

## MINUTES

### Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Call**

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Luz del Rosario	Vice Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Frank Di Cosola	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Thomas Thomas	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Dea Sokoli	Student Trustee
	Leroy Onuoha	Student Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	David Amaral	Associate Director, Instructional Services
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Deborah Finegan-Downey	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Brian Hester	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Jodi Kuran	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Martine Lewis	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Cairine MacDonald	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Tammy-Lynne Peel	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Mathew Thomas	Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Max Vecchiarino	Superintendent of Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
	Richard Smith	Chief Information Officer
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources

Recorder: Christiane Kyte General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education  
Richard Moriah General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities  
Cindy Child Board and Committee Information Officer

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance  
Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory  
Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. National Anthem  
The chair acknowledged and thanked Martina Ortiz-Luis, Kibwe Thomas and Sole Power Productions for permission to use their recorded version of the national anthem.
4. Opening Prayer  
Chair Sharon Hobin led the Opening Prayer.
  - a. Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance for Student Trustees Dea Sokoli and Leroy Onuoha  
  
Director Mazzorato welcomed Student Trustees Dea Sokoli from St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School and Leroy Onuoha from Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School. Both student trustees recited the Declaration of Office, Affirmation of Allegiance and Oath for Catholic Trustees in DPCDSB. Each student trustee spoke briefly to introduce themselves.  
  
Chair Sharon Hobin welcomed Dea and Leroy and wished them well. She offered assistance from herself, and on behalf of the other trustees as they assume their Student Trustee responsibilities.
5. Approval of Agenda
  - Distributed: M 4 a.
  - Reorder of the Agenda: M 5 a. moved to M 4 c.
  - Correction: Attendees list on M 1 a.
  - Addition: M 2 verbal report as requested by Trustee Mario Pascucci

**Motion 478 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Mario Pascucci

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

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

**CARRIED**

- a. Approval of Calendar Items – Nil

6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items: A 7 Items L 1 and L 2, M 1 a. and M 4 b.

1. *Trustee Sharon Hobin —family members belong to OECTA*
2. *Trustee Bruno Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026*
3. *Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*
4. *Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*

**Motion 479 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEMS L AND M 9.**

**CARRIED**

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, June 15, 2021

Declared Interest Item in A 7 Items L 1 and L 2 were moved to Item L.

**Motion 480 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 15, 2021, EXCLUDING DECLARED ITEMS, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

8. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, June 1, 2021

**Motion 481 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Frank Di Cosola

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, JUNE 1, 2021, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**B. Pastor's Remarks – Nil**

**C. Awards and Presentation**

1. Proclamation: The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Literacy Day

WHEREAS THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY HAS BEEN CELEBRATED GLOBALLY SINCE 1967

AND;

WHEREAS THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY AS A MATTER OF DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IS CRITICAL IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF A MORE LITERATE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY

AND;

WHEREAS THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (DPCDSB) STRIVES TO ENSURE THAT EACH LEARNER IS PROVIDED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE THEIR LITERACY SKILLS TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY  
BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ON SEPTEMBER 8  
IN ALL DPCDSB SCHOOLS

WITH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY.

**Motion 482 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Brea Corbet

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE *PROCLAMATION: UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY*, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 483 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCLAIM THAT SEPTEMBER 8 BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ANNUALLY AS *UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY* IN DUFFERIN-PEEL SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES.**

**CARRIED**

**D. Delegations - NIL**

**E. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt**

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Luz del Rosario spoke on behalf of herself and Trustee Sharon Hobin

- The Political Advocacy Committee met on August 19.

- There was a review by OCSTA staff who have been working over the summer with various ministries to address various concerns of Catholic school boards.
- The committee and staff continue to address Anti-Human Trafficking, Education Accessibility Standards, Student Transportation and Access Copyright.
- The committee continues to discuss our Annual General Meeting (AGM) resolutions that had been referred to this committee.
- The committee also referred items to the Finance and Grants for Student Needs Funding (GSN) briefs from OCSTA on behalf of Catholic boards.
- OCSTA representatives continue to meet with MPPs to discuss pertinent issues on behalf of Catholic boards.
- OCSTA Labour Relations Committee met on August 17. OCSTA staff has been working through the summer on labour relations issues and negotiations including the Principal/Vice-Principal Association and OECTA mega arbitration.
- At the Budget & Human Resources Committee meeting held August 19, OCSTA President Pat Daly and Executive Director Nick Milanetti updated the committee; they continue to meet with representatives of Osgoode Professional Development to request make-up sessions on Ministry of Education Equity Training and to consider scheduling Saturday sessions for future development. OCSTA is following-up on the certificates of attendance for trustees who attended Part 1 and 2 of the program. Using funds allocated for professional development, OCSTA will refund \$200 per participant for those who have completed Part 1 and 2.
- Finally, please sign up for OCSTA's Fall Regional Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting. Boards are being asked to identify three or four issues of priority challenge, and one point of celebration. Kindly give this some thought so we can discuss at a meeting prior to September 21. You are welcome to email Trustee Sharon Hobin and myself (Trustee Luz del Rosario) any suggestions ahead of time. In addition, at the Regional Meeting, we will have the opportunity to provide input on The Portage Report; the study on OCSTA efficiencies.

Trustee Mario Pascucci: Is there an update on the per pupil formula?

Trustee Luz del Rosario reported that the fee is lower due to declining enrolment and advised that this information will be shared at the OCSTA Fall Regional Meeting September 21, as it is part of The Portage Report.

**Motion 484 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE VERBAL REPORT, *ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION*, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. Student Voice – Nil

3. Good News Items - Nil

**F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt**

1. Minutes of the Central Council for Catholic School Council, May 6, 2021

**Motion 485 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**CARRIED**

**G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt**

1. Update on Ventilation Optimization at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - Superintendent Thomas

Superintendent Thomas and General Manager Moriah summarized the report. Along with Manager Milka Zlomislic, staff were prepared to respond to any questions of clarification.

The chair thanked the team for preparing a fulsome report.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: What is the lifespan of filters?

General Manager Moriah: Pre-COVID we replaced our MERV 10 filters three times per year, which was an acceptable practice. We are now using MERV 13, a superior filter. We have assessed and are now changing filters five times a year to increase efficiency. Filters are changed as often as an organization deems necessary.

2. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: How are we distributing filters and air scrubbers?

General Manager Moriah: The Ministry funding was specific to Kindergarten classes and those classrooms that had little or no air conditioning. We invested further funds to cover all portables and special education classrooms.

3. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: Thank you for the presentation on the important issue of ventilation. Is it possible to send out a memo to the school community; parents/guardians and staff?

Director Mazzorato: Through our Communications and Community Relations Department we will be communicating to the school community all the improvements made to improve ventilation. We are considering having information sessions through our local Catholic School Councils (CSC) on the work done in preparing our schools for the school year.

Superintendent Thomas: Similar to last year, General Manager Moriah will be providing a booklet of information shared today which will be distributed throughout the school communities and to all staff and families.

4. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Is the Ministry requesting information on the quality of air? This information would be reassuring for our parents/guardians.

Superintendent Thomas: The Ministry report is focused on the specific enhancements we have taken in respect to ventilation i.e., filter upgrades, filter changes, air changes per hour, how many HEPA units deployed to schools etc. The required submission ensures that school boards are following the Ministry guidance. We have completed the survey regarding the implementation, work underway and forecasted work to be done.

5. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Is the Ministry collecting data on air flow?

Superintendent Thomas: Appendix 2 outlines exactly what the Ministry is requesting from school boards. The details will be available for each school and will be available on the board website.

6. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Will portable air scrubbers be in teacher workrooms, staff rooms and weight rooms?

Superintendent Thomas: The funding provided was specific to Kindergarten classrooms. We have gone above the minimum required and added to schools that had very little or no air conditioning, portables, and special education rooms.

7. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Are the units being purchased by the Ministry through a central vendor, or have we tendered ourselves?

Superintendent Thomas: We have acquired units through a combination of efforts. The Ministry procured 160 HEPA air purifiers and we procured additional units using incremental funding of \$131,000 through our vendors. We have utilized all funding provided.

8. Trustee Brea Corbet: Will information on enhanced ventilation specific to each school be on the board website for parents/guardians to access?

Superintendent Thomas: We will submit the templates to the Ministry, and the details will be published on our board website by September 3.

9. Trustee Brea Corbet: If parents/guardians want more detail then the template provides, who can they contact?

Superintendent Thomas: Please direct inquires to my office or to General Manager Moriah's office.

10. Trustee Anna da Silva: Can we identify which are the 15 schools that received air conditioning? Is the air conditioning throughout the school or in specific classrooms, the library, or the office?

Superintendent Thomas: There were four schools with no air conditioning and 11 with very little air conditioning. These 15 schools have had infrastructure improvements; air conditioning throughout the schools provided through COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) funding.

11. Trustee Anna da Silva: Is it possible to clarify the information and language used on the Ministry template?

Superintendent Thomas: The Ministry template is limited to the information requested. In the booklet that will be distributed to the school community we will clarify wording and the details of the equipment listed.

12. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Please explain why some schools that have air conditioning in the gym and in some classrooms were not considered eligible for infrastructure improvements with the CRVIS funding?

Superintendent Thomas: The CVRIS funding provided opportunities of upgrades that we could apply for. We applied for and were granted funding for 15 schools that had limited or no air conditioning.

**Motion 486 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Anna da Silva

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UPDATE ON VENTILATION OPTIMIZATION AT DPCDSB, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. 2021-2022 School Re-Opening Plans - Update - Director Mazzorato

Director Mazzorato, Associate Directors Amaral and Del Bianco, and Executive Superintendent Cherepacha summarized the report and responded to questions of clarification.

Chair Sharon Hobin thanked staff for a complete report and remarked that the board has worked with two public health authorities and the Ministry to create the re-opening plans.

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: With many more students learning in-person this year, does that mean all devices are back in the schools and just waiting to be used?

Associate Director Del Bianco: The schools have as many devices as they originally had on hand pre-COVID as well as devices acquired during COVID through Ministry funding and the use of additional board funds. There are also devices held centrally for contingency.

Director Mazzorato: Devices remain at the school as they are essential learning tools and will continue to be used daily.

Associate Director Del Bianco: The strategy is that devices are in schools with additional devices held at the CEC and will be deployed should the public health authorities determine that a class or school must temporarily pivot to remote learning.

2. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Do cafeteria employees follow their company guidelines on COVID requirements or the board's requirements?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: They will follow a combination of guidelines from their employer and the board's requirements. DPCDSB requirements and



restrictions will supersede their employer's guidelines. Any third party will have to comply with all board health and safety protocols and restrictions. We are finalizing details.

3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Do I understand correctly that staff do not have to wear eye protection if they keep physical distance from others?

Associate Director Del Bianco: If staff can maintain two metres distance, they are not required to wear eye protection. We are highly recommending that staff wear eye protection outside as students do not have to masks and staff may have to assist students in close proximity.

4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Students do use the outdoor basketball nets afterhours. Are we leaving up the basketball nets?

Director Mazzorato: We are keeping the basketball nets up. We do discourage gatherings afterhours.

*Trustee Luz del Rosario assumed the Chair due to technical difficulties.*

5. Trustee Anna da Silva: In the survey it is noted that some students are leaving DPCDSB, do we know why?

Director Mazzorato: The survey did not probe further; however, we annually review student enrolment in the fall. The report will indicate where students have gone if they have left the board, as well as admissions from other boards.

6. Trustee Anna da Silva: Will superintendents and trustees be able to visit schools this year?

Director Mazzorato: Both trustees and superintendents are considered essential visitors this year and may visit schools.

7. Trustee Anna da Silva: Will open house events be allowed this year?

Director Mazzorato: As referenced we are using a cautious approach to re-opening this year and as such, open houses are not permitted this fall.

8. Trustee Brea Corbet: Is the mental health *RoadMap* on the board website?

Associate Director Amaral: To clarify, the *Roadmap to Mental Health and Well-Being*, is a teachers' manual to assist students, it is not a student resource. It is accessible to all educators.

9. Trustee Brea Corbet: How will remote only students in Grades 2 and 7 be notified of their sacraments as they may not be connected to their home schools?

Associate Director Amaral: The home school secretaries have extracted student information so that they are able to communicate information on the sacraments that may have come from the school or church.

10. Trustee Brea Corbet: Last year Grade 7 students did not have their confirmation, has there been any update on this?

Associate Director Amaral: We are reviewing the double cohort for this year and last year.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair*

11. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Please clarify, does the survey results mean that we did not get enough students interested in remote only French Immersion or remote only Extended French?

Director Mazzorato: Due to insufficient interest and the viability of running remote Regional Programs, there will be no elementary Regional Program remote classes (i.e., French Immersion, Extended French, International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre), St. Sofia or Gifted Programs.

12. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Parents/guardians are concerned for younger students and regular class sizes. How are 30 Kindergarten students expected to fit in a classroom?

Associate Director Del Bianco: We are not likely to have really large class sizes (i.e., 31) and dependent on the staffing process for remote only classes, we can adjust in-person class sizes as much as possible. We are physically distanced the best we can to maximize the space. Strategies include de-cluttering classrooms and using the largest classroom for the largest class.

13. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Please confirm that 37,000 surveys were completed?

Director Mazzorato: That is correct, and our administrators also attempted to reach out to all who did not respond.

14. Associate Director Amaral: We extended the deadline to capture as many families as possible. There were 1,400 submissions inputted manually. If the survey was not completed for a student, the default would be that the student would attend in-person. ICT looked at data for variances which school administrators followed up on. This year there were far fewer conflicts than last year, with only 150. We are confident that the data is accurate.

15. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I am pleased that the professional development is covering anti-sex trafficking and anti-bullying.

Director Mazzorato: Thanks to trustees like yourself and your colleagues who have had success through parent-engagement events focused on these topics. The Ministry has made this a priority for professional learning to allow staff to deepen their skillsets.

16. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Is it possible to have a general one-page insert prepared for Church bulletins regarding DPCCSB? This would promote our board to those who may not have kids or grandkids in our school; an opportunity to promote Catholic education.

Director Mazzorato: We will take that back to develop.

17. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: With limited outdoor space and supervision, how are we going to ensure cohorts stay together through recess?

Associate Director Amaral: We have discussed this with administrators as they are setting up their supervision schedules for consideration. This will be very site specific. Some school yards are very small and perhaps they will stagger recess, some will have large enough space to outline areas. Administrators have worked on spacing cohorts last year and will manage according to their site possibilities.

18. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: We know that there were 37,000 survey respondents and that those that did not complete the survey were defaulted to in-person. Do we have the corresponding percentages rather than the overall percentages that include those defaulted to in-person learning?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We have that information and will provide it through Issues and Events.

19. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Are students allowed to share materials this year?

Associate Director Amaral: As per Ministry guidance, students will be permitted to share materials this year (i.e., manipulatives, technology, sports equipment, art materials, etc.). We will encourage hand hygiene when sharing materials.

20. Trustee Brea Corbet: Will remote only students be able to participate in afterschool activities?

Director Mazzorato: They will be allowed to do so; we will be providing details.

21. Trustee Brea Corbet: If a student is attending in-person learning and the student is not vaccinated, will they be able to participate in all extracurricular activities and not be segregated?

Associate Director Amaral: We are not allowed to ask students their vaccination status.

22. Trustee Brea Corbet: will secondary school students be using lockers or have access to them?

Associate Director Amaral: As part of the cautious re-opening, lockers will not be available in Quadmester 1. Students should carry a backpack with snacks, books, lunch, and water. This information will be included in the protocol information being communicated via School Messenger.

23. Trustee Brea Corbet: If students are absent because they are showing symptoms that prevent them from passing self-screening, which may be common if they have allergies or common cold symptoms, will they be utilizing hybrid?

Associate Director Amaral: If they are at home and ill, the child may need rest. We would not expect them to be on a screen while ill for a one-day absence. This would not trigger remote learning.

24. Trustee Brea Corbet: Regarding vaccine pop-up clinics in our schools, do we know how these will work? Will they be in each of the schools, or will it be select schools and times like our COVID-testing clinics? Will parents be notified in advance? Parents/guardians would like the reassurance that if any pop-up clinic occurs at their

children's school, they would be notified. There is uncertainty about what happens in the event that the parent does not provide consent or does not want their child vaccinated, but the child gets vaccinated at the school pop-up clinic?

Associate Director Amaral: We will work with the public health authorities to ensure no child will be vaccinated without parent/guardian permission. These details will be communicated once finalized.

Director Mazzorato: We have worked with the public health authorities and have advised them that we would prefer that pop-up clinics be open after school, not offered during the school day. We have communicated clearly that we are not comfortable with students being vaccinated without parent/guardian consent and are working to mitigate this concern.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin passed the chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario.*

25. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Have we determined the process if a child under 11 has COVID symptoms?

Director Mazzorato: We are still working with the public health authorities on case management details. It will be similar to what we experienced last year; likely they will dismiss a class if there is a COVID-19 positive student in the class. Case management will be different for vaccinated and unvaccinated students.

26. Trustee Sharon Hobin: What will occur if a completely vaccinated person receives a positive COVID-19 result?

Director Mazzorato: The public health authorities would be flagged, and their case management would begin.

27. Trustee Sharon Hobin: We need to communicate that it is the responsibility of the public health authorities to determine case management i.e., direct self-isolation or dismiss a class.

Director Mazzorato: The public health authorities have access to vaccination records and test results and will direct accordingly.

28. Trustee Sharon Hobin: If we know that a family has taken a trip outside of the country or province does the board implement any restrictions, or do they follow provincial restrictions?

Director Mazzorato: The family would follow provincial restrictions.

29. Trustee Sharon Hobin: Is it possible to review with the public health authorities courtesy ridership again?

Director Mazzorato: It is possible; however, we are taking a very cautious approach in terms of getting students into school safely on a regular basis. It does introduce risk. We will review as things improve. Courtesy ridership is on pause.

30. Trustee Sharon Hobin: How are we going to handle French Immersion students and their placements?

Associate Director Amaral: It is important to note we are aware of their situation and working on this behind the scenes.

Director Mazzorato: We are committed to ensuring that these students do not lose their spots.

31. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Will we be having photo days?

Director Mazzorato: We are still working on this. We are hopeful that if the protocols are in place and the situation improves, we may be able to offer photo days later in the fall.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.*

**Motion 487 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR RE-OPENING PLANS - UPDATE, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action**

1. School Year Calendar - Superintendent Peel

Superintendent Peel summarized the report.

Trustee Brea Corbet: Back in the 2018-2019 school year, I served on the DPCDSB School Year Calendar Committee. At the time, I had made the recommendation to the committee to have one of our school PA Days for that upcoming school year coordinated to align with the October 2019 Federal election.

At the time, my rationale was out of concern for the safety risk to students as a result of having members of the public entering our schools during school hours. We have strict policies in place on a day-to-day basis for who and when people can enter our schools, for the safety of our students. We have locked doors, a check-in and sign-in process. Once parents enter, they cannot go into the school hallways and must wait at the office, etc. During the pandemic or during regular times, on an election day there are risks to having the public enter schools in large volumes, without knowing if they are going to slip into a student washroom, linger in the halls, leave when they are done in the gym etc. As a parent, it has always concerned me for members of the public, who may not be parents of the school community and it is a risk to our vulnerable students. Additionally, the gyms are out of use that day for student use. Ideally, election dates should be on weekends if they require the use of our schools without interrupting student learning and school programming.

Is it possible for staff to consult with our Principals/Vice-Principals and include Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC), and our Catholic School Councils (CSC) to discuss the feasibility of aligning our PD Days for upcoming election dates? The next provincial election is June 2, 2022, and the municipal election will be on October 24, 2022.

Trustees would appreciate an opportunity to review a report before the 2022-2023 school year calendar is created.

Director Mazzorato: We can prepare a report with information solicited from administrators, staff, CSC and the CCCSC.

**Motion 488 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Brea Corbet

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR - REVISED, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 489 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – REVISED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.**

**CARRIED**

2. Procedural By-Law - Counsel Beck

The report was summarized by Counsel Beck.

Trustee Anna da Silva: Could you provide information on the changes to the Procedural By-Law.

Director Mazzorato: As Counsel Beck is having technical difficulties, I will provide that there are two basic changes. The first is clarity to the wording of the By-Law, and the second is that there is now more latitude for the Chair of the Board regarding some communication to staff and education partners, whereas he/she will notify the Board of Trustees following the communication rather than seek approval beforehand. These two items are in sections 2.2 and 2.4 of the Procedural By-Law.

Discussion ensued regarding trustees communicating on behalf of their ward or constituents. If there are issues that have board-wide implications or involve MPPs outside of their ward, these are to be brought first to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

**Motion 490 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PROCEDURAL BY-LAW, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 491 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Luz del Rosario

**THAT THE PROCEDURAL BY-LAW, BE APPROVED AND ENACTED, AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED**

3. Revised Policy 4.01: Catholic School Councils - Superintendent Brunton

Superintendent Brunton summarized the report.

**Motion 492 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Frank Di Cosola

**THAT THE REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REVISED POLICY 4.01: CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 493 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT, THE REVISED POLICY 4.01: CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS, AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED**

**I. Notices of Motion - Nil**

**J. Additional Business - Nil**

**K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees**

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Is it possible to clarify the process for identifying how we honour (i.e., certificate, medal) Grade 12 students that have qualified for Honour Roll?

Director Mazzorato: We will survey, review and report in Issues and Events.

2. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Is it possible to consider Coptic Orthodox and/or Greek Orthodox students for enrolment?

Director Mazzorato: Trustees have the ability to request policy review. In response to your question, we will put the policy on the schedule for review.

3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: How will elementary students be advised of their class placement?

Associate Director Amaral: ICT will be sending out the messages through School Messenger (text or phone call) on the Labour Day weekend. Our goal is Friday, but this may occur throughout the weekend. Remote only students will receive a message from their teacher on the Friday before school begins. Secondary students will receive an email from their teacher on the Friday before school begins. Secondary students have already received their schedules.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin passed the chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario.*

Trustee Sharon Hobin advised that she will be sending a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Board of Trustees to Governor General Mary May Simons on her recent appointment. She will extend an invitation to the Governor General to visit our schools as soon as it is safe and possible. We would like to share the great work that DPCDSB staff and students have done regarding Indigenous studies.

*Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.*

**L. Declared Interest Items**

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Declared Agenda Items in A 7 Item, L 1 and L 2, June 15, 2021

*Chair Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario.*

*Those trustees with declared interest were moved into the waiting room.*

The Motion was approved.

*Those trustees with declared interest were moved back into the meeting.*

**Motion 494 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, DECLARED AGENDA ITEMS IN A 7, ITEMS L 1 and L 2, JUNE 15, 2021, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**M. In Camera Session**

**Motion 495 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Anna da Silva

**Seconded by** Mario Pascucci

**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, APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS, MEGA ARBITRATION UPDATE AND MINISTRY DIRECTIVE REGARDING STAFF VACCINATION, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CRITERIA SET OUT ABOVE.**

**CARRIED**

**N. Report from In Camera**

Report: Approval of In Camera Minutes, Declared interest Items, Administrative Appointments and Transfers, Mega Arbitration Updates, Ministry Directive regarding Staff Vaccination, and a Verbal Report by Trustee Mario Pascucci.

**Motion 496 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA, APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS, MEGA ARBITRATION UPDATE, THE VERBAL REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIO PASCUCCI AND MINISTRY DIRECTIVE REGARDING STAFF VACCINATION AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.**

**CARRIED**



Following the In Camera Report, and as a result of discussions regarding staff vaccinations Trustee Brea Corbet put a Motion to the floor:

Whereas students in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) have experienced significantly more disruption to in-person learning in the 2020-2021 school year.

Whereas the Region of Peel's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Loh and Canada's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Tam has warned that the Region of Peel and Canada are at the start of the fourth wave of COVID-19 and the trajectory will depend on an ongoing increase in fully vaccinated coverage, timing, pace, and extent of reopening.

Whereas the delta variant, currently the dominant Variant of Concern (VOC), is known to be more contagious, more serious, and more likely to result in infection, hospitalization, and death.

Whereas the current level of community immunity for COVID-19 in the Region of Peel indicates vaccination rates are lowest among eligible groups with youth 12-17 years at 79% for the first vaccine dose and 65% for second dose coverage, while children under 12 years are not yet eligible.

Whereas adult vaccination for COVID-19 helps to both protect those who are vaccinated and those students who are not eligible for vaccination, while reducing risk of virus transmission in schools.

Whereas the Rt factor above 1.0 indicates exponential growth of the virus and is likely to impact the successful re-opening and staying open of schools in COVID hotspots like the Region of Peel.

Whereas children, youth and the adult population can get infected with covid-19, can spread COVID-19, and can have serious and long-term health consequences, as a result of the virus.

Whereas COVID-19 vaccinations provide high levels of effectiveness for preventing COVID-19 related hospitalization and death, including the highly transmissible Delta variance and emerging Variants of Concern.

Whereas Ontario schools have mandated vaccines in ISPA (Immunization of School Pupils Act) of designated diseases for children to attend school and require immunization against and requires proof of vaccination for the following: MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Meningococcal disease, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Varicella (Chickenpox).

Whereas any COVID-19 vaccination mandate would necessitate an exemption policy on the basis of a documented medical reason, in compliance with Human Rights Legislation.

Whereas the DPCDSB has a responsibility to uphold the health and safety of all staff, students and families and take all necessary precautions to protect those who are vulnerable.

Whereas the Ontario Chief Medical of Health Dr. Moore has indicated "that some organizations where a vast majority are not currently eligible to be vaccinated, will need to go beyond the minimum standard set by our directive", in order to protect the safety of others.

Whereas the Ministry of Education has advised school boards to create organizational plans based on regulation class size averages, which means a return to pre-COVID class sizes as boards prepare to reopen schools for the 2021-2022 year, in the midst of wave 4 of the pandemic, and

risks the safety of students and staff, and the long-term sustainability of schools remaining open during this school year.

Be it resolved that the Chair of the Board, write to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board with copies to the Ministry of Health, local MPPs, chairs of other boards, CCCSC, DPCDSB parent communities requesting the Ministry of Education to mandate vaccinations for all staff, eligible students, and school visitors. The board formally requests consideration that the ISPA is amended to include COVID-19 within its mandatory immunization program. As a Board dedicated to the health and well-being of students, families and our staff, the Ministry of Education vaccination mandate must include providing proof of first dose vaccination no later than September 30 with final deadline to be fully vaccinated with a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine by October 30, 2021. In doing so, it would provide legislative support for our board to enforce a stronger vaccination policy and protect our school communities.

Be it also resolved that the DPCDSB Board of Trustees, through the Chair of the Board, write a letter to OCSTA, to petition the Ministry of Education about mandating COVID-19 vaccination for all staff, eligible students, and school visitors, on behalf of DPCDSB (and share with other Catholic boards). This advocacy will help ensure a consistent standard across Catholic school boards in Ontario.

Trustee Sharon Hobin thanked Trustee Brea Corbet. The Motion was moved and seconded.

Trustee Sharon Hobin asked if there were any questions at this time.

Trustee Sharon Hobin asked if there was any opposition. There was no opposition.

**Motion 497 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Brea Corbet

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE MOTION REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WRITE A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REQUESTING THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO MANDATE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR ALL STAFF, ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL VISITORS AND STRONGLY CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE IMMUNIZATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS ACT (ISPA), INCLUDING THE COVID-19 VACCINE WITHIN ITS MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. THE COMPLETE MOTION IS CAPTURED IN THE MINUTES.**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Darryl D'Souza: I have concerns that some of the areas discussed do not seem to be under the purview of the DPCDSB.

Discussion ensued.

The chair reminded the trustees that the vote had taken place with no opposition.

**O. Future Meetings**

September 28, 2021

October 26, 2021

November 30, 2021  
December 7, 2021 (Organizational Board Meeting)  
December 14, 2021  
January 25, 2022  
February 22, 2022  
March 29, 2022  
April 26, 2022  
May 31, 2022  
June 21, 2022

**P. Adjournment**

**Motion 498 (21-08-24)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:58 P.M.**

**CARRIED**