



MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Luz del Rosario	Vice Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Frank Di Cosola	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Thomas Thomas	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Leroy Onuoha	Student Trustee
	Dea Sokoli	Student Trustee
Regrets:	Darryl D'Souza	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
	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, 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, Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research
	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
Recorder:	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. Land Acknowledgment - Student Trustee Dea Sokoli

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

Student Trustee Leroy Onuoha led the Opening Prayer.

5. Approval of Agenda

Additions: E 2, H 4, H 5, M 5 b. Distributed: H 3

Motion 865 (22-10-25)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE ADDITION OF E 2, H 4, H 5, and M 5 b. TO THE AGENDA.

CARRIED

Motion 866 (22-10-25)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

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: H 1 and M 1 a. item 9.

1 Trustee Sharon Hobin —family members belong to OECTA

2 Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

3 Trustee Bruno Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026

4 Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

5 Trustee Frank Di Cosola—family member belongs to CUPE 2026 at another board

Motion 867 (22-10-25)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

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

CARRIED

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, September 27, 2022

Motion 868 (22-10-25)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

B. Pastor's Remarks: Video Presentation by Monsignor Shiels - Thankful Hearts

Director Mazzorato offered gratitude for the work and dedication of our Board of Trustees, those returning and to those who are retiring from their positions: Chair Sharon Hobin, Trustees Frank Di Cosola and Anna da Silva. Collectively you have accomplished much for our students and their families and have left an indelible mark on DPCDSB. It is my privilege to have worked with each of you.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked Director Mazzorato to express gratitude for Monsignor Shiels inspiring words.

Motion 869 (22-10-25)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE PASTOR'S REMARKS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

C. Awards and Presentations

1. C 1 - ShareLife Cheque Presentation by M. Penafiel

Superintendent Gos introduced Michael Penafiel from ShareLife.

Michael congratulated Dufferin-Peel for once again being a generous community committed to helping neighbours-in-need with 100 percent participation of all DPCDSB schools. He presented the total amount collected through fundraising and donations made to ShareLife by students and employees of DPCDSB for 2021-2022 - \$194,091. He shared stories to demonstrate how some individuals and families have benefited tremendously from the unconditional support provided through ShareLife. He thanked students and employees for living out our Catholic faith by putting faith into action.

Motion 870 (22-10-25)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE SHARELIFE CHEQUE PRESENTATION, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

- a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report - Nil
- b. Student Voice - Leroy Onuoha (North) Dea Sokoli (South)

Leroy Onuoha (North): We are grateful to be here before you representing the vast and diverse student population of DPCDSB. The student senate met on October 17 for our monthly meeting. Senators split into working groups to finalize objectives and goals for the school year. We worked on a liturgy for the opening of our Student Voice Conference that will be held on November 24. The liturgy was created with the assistance of Julie Webster, Consultant, Religious Education and Faith Formation. We invite all trustees to attend.

In October, schools implementing many great initiatives including Terry Fox events, food drives, programs to help students with academic success, and university applications.

In respect to student concerns, we have had a lot of feedback regarding the re-introduction of exams. Students are quite worried; they feel unprepared to effectively write an exam that is worth a substantial portion of their mark with time restraints. Currently, we are working with student senate to find ways to address exam anxiety. During the professional development day, teachers were given resources and training to address the needs of students who are taking exams for the first time. The program department will continue to support teachers to ensure they are prepared to support students during the re-introduction of exams. As this is a stressful time academically, specifically for senior students, we are working to increase morale. Student activities are strong with pep rallies and sports games. With Halloween quickly approaching schools are celebrating the spooky season with haunted houses, candy grams, and costume days.

Dea Sokoli (South): I had the pleasure of attending the Ontario Student Trustees Association (OSTA) fall meeting from October 20 to 23. This is my second time attending the meeting. OSTA provided many insightful workshops and information that will help both Leroy and I better manage our roles as student trustees. Through networking and valuable information sessions, I brought back many current ideas that I am extremely excited to start working on. Amongst the sessions, it was an honour to hear from the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce. Plans to improve student well-being, and to address the learning gap are honourable initiatives. In addition, there was a guest speaker from the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA). This was truly an eye-opening session regarding the current curriculum of health education in Ontario. It highlighted the ways student trustees can help regarding topics such as consent, body image, social media influences and inclusivity. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this conference.

We would like to recognize that this is the last meeting before the Inaugural Meeting, and that some trustees will not be returning. We are honoured to have the privilege to share this table with the dedicated trustees, who are steadfast in their belief of Catholic education and the potential of DPCDSB students. Despite all the difficulties you have faced in your roles, your work is deeply appreciated by us and

the students for whom you advocate. We hope you carry such grace and determination in all your future endeavors.

1. Trustee Anna da Silva: Thank you for your wonderful work in advocating for students and bringing the student voice to the table. This insight helps our decision making. We appreciate that you have put your names forward and acknowledge that it is not easy to go through the election process. Enjoy the coming year.
2. Trustee Brea Corbet: Thank you for your input and for representing the students of DPCDSB.
Can you provide information on how we can assist students in exam preparation?

Student Trustee Dea Sokoli: Topics that would assist students would be how to manage your time and demystify taking exams.

Student Trustee Leroy Onuoha: Since Grade 9, I have not had any exams and I am fearful of my Grade 12 exams. The concern is around how to balance work required and having enough time to prepare for exams.

3. Trustee Anna da Silva: DPCDSB has been given tutoring funding, do students access what is available?

Student Trustee Dea Sokoli: I do not believe it is about not having resources available - it is more about lack of awareness.

Associate Director Amaral: About 2500 students took advantage of the tutoring programs that were available.

Motion 871 (22-10-25)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE VERBAL STUDENT VOICE REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

c. Good News Items

Trustee Luz del Rosario: Thanked Chair Sharon Hobin for being an excellent leader and added that she has thoroughly enjoyed their collaboration. Trustee Luz del Rosario extended congratulations to Trustees Frank Di Cosola and Anna da Silva as they move on to new endeavors. As Catholic trustees, each of you have devoted and dedicated your time and efforts on behalf of Dufferin-Peel students and their families and have left a significant impact on this school board.

The assembly rose for a standing ovation for Trustees Sharon Hobin, Anna da Silva and Frank Di Cosola.

Motion 872 (22-10-25)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE GOOD NEWS REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Chair's Year End Report - Chair of the Board Sharon Hobin

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

As this will be one of the last times that I sit at this table with you as chair and as a trustee of the board, it is with mixed feelings of elation and sadness that I present the chair's year-end remarks to the Board of Trustees.

After 16 years as a member of this exceptional Board of Trustees, and much longer as a parent volunteer, advocate, and supporter of Catholic education, I am pleased to share a few thoughts with you tonight. I do so keeping in mind a piece of advice I received many years ago.... "Be brief and be gone!" Thank you, Bruce!

Let me begin by thanking all the wonderful trustees, past and present, with whom I have had the honour of serving alongside over the past 16 years. As with any long term of service, there were incredible highs alongside some low times. It was the constant variable of the amazing relationships that were built over the years that somehow made the lows more bearable. I thank God for blessing me with so many great colleagues and friends.

I have said in the past, that the phrase, "May we live in interesting times" certainly applies to us, as trustees.

We have experienced a myriad of challenges and pressures, including most recently, delivering quality Catholic education in a pandemic environment, declining enrolment, labour tensions, and a significant budget deficit (through no fault of our own, I might add).

We have worked hard and must continue to work hard to dismantle anti-Black racism and all forms of discrimination. And we must continue to walk the path toward Truth and Reconciliation with our First Nations partners.

No one said it would be easy and we have had to make some difficult decisions as a Board of Trustees.

On the other hand, we have demonstrated fiscal responsibility and good stewardship of our resources.

The trustee-developed and staff-guided Multi-Year Strategic Plan, along with our new Mission and Vision have guided DPCDSB over the past four years. In 2019, we celebrated 50 years of excellence in Catholic education. The 50th Anniversary song and video produced in conjunction with Salt and Light Television will be a legacy of this board.

We have maintained positive relationships with our local MPPs, and this is important as we provide them with a better understanding of who we are and what we are about as a Catholic school board. I hope this will continue in the future. We must continue to demonstrate to them just how successful our schools are and how much they are a natural part of the local and provincial education landscape.

Our graduation rates continue to be among the highest in the province. Guided by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, we continue to develop, not only good

students, but well-rounded globally-minded citizens as well. For just a few examples, one only has to check out our impressive Distinguished Alumni membership.

I look to my left and see our amazing Student Trustees who are currently enrolled in our schools. Student Trustees Dea and Leroy are excellent examples of positive student voice and are two of thousands of students who benefit from and contribute to our Catholic landscape.

An incredible number of charitable and social justice works take place every day in our schools, including fundraising for ShareLife, where we are the number one school board in the Archdiocese of Toronto in terms of funds raised.

Additionally, 100% of our schools are Eco certified.

Each and every trustee around this table has worked hard on behalf of our communities, for the benefit of our students and families, and not just those within our own wards, but across the entire system.

We celebrate our schools, students and staff wherever we go. We must never tire of spreading the good news of Catholic education.

As for the days ahead, challenges will remain. But I have no reservations that we cannot overcome any challenge in our path.

I have every confidence in you, the trustees of DPCDSB, supported by our amazing Director of Education Marianne Mazzorato, Executive Council Members, David Amaral, Daniel Del Bianco and Julie Cherepacha, Superintendents, both Instructional and Corporate Services, and all members of the senior management team that we will continue to meet and overcome these challenges.

And that also goes for the dedicated and committed school administrators, support staff and educators across the system who, whatever their role may be, work hard to support students and families and Catholic education. Special thanks to our administrative assistants who support the trustees and help us with all of our meetings and much more. We so appreciate your time and caring. To General Manager Bruce Campbell, thank you for keeping me on track and sounding so eloquent. I will miss you.

We are “DPCDSB Strong.” We are vibrant. Catholic education is woven inextricably into the fabric of our communities. Our schools are safe, caring, healthy and inclusive places to learn and to work. Our Catholic School Councils are active, and our communities are engaged.

My fellow trustees, thank you for your support of me as your chair, and as a trustee over the years. We are so very blessed to be able to operate in such a collegial and respectful manner.

To my dear colleagues, Trustees Anna da Silva and Frank Di Cosola. It has been an amazing journey with you. You have contributed a combined 31 years to DPCDSB with intelligence, passion and grace. I wish you and your families God’s richest blessing as you pursue new ventures.

To my Vice-Chair, Trustee Luz Del Rosario, thank you. You have been my partner. You have stepped in when I could not attend a meeting or met with community. You have suggested

ways we can improve. You are wise and not afraid to make important suggestions. I trust you. Thank you.

I will always cherish my time as a member of this amazing Board, and I will never forget you.

May God continue to guide you in the work that you do, and may you always look to Him for wisdom, strength, and guidance.

I leave you with a few words of Irish wisdom:

*“May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.
May all life’s passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.”*

May the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.
Thank you, God bless, and I hope to see you all down the road.

The assembly rose to give Chair of the Board Sharon Hobin a standing ovation.

Chair Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.

Motion 873 (22-10-25)

Moved by Frank Di Cosola

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE CHAIR’S YEAR END ADDRESS TO THE BOARD, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 874 (22-10-25)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

MOTION TO ENTER THE CHAIR’S YEAR END REPORT INTO THE MINUTES, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, September 13, 2022

Motion 875 (22-10-25)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, September 20, 2022

Motion 876 (22-10-25)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 21, 2022

Motion 877 (22-10-25)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee Meeting, May 24, 2022

Motion 878 (22-10-25)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 24, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt - Nil

H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action

1. Moved to item L.

2. Motions Recommended by the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee, October 18, 2022

Motion 879 (22-10-25)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE EACH OF THE MOTIONS SEPARATELY, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Motion 880 (22-10-25)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT THE TRUSTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE BE A TWO-YEAR TERM.

CARRIED

Motion 881 (22-10-25)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REVISED *PROCEDURAL BY-LAW*, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 882 (22-10-25)
Moved by Stefano Pascucci
Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, APPROVE THE *POLICIES FOR REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT 2022 – 2023, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 883 (22-10-25)
Moved by Mario Pascucci
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT STAFF DEVELOP A REPORT TO LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY OF REPRESENTATION OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS WITH IDENTIFIED EXCEPTIONALITIES ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS.

CARRIED

Motion 884 (22-10-25)
Moved by Stefano Pascucci
Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

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

CARRIED

Motion 885 (22-10-25)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REVISED *POLICY 6.02: RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 886 (22-10-25)
Moved by Frank Di Cosola
Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *NEW POLICY: ELECTRONIC MONITORING, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 887 (22-10-25)
Moved by Luz del Rosario
Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *NEW POLICY 39.00: KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE: DUTY TO REPORT.*

CARRIED

Motion 888 (22-10-25)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESCIND *POLICY 2.0: CONCERNS AND REQUESTS RAISED BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND THE PUBLIC AND THAT *NEW POLICY: SCHOOL CONCERNS RESOLUTION, BE APPROVED AND ENACTED.**

CARRIED

Motion 889 (22-10-25)
Moved by Anna da Silva
Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE REVISED *POLICY 9.03: PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE – STUDENTS, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 890 (22-10-25)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE *POLICY 6.59: SCHOOL GRADUATIONS, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 891 (22-10-25)
Moved by Brea Corbet
Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE *POLICY 4.75: ACCEPTABLE NETWORK USE AND SECURITY, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

Motion 892 (22-10-25)
Moved by Mario Pascucci
Seconded by Frank Di Cosola

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE *NEW POLICY: CYBER SECURITY, AS AMENDED.*

CARRIED

3. 2023-2024 Education Funding Consultation

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha summarized the report and responded to questions of clarification.

1. Trustee Anna da Silva: I am pleased that Long Term Disability (LTD) is included, however I think it should not be the last item. I would like added to the list the fact that we are underfunded and still have to maintain underutilized schools. Maintenance and utility fees are climbing due to inflation. The Ministry should be providing funding over and above the capital funding to allow us to maintain and improve existing sports fields.
2. Trustee Brea Corbet: Could staff specify what ad-hoc reporting we would like to reduce? Did we not receive one-time funding for our declining enrolment?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We have received funding from the declining enrolment grant. We could add that the declining enrolment grant is not enough to support the sudden and significant decline.

3. Trustee Brea Corbet: Commented that we should add that the transportation funding formula is outdated, and we continue to be underfunded. I agree that LTD should be prioritized higher up in the report.

4. Trustee Mario Pascucci: The reference to parent events in the Joint Use of Schools section should include guardians and ratepayers as well. Also, please add in pools, arenas and recreational centres. I agree that LTD should be prioritized higher up in the report.
5. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: We need to highlight the limited number of special needs staff. We continue to overspend in the area of special education; however, we need to address that staffing for special needs continues to be an issue. This comes up repeatedly at the board table and at the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meetings.
6. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Once this list is revised to include tonight's input could trustees obtain a copy to use as information when speaking with our constituents? I do agree that the LTD issue should be prioritized to the top of the list.

Director Mazzorato: The list is in response to questions asked by OCSTA. We can reorder and prioritize LTD, which is in the additional feedback area of the report. We continue to raise the issue with OCSTA and the Ministry that our significant LTD burden does affect students and staff and what we are able to provide. Staff provided input, we cannot speak to the extent of the response or actions taken, however it is an opportunity for self-reflection, and is on record of what we believe are our needs and pressures.

Motion 893 (22-10-25)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2023-2024 EDUCATION FUNDING CONSULTATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 894 (22-10-25)

Moved by Mario Pascucci

Seconded by Brea Corbet

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2023-2024 EDUCATION FUNDING CONSULTATION, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. New Policy: Opening Exercises in Schools and at Formal Meetings

Counsel Beck introduced the policy.

Motion 895 (22-10-25)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NEW POLICY: OPENING EXERCISES IN SCHOOLS AND AT FORMAL MEETINGS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 896 (22-10-25)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT, NEW POLICY: OPENING EXERCISES IN SCHOOLS AND AT FORMAL MEETINGS.

CARRIED

5. New Policy 40.00: Safety of Pupils - School Closure-Early Dismissal

Counsel Beck summarized the report.

Motion 897 (22-10-25)

Moved by Luz del Rosario

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NEW POLICY: SAFETY OF PUPILS: SCHOOL CLOSURES-EARLY DISMISSAL, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 898 (22-10-25)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE NEW POLICY 40.00: SAFETY OF PUPILS: SCHOOL CLOSURES-EARLY DISMISSAL.

CARRIED

I. Notices of Motion

Trustee Mario Pascucci put forward a motion regarding International Languages.

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUEST STAFF TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE CURRENT PROGRAMS AND DELIVERY MODELS FOR INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES AND INCLUDE IN THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS AND DELIVERY MODES. THE REPORT IS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE MAY 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Director Mazzorato advised that the motion will be presented at the December Board Meeting.

J. Additional Business - Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees

1. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff advise if there is a policy regarding a sibling riding a bus with their sibling who rides a special needs bus?

Superintendent Thomas: The policy regarding special needs transportation identifies that unless the student is eligible for busing, they would not be provided a seat on the special needs bus with their sibling. There is an appeal process. The form is on the STOPR website.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Do we receive funding for students by enrolment numbers or by taxes collected from ratepayers?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: It is a combination of funding. DPCDSB completes a grants package with enrolment numbers and the total funding allocation is determined. We receive the funding in two-parts: the Municipality collects and submits to DPCDSB funds from property taxes, and the Ministry provides the difference.

- Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I have encountered several cases of discrepancies with ratepayers regarding voting lists. For instance, the voter is a Catholic supporter but is listed as a Public ratepayer.

Director Mazzorato: This issue was raised with the Minister today.

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

- Trustee Sharon Hobin: I had the opportunity today to speak on the weekly call with the Minister and raised this concern as a human rights issue. The right of every Catholic ratepayer to support Catholic education. He had spoken to Pat Daly, President of OCSTA about this issue. We should write a letter to both the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance regarding the default of property taxes to the public board.
- Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I agree that we should write a letter to both the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance and copy all Ontario Catholic school boards and OCSTA.

Director Mazzorato: May I suggest in preparing the letter, staff explore and detail the discrepancies with the voter lists. Staff could conduct a survey to gather testimonials and data of ratepayer experiences.

- Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Is there an opportunity for school boards to critique the lists and election process? I would suggest that we speak with the municipalities to advise that MPAC is not providing the correct lists.
- Trustee Anna da Silva: I encountered an N for non-residential and received a ballot form with no trustees listed. Why would a business owner/ratepayer not be able to vote for a trustee? The voter turnout was low, however, reviewing the unofficial numbers, it appears that the English Separate voter data is incorrect. At the polling station the personnel remarked that it was the most difficult and unorganized poll to work. Lack of training was evident. We are stakeholders in the process. We should be assured that our ratepayers are getting the correct ballots.
- Trustee Mario Pascucci: I would like to request that this issue of incorrect voting lists is added to the OCSTA Resolutions this year. I appreciate that Trustee Sharon Hobin raised the concern that the rights of Catholic ratepayers are in question.

Associate Director Del Bianco: The list we use is from MPAC as well, same data. We can cross reference some scenarios.

- Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can we promote that our ratepayers review their status?

General Manager Campbell: We can communicate more broadly the *Are you Ticked* material.

- Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Using School Messenger can we continue to communicate to families once their children graduate from DPCDSB?

Director Mazzorato: School Messenger draws contact information from student registrations, it is not viable to continue this process. We can consider other options.

11. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Trustees received a listing of ratepayers on September 1 and then again mid-month, why are the lists different?

Associate Director Del Bianco: On each municipal website voters were reminded to check their support and update information. These reminders do garner corrections and revised lists.

12. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we have MPAC come in to explain the system?

Director Mazzorato We can make that request.

13. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Did DPCDSB receive additional funding regarding the students from Ukraine?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Students captured in the count dates do impact the GSN.

14. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff provide enrolment numbers to share with the St. Sofia CES Catholic School Council (CSC) tomorrow?

Associate Director Del Bianco: We have been tracking students from Ukraine since February 2022. In June 2023 there is a meeting scheduled to share plans for September 2023 for this community. The student numbers are not as high as originally anticipated, there are currently about 150 students from Ukraine in DPCDSB.

15. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: If a student with special need leaves their home school to go to St. Sophia CES, what happens to the staff assigned to that student?

Associate Director Amaral: Staff resources are limited to family of schools. The collective agreement for educational resource workers (ERW) allows for the transfer of staff within the school year to support needs. The coordinator for the family of schools relies on a team process to realign staff within the school without adding staff where possible.

16. Trustee Anna da Silva: I wish to express my gratitude to so many people who have helped me be successful over the years: principals, superintendents, senior staff, parents, and teachers. I have enjoyed being a part of the Dufferin-Peel family. It has been a long, wonderful journey that began with my own children attending DPCDSB. Thank you to my fellow trustees. I appreciate that we have had difficult discussions around the table, but always leave the issues in the board room. We are here for the students and their families. That is what makes DPCDSB an exceptional board.

17. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff forward to me the name of the person who is responsible for purchasing. I am trying to identify if there is a master purchasing law for schools. A parent asked me because they were looking for logs for outside teaching areas.

Thank you to Superintendent Thomas for arranging a meeting with staff and the City of Mississauga regarding the removal of portables and portapaks. My preference would be that we have the permits in process.

Superintendent Thomas: We are following the process for removal and demolition of portapaks. There is a formal approval process in each municipality with variable

approval timelines and anticipated delays. We do have other portapak approvals queued for 2022-2023 that are part of the ventilation project that are prioritized.

18. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: My understanding from outside sources is that there is to be a revamping of wards in Mississauga. Can staff investigate and provide status?

19. Trustee Brea Corbet: Why are the controls of the new ventilation systems done centrally?

Superintendent Thomas: Generally, HVAC controls are linked to central building automation systems. The system is monitored, and the advantage is when issues arise, adjustments can be done centrally rather than having to send staff to schools.

20. Trustee Brea Corbet: When the HEPA systems run, they are loud and throw off heat. I understand some teachers are putting the systems in closets to avoid the noise.

Superintendent Thomas: The HEPA systems that have been deployed improve air quality and are to run from before the start of school until the end of the day. There are settings that can be adjusted, and noise can be reduced when switched to low. We have messaged administrators to ensure these units are being used. We will send out a reminder of their importance.

21. Trustee Brea Corbet: I have had comments that Scholastic book fairs do not have enough Catholic content. Is there another vendor?

Associate Director Amaral: We can take that back and investigate other vendors.

22. Trustee Brea Corbet: Are students in Grades 7 and 8 using paper agendas? If they are using electronic agendas, are paper copies also available? Parents/Guardians like the paper copy as a form of communication with the teacher.

Associate Director Amaral: Part of the EDWIN application for Grades 7 and 8 is the student electronic agenda. Paper agendas are available for all grades on request.

23. Trustee Anna da Silva: The paper agenda is an important practice for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students, and as a communication tool for parents.

Associate Director Amaral: Elementary schools have the option of providing paper agendas to their students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Grade 7 and 8 students generally use the electronic agendas provided in EDWIN. Paper agendas are available for all grades on request.

24. Trustee Frank di Cosola: I never imagined that 19 years would go so quickly, or that I would be elected five times as trustee for DPCDSB. I have great appreciation to staff for all the work done on behalf of our students and families. It has been my absolute pleasure to be a trustee for DPCDSB.

Trustee Sharon Hobin passed on regrets from Trustee Darryl D'Souza.

25. Trustee Sharon Hobin: A concern raised at CSC recently was regarding older schools that have chalkboards rather than whiteboards, which are installed in newer schools. Can we look at relocated whiteboards and SMART boards that are in shuttered classrooms? One

school is considering fundraising to replace 15 blackboards. Should school generated funds or CSC funds cover this expense?

Associate Director Del Bianco: When we shuttered classrooms prior to COVID, we relocated functioning SMART boards and whiteboards where possible. The expense was covered centrally, schools did not bear the cost.

Associate Director Amaral: New technology such as SMART boards are normally planned through the school and can be a combination of both CSC and operating funds.

Associate Director Del Bianco: Superintendent Thomas will review and consider a transitioning program to replace any remaining blackboards.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: At one time there was a reference that school generated funds or CSC funds should not be used to purchase such equipment, however there is a line that says they can “enhance” instructional resources.

Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the chair.

26. Trustee Luz del Rosario: Can staff provide the status of the request for proposal (RFP) for the LTD benefits?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The RFP is being moved forward. We will discuss further in the In Camera session.

L. Declared Interest Items

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

Trustees with a declared interest left the meeting.

1. Motion Recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee, October 4, 2022

Motion 899 (22-10-25)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE USE OF UP TO \$4 MILLION IN PROCEEDS OF DISPOSITION TO FUND JOINT USE PARTNERSHIPS INVOLVING SPORTS FIELDS AT ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL (CSS) AND ST. EDMUND CAMPION CSS, BASED ON MINISTER APPROVAL.

CARRIED

M. In Camera Session

Motion 900 (22-10-25)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN IN CAMERA MEETING IN RESPECT OF APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, RECEIPT OF IN CAMERA COMMITTEE MINUTES, MOTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND LETTERS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CRITERIA SET OUT ABOVE.

CARRIED

N. Report from In Camera

Motion 901 (22-10-25)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT IN RESPECT OF APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, RECEIPT OF IN CAMERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND APPROVAL OF LETTERS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

CARRIED

O. Future Meetings

November 22, 2022 (Inaugural Board Meeting)

November 29, 2022

December 13, 2022

January 31, 2023

February 28, 2023

March 28, 2023

April 25, 2023

May 30, 2023

June 20, 2023

P. Adjournment

Motion 902 (22-10-25)

Moved by Frank Di Cosola

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:13 P.M.

CARRIED

Business Arising from
Regular Board Meeting, October 25, 2022

H 3	2023-2024 Education Funding Consultation	
1.	Trustee Anna da Silva: Pleased that Long Term Disability (LTD) is included, however I think it should not be the last item. I would like added to the list the fact that we are underfunded and still have to maintain underutilized schools. Maintenance and utility fees are climbing due to inflation. The Ministry should be providing funding over and above the capital funding to allow us to maintain and improve existing sports fields.	Final version of the document, including input from trustees, was distributed to all trustees on October 31, 2022. A copy signed by the Chair of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Trustees was submitted to OCSTA on November 4, 2022.
2.	Trustee Brea Corbet: Could staff specify what ad-hoc reporting we would like to reduce? Did we not receive one-time funding for our declining enrolment?	Refer to 1. above
3.	Trustee Brea Corbet: Commented that we should add that the transportation funding formula is outdated, and we continue to be underfunded. I agree that LTD should be prioritized higher up in the report.	Refer to 1. above
4.	Trustee Mario Pascucci: The reference to parent events in the Joint Use of Schools section should include guardians and rate payers as well. Also, add in pools, arenas and recreational centres. I agree that LTD should be prioritized higher up in the report	Refer to 1. above
5.	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: We need to highlight the limited number of special needs staff. We continue to overspend in the area of special education; however, we need to address that staffing for special needs continues to be an issue. This comes up repeatedly at the board table and at the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meetings.	Refer to 1. above
6.	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Once this list is revised to include tonight's input could trustees obtain a copy to use as information when speaking with our constituents? I do agree that the LTD issue should be prioritized to the top of the list.	Refer to 1. above

K	Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees	
Q 8	Trustee Mario Pascucci: I would like to request that this issue is added to the OCSTA Resolutions this year. I appreciate that Trustee Sharon Hobin raised the concern that the rights of Catholic ratepayers are in question.	A report will be coming forward regarding OCSTA Resolutions 2023.
Q 9	Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can we promote that our ratepayers review their status?	We can communicate more broadly the <i>Are you Ticked</i> material.
Q 10	Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Using School Messenger can we continue to communicate to families once their children have graduated from DPCDSB?	This is not an option through School Messenger. Schools would have to create and manage their own distribution lists through Outlook.
Q 12	Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we have MPAC come in to explain the system?	On-going.
Q 17	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff forward to me the name of the person who is responsible for purchasing. I am trying to identify if there is a master purchasing law for schools. A parent asked me because they were looking for logs for outside teaching areas.	The Supply Chain Catalogue is an online integrated system available only internally to staff of the DPCDSB. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with the school principal to address questions and concerns.
Q 18	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: My understanding from outside sources is that there is to be a revamping of wards in Mississauga. Can staff investigate and provide status in Issues and Events?	Ongoing.
Q 20	Trustee Brea Corbet: When the HEPA systems run, they are loud and throw off heat. I understand some teachers are putting the systems in closets to avoid the noise.	Protocols around the operation of HEPA filters have been shared by the Health and Safety Department. A further update was provided during the Director's Webcast on October 26.
Q 21	Trustee Brea Corbet: I have had comments that Scholastic book fairs do not have enough Catholic content. Is there another vendor?	Ongoing.
Q 25	Trustee Sharon Hobin: A concern raised at CSC recently was regarding older schools that have some chalkboards rather than whiteboards, which are used in newer schools. Can we look at relocated whiteboards and SMART boards that are in shuttered classrooms? One school is considering fundraising to replace fifteen blackboards. Is the expectation that fundraising funds/CSC should cover this expense?	The Facilities Department will be working with schools to investigate the replacement of chalkboards to whiteboards through the Facilities Renewal Program.