarino advised we support students in knowing their boundaries though the moral standard in which we operate.

Motion 277 (18-11-27)
Moved by E. O’Toole
Seconded by A. Abbruscato


CARRIED

2. MILO, Robots4Autism

Superintendent T. Cruz introduced Consultant S. Baiana to provide information and demonstrate Milo, a humanoid robot. Robots4Autism is an innovative program that teaches critical social, emotional and communications skills to students. It was designed for students with Autism but can reach a variety of students with needs in the area of social, emotional and communication skills.

In response to Trustee B. Iannicca’s inquiry, Superintendent T. Cruz advised that Milo will be utilized in elementary, then secondary PIP programs, in six week cycles.

Trustee B. Iannicca requested staff advise Trustees when Milo goes to their schools.

Motion 278 (18-11-27)
Moved by B. Iannicca
Seconded by D. D’Souza

THAT THE REPORT, MILO, ROBOTS4AUTISM, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. OCSTA Resolutions

The OCSTA Resolutions were distributed at the meeting and will be discussed at the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting.

Motion 279 (18-11-27)
Moved by A. Abbruscato
Seconded by E. O’Toole

THAT THE OCSTA RESOLUTIONS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED
H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action

1. Motion Recommended by the Audit Committee Meeting, November 13, 2018

   The supporting documents were provided to trustees electronically prior to voting.

   **Motion 280 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by S. Hobin
   Seconded by F. Di Cosola

   THAT THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018, BE APPROVED.

   CARRIED

2. New Membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee: January 2019 – December 2022

   **Motion 281 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by E. O'Toole
   Seconded by A. Abbruscato

   THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: JANUARY 2019 TO DECEMBER 2022, BE RECEIVED.

   CARRIED

   **Motion 282 (18-11-27)**
   Moved by A. Abbruscato
   Seconded by E. O'Toole

   THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINT MYRA DEL ROSARIO, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSOCIATION FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN (ABC), DELY FARRACE, REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRAMPTON CALEDON COMMUNITY LIVING (BCCL), NISHA LEWIS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, PEEL BRANCH, ROSE CASACCIA, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE, CHRISTINE KOCZMARA, REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMMUNITY LIVING MISSISSAUGA, HEATHER BIALOWAS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF PEEL (DSAP), CELESTE ENCILA, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE, LISSETTE DE RAUCOURT GAYLIE, REPRESENTATIVE FOR EASTER SEALS ONTARIO, LESLIE SILVESTRI, REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF PEEL REGION (LDAP), JANICE HATTON, REPRESENTATIVE FOR AUTISM ONTARIO, AIRENE CUNANAN, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE, VERONIKA OKRUGIC, REPRESENTATIVE FOR VOICE FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN (VOICE), MARIA DEMATA, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE AND BOBBI WILSON, REPRESENTATIVE FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS (CCCS), MEMBER AT LARGE, AS MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

   CARRIED

I. Notices of Motion - Nil
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November 27, 2018

J. Additional Business - Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Board Trustees

1. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about International Language sites. Superintendent M. Vecchiarino advised sites are rotated on a regular basis and International Language staff is advised the schools must be ready for class on Monday. Trustee Iannicca requested a list of International Language sites, including the number of years at each location.

2. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about the change in rehabilitation services. Superintendent T. Cruz advised that district school boards were not involved with the transition and were not provided an opportunity for input. The Local Health Integration Network will be distributing letters to families.

3. Trustee B. Iannicca requested STOPR representatives revisit courtesy ridership for students who may not be utilizing the seat.

4. In response to Trustee S. Hobin’s inquiry asking if the Ministry has communicated any plan to help with the shortage of Occasional Teachers, Director Mazzorato advised that no communication has been received.

Trustee S. Xaviour retired from the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

5. Trustee E. O'Toole inquired with respect to Trustee expenses. Staff will review and advise.

L. Declared Interest Items - Nil

M. In Camera Session

Motion 283 (18-11-27)
Moved by A. Abbruscato
Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN RESPECT OF A LEGAL MATTER.

CARRIED

N. Rise and Report

Received In Camera Minutes, Administrative Appointments and Transfers, Legal and Personnel Matters.

Motion 284 (18-11-27)
Moved by E. O'Toole
Seconded by A. Abbruscato

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN-CAMERA AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

CARRIED
O. Future Meetings

Inaugural Board Meeting: December 4, 2018
December 11, 2018
January 22, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 28, 2019
June 18, 2019

P. Adjournment

Motion 284 (18-11-27)
Moved by A. Abbruscato
Seconded by E. O'Toole

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:25 PM.

CARRIED