

## MINUTES

### Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice-Chair
	Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Bailey Clyne	Indigenous Student Trustee
	Christopher Joseph	Student Trustee
	Nathan Nguyen	Student Trustee
Regrets:	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Herman Vioria	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 & Treasurer
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Jodi Kuran	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Ivana MacIsaac	Chief Information Officer
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Tammy-Lynne Peel	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Mathew Thomas	Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Max Vecchiarino	Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research and Global Learning
	Kevin Wendling	Assistant Superintendent: Math Lead
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
	Richard Moriah	General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities
	Carrie Salemi	General Manager, Finance
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Luz del Rosario called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. 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.

3. Opening Prayer led by Trustee Stefano Pascucci

4. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Anisha Thomas

5. Approval of Agenda

Taupe sheet: H4 revised and timed item L 10 b. at 9 P.M.

**Motion 1170 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Mario Pascucci

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT ITEM L 10 b. IS A TIMED ITEM TO START AT 9:00 P.M.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1171 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

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

**CARRIED**

6. Declaration of Interest - Nil

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 30, 2024

**Motion 1172 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 30, 2024, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

**B. Pastor's Remarks:** Video Presentation by Monsignor Shiels - The Eucharist

Chair Luz del Rosario asked Director Mazzorato to express our gratitude to Monsignor Shiels for his presentation.

**C. Awards and Presentations – Nil**

**D. Delegations – Nil**

## E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

### 1. Regular Reports

#### a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Report

Trustee Shawn Xaviour commented that the OCSTA Conference took place February 2-4, and was well attended with over 220 student trustees, directors and trustees from across the province. We were pleased to welcome Minister Stephen Lecce. The speakers were engaging and informative.

Under the leadership of OCSTA Director of Catholic Education, Anne O'Brien, an additional number of quality and distinctly Catholic online learning courses have been developed and released through the Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO) platform. There are now over 80 courses on the platform.

The OCSTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held May 2 to 4 in Niagara Falls, please attend if possible.

Trustee Mario Pascucci advised the Large/Urban Catholic School Boards Advisory Council is meeting on March 1. He will provide information following the meeting.

#### b. Student Voice Report: Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne and Student Trustees Nathan Nguyen (North) and Christopher Joseph (South) introduced themselves. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne spoke in Anishinaabemowin.

Two weeks ago, we had the opportunity to attend the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Education Action Conference in Ottawa. Throughout the weekend, we explored various topics, such as the privatization of education and the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Most notably, we heard from Joe Geiser, Executive Director for the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario. He spoke about the role of administrators in our school system and aspects they must consider when making school based decisions. After opening the floor to students, he was able to answer some questions and helped set context around decision making. We also took part in several professional development sessions, where we learned how to effectively network and debate while sharing initiatives and ideas to bring back to the board table. We would like to thank Ms. Rego, Student Success Consultant, for chaperoning us over the weekend. We look forward to reconvening in May for our AGM.

Due to exams, we did not meet as a Student Senate in January. However, we are meeting on February 28. We will be combining our meeting with the Equity Student Council, and the Indigenous Student Council. Superintendent Vecchiarino and a member of his research team will be joining us to present on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). Zoey Roy, an Indigenous Artist and Motivational Speaker will be facilitating a leadership workshop, and we will have an opportunity to network with other students from our Family of Schools.

We would like to share some good news items from our schools. At Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Secondary School (CSS), 147 students participated in *Day of Hope*. This is open to students in Grade 9 to 12. Students went to a variety of workplaces such as food banks, Dr. Simone's warehouse and soup kitchens as a sign of hope within the

community. Our Lady Of Mount Carmel CSS student council also hosted a circus themed staff appreciation day during lunches, with baked goods, snacks and popcorn as well as small party games, balloon animals and music. A PowerPoint presentation was displayed to show gratitude to the staff for their hard work and dedication to their students. At St. Thomas Aquinas CSS, the Black Student Alliance hosted a Black History Month art contest. The winners won prizes from local Black owned businesses. One of their leadership classes put up posters for Bullying Awareness Week as a way to demonstrate that bullying is not acceptable.

Schools had a busy month of January, with plenty of activities for students specifically focused around exams and student well-being. We look forward to continuing to share good news items from our secondary schools, and will hopefully include some items from our elementary schools as we are currently working on plans for a virtual Elementary Student Advisory Council.

c. Good News Reports

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

1. Receipt of the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, November 7, 2023
2. Receipt of the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, November 15, 2023
3. Receipt of the Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, December 7, 2023
4. Receipt of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, January 17, 2024
5. Receipt of the Minutes of the Mississauga School Traffic Safety Action Committee Meeting, December 4, 2023

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

1. Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education (FACE) Update  
General Manager Campbell summarized the report.

**H. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action**

1. Policy 4.04: Educational Excursions  
Superintendent Gos summarized the report.

**Motion 1173 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Thomas Thomas

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT AS AMENDED THE REVISED *POLICY 4.04: EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS.***

**CARRIED**

2. Motions Recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee, February 13, 2024

**Motion 1174 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 2024.***

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1175 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *2024-2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.***

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1176 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Anisha Thomas

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *2024-2025 MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.***

**CARRIED**

3. Motions Recommended by the Audit Committee, February 13, 2024

**Motion 1177 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 2024.***

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1178 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca

**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO CANADA LLP, CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS, AS EXTERNAL AUDITORS TO DPCDSB FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING WITH THE AUGUST 31, 2024 YEAREND AUDIT.**

**CARRIED**

4. Motions Recommended by the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee, February 20, 2024

**Motion 1179 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci

**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE 2024.***

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1180 (24-02-27)**  
**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour  
**Seconded by** Anisha Thomas

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE REVISED POLICY 7.12: ACCESS TO DPCDSB PROPERTIES AND ENACT.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1181 (24-02-27)**  
**Moved by** Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi  
**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE REVISED POLICY 35.00: EXTERNAL PRESENTERS IN DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND ENACT.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1182 (24-02-27)**  
**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca  
**Seconded by** Thomas Thomas

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESCIND GAP 603.00 COMMUNICATION: INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE GUIDELINES.**

**CARRIED**

**I. Additional Business - Nil**

1. Notices of Motion

**J. Questions Asked by Trustees**

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: A note of housekeeping, on page 16 the spelling of St. Sofia Byzantine CES needs to be corrected.
2. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff provide the critical dates for the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We will provide the dates in Issues and Events.

3. Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi: Provided a summary of the Los Angeles Diocese Religious Education Congress (La RECongress) Conference that she attended along with a few DPCDSB staff and fellow trustees. There were many highlights among this creative, vibrant faith-filled community of artists and educators promoting Catholic Education.

In speaking with our Religious Education Coordinator, I understand the role of Chaplain will be updated. Can staff advise who will sit on the Committee, and if the Archdiocese will be involved in these changes?

Associate Director Amaral: Please reach out to me. I am unaware of any changes to the role.

4. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff provide the status of the portable removal at Mary Fix CES? Unfortunately, with the warm weather there have been skunks hiding under the portable.

Superintendent Thomas: We are on track with our Facilities Renewal List and Mary Fix CES is on the list.

5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: At our recent Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) we had a guest parent, author Dana Geall present her book *See Me For Me*. The book speaks to empathy and inclusion by having kids see each other as kids first, not as kids with special needs. I would request that staff review the book and provide one or two copies to each school library and I would hope all teachers would read this book to their students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
6. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff consider how we can best teach our parents/guardians about the importance of being aware of what our students are using their cell phones for, and the importance of monitoring the number of apps children use?

Director Mazzorato: This is a timely issue. There is concern around social media and the information that is being shared which puts our children at risk. We do have an opportunity to build more awareness around social media and protecting our children; ways to build digital citizenship and morality. We will consider plans to further engage our parents/guardians and to teach our students the best use of their devices. Much like the information we have received on how human trafficking strategies change, we recognize that the risks of social media changes too. Staff will review this prominent issue for consideration.

7. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: I had the opportunity to attend the La RECongress as well and it enlightened my own faith. The highlight was the engagement with students and the Student Youth Day held on the last day. It would be wonderful if we could hold a Student Youth Day and gather all our secondary students together to engage in faith formation and integrate mental well-being.
8. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: We have had brief information on the Student Trustee Election, will a report be coming forward?

Associate Director Amaral: Superintendent Belchior intends to bring a report to the March 5 Faith and Program Committee Meeting.

**K. Declared Interest Items – Nil**

**L. In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole**

**Motion 1183 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour

**Seconded by** Bruno Iannicca

**THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO A CLOSED MEETING AS DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE, PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE, OR AN EMPLOYEE.**

**CARRIED**

**M. Report from the In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole**

Report: Approval of In Camera Board Minutes, Receipt of Committee Minutes from Audit and Administration and Finance Committees, Approval of In Camera Private Session Minutes, Questions Asked of an In Camera Nature by Trustees, and recommendations to the Board of Trustees from the In Camera Committee of the Whole.

**Motion 1184 (24-02-27)**  
**Moved by** Bruno Iannicca  
**Seconded by** Darryl D'Souza

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DECLARE ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 815 CEREMONIAL DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD.**

Trustee Thomas Thomas: I am opposed to selling this property. This is a big property with unused potential. The community around the former St. Gertrude CES will be very disappointed and the parish priest at St. Francis Xavier has told me he will also be upset. I oppose the Motion.

**Favour 7**  
**Opposed 1**  
**Absent 3**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1185 (24-02-27)**  
**Moved by** Shawn Xaviour  
**Seconded by** Stefano Pascucci

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROCEED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH ONTARIO REGULATION 444/98 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, 1990.**

**Favour 7**  
**Opposed 1**  
**Absent 3**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 1186 (24-02-27)**  
**Moved by** Darryl D'Souza  
**Seconded by** Anisha Thomas

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE MOTION ASSOCIATED WITH REPORT L 10 b., IN REGARD TO A PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**CARRIED**

**N. Future Meetings**

March 19, 2024  
April 23, 2024  
May 28, 2024  
June 18, 2024



**O. Adjournment**

**Motion 1187 (24-02-27)**

**Moved by** Stefano Pascucci

**Seconded by** Shawn Xaviour

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:44 p.m.**

**CARRIED**



J	Questions Asked by Trustees	
Q 1	Trustee Mario Pascucci: A note of housekeeping, on page 16 the spelling of St Sofia Byzantine CES needs to be corrected.	The Revised Agenda has been posted to the board website and the file copy has been revised.
Q 2	Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff provide the critical dates for the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)?	E-mail sent to Chair/Vice-Chair of MYSP Committee. <b>Appendix 1</b> is included in the Issues and Events of March 1, 2024.
Q 5	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: At our recent Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) we had a guest parent, author Dana Geall, present her book <i>See Me For Me</i> . The book speaks to empathy and inclusion by having kids see each other as kids first, not as kids with special needs. I would request that staff review the book and provide one or two copies to each school library.	Two copies of the book will be delivered to all elementary schools and one copy will be provided to each secondary school. Accompanying lessons/suggestions will be provided with the resource.
Q 6	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff consider how we can best teach our parents/guardians about the importance of being aware of what our students are using their cell phones for?	Ongoing

## Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

Since the 2023-2027 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has now been established with the support of Trustees, Staff, and community members, next steps for monitoring the plan can begin. The Ministry of Education mandates all school boards to monitor their MYSP through quantitative and qualitative data gathering. This report highlights the next steps in the qualitative data gathering process.

DPCDSB is employing a focus group methodology for MYSP evaluation. The purpose of the focus group is to gain an in-depth understanding from key stakeholders (e.g., council members and students) regarding the MYSP, Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC), and Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle (CSILC) as well as get feedback on the quantitative surveys to be administered at the beginning and end of each year. Research staff have met with all of the councils and worked with the Equity and Inclusive Education department to recruit participants for this study. Please see dates and locations for both the Councils and Students MYSP focus groups below:

DPCDSB Advisory Council Groups	Date	Time	Location
First Council Reps Meeting – 5 to 6 members	Monday, March 18	6:00 to 7:30pm	CEC Rm 102
Second Council Reps Meeting – 5 to 6 members	Tuesday, March 21	6:00 to 7:30pm	CEC Rm 102

DPCDSB Student Groups	Date	Time	Location
BCAC Students – 5 members	Monday, April 15	11:30 to 2:00pm	St. Marcellinus CSS
IEC Students – 5 members	Monday, April 29	11:30 to 2:00pm	Silver Creek Outdoor Education
Students with Diverse Learning Needs – 5 members	Thursday, April 11	11:30 to 2:00pm	St. Marcellinus CSS
2SLGBTQ+ Students – 5 members	Friday, April 12	11:30 to 2:00pm	St. Marcellinus CSS
Family of Schools (FOS) Students – 7 members	Thursday, April 18	11:30 to 2:00pm	St. Marcellinus CSS
FOS Students – 7 members	Monday, April 22	11:30 to 2:00pm	St. Marcellinus CSS
New Directions Students – 7 members	TBD	TBD	TBD

Focus group materials will be distributed upon participant confirmation and date selection. Once this information has been confirmed, participants will receive a package containing the 2023-2027 MYSP, CBILC 2024-2025, an example of the CSILC 2023-2024, Strategic Plan to Dismantle Anti-Black Racism 2021-2023, and the end of year MYSP evaluation survey.