

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair:	M. Pascucci		
Vice Chair:	S. Hobin		
Trustees:	A. Abbruscato	D. D'Souza	A. da Silva
	L. del Rosario	F. Di Cosola	B. Iannicca
	E. O'Toole	T. Thomas	S. Xaviour
Student Trustees:	S. Cameron	K. Tom	
Director of Education:			M. Mazzorato
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	L. Storey	S. Strong	M. Vecchiarino
Counsel:	M. Beck		
General Managers:	B. Campbell	B. Hester	R. Moriah
Recorder:	L. Mackereth		

**A Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance  
Chair M. Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory  
Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci, acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. Opening Prayer  
Chair of the Board, M. Pascucci, led the Opening Prayer.
4. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in the Private Session item.

Trustee S. Hobin—family members belong to OECTA  
Trustee A. Abbruscato—family members belong to OECTA  
Trustee B. Iannicca—family members belong to CUPE and OECTA  
Trustee M. Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

**Motion 296 (17-11-21) by L. del Rosario**

**Seconded by D. D'Souza**

**THAT THE IN CAMERA SESSION DECLARED INTEREST ITEM BE MOVED TO DECLARED INTEREST PRIVATE SESSION.**

***CARRIED***

5. Approval of the Agenda

- i) Approval of Consent of Calendar Items

**Motion 297 (17-11-21) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 24, 2017

**Motion 298 (17-11-21) by B. Iannicca**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2017, BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

- i) Business Arising from the Minutes  
Nil

**B Awards and Presentations**

1. Proclamation for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27, 2018

**Motion 299 (17-11-21) by T. Thomas**

**Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

**THAT THE PROCLAMATION WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

*Trustee E. O'Toole joined the meeting in progress.*

**Motion 300 (17-11-21) by D. D'Souza**

**Seconded by S. Xaviour**

**WHEREAS THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DESIGNATED JANUARY 27 AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**AND**

**WHEREAS THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CONDEMNS ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION, HATE AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST PERSONS OR COMMUNITIES, AS CONTRARY TO GOD'S INTENT.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZES JANUARY 27  
AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND ENDEAVOURS TO  
PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND  
AWARENESS OF GENOCIDE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF.**

***CARRIED***

2. Brampton University-Robert Seguin and Michelle Gajek

**Motion 301 (17-11-21) by A. da Silva**

**Seconded by S. Xaviour**

**THAT THE PRESENTATION BY BRAMPTON UNIVERSITY, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

R. Seguin, Advisor and M. Gajek, Strategic Development Advisor, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Corporation of the City of Brampton presented the vision, partnerships and transformation for the proposed Brampton University. Partnered with Ryerson University and Sheridan College, an application has been submitted to the province to establish a new university facility in Brampton, a centre for education, innovation and collaboration.

3. Recognition of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Award Winners—M. Zoric and J. Millson-Thompson

**Motion 302 (17-11-21) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT RECOGNITION OF ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (OAPCE) AWARD WINNER M. ZORIC, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Motion 303 (17-11-21) by S. Xaviour**

**Seconded by D. D'Souza**

**THAT RECOGNITION OF ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (OAPCE) AWARD WINNER J. MILLSON-THOMPSON, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Director of Education M. Mazzorato recognized M. Zoric, winner of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) 2017 Glorya Nanne Award and J. Millson-Thompson, winner of the OAPCE 2017 Volunteer Parent of the Year Award.

## **C Pastor's Remarks**

Father Ryan Alemao-Associate Pastor, Merciful Redeemer Parish

Father Ryan Alemao shared his experiences with students in Dufferin-Peel schools.

Trustee E. O'Toole welcomed Father Alemao to the community and asked him to continue to visit secondary schools to help students with their faith. Student Trustee K.Tom thanked Father Alemao for his dedication and also encouraged him to continue to visit secondary students.

Trustee M. Pascucci thanked Father Alemao for his dedication.

**Motion 304 (17-11-21) by E. O'Toole**

**Seconded by S. Hobin**

**THAT THE PASTOR'S REMARKS BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**D Delegations**

Nil

**E Information/Reports from Trustees, for Receipt**

- i) Regular Reports
- ii) Good News Items

Trustee S. Hobin shared:

**All Saints School**

Remembrance Day was marked with a beautiful liturgy. The Youth Faith Ambassadors collected candy for Dr. Simone again this year. Ray John came in during treaty week to share with students how we are all people of promise and relationship. The CCCC Action team is helping to build faith and responsiveness through the introduction of Christian meditation. The Grade 8 students are developing the school through rosary instruction and prayer. The Grade 7 and 8 student CCCC volunteers are beginning their work with an assembly to recognize Anti Bullying Week, to create a school focus of safety and start a school spirit week of events focusing on a safe and inclusive school community. The All Saints team have worked creatively together during the PA day to further develop the CSILC as lead by our school team to focus on renewing the promise of developing our Catholic learners through our work to know the learner.

**Christ the King Catholic School**

Every year, during the month of November, Christ the King's school community has the unique opportunity to deepen their knowledge of and appreciation for our veterans as Brian Masson, retired and former teacher of Christ the King, displays his personal collection of artifacts from World War I and II. As well, the Youth Faith Ambassadors and our Grade 5 class organized a moving Remembrance Day/Virtue of Conscience assembly to help our students pay their respects to our fallen soldiers. On November 6 to 11 Christ the King School celebrated National Treaties week by promoting awareness. During Bullying Prevention and Awareness week, students recited our school Anti-bullying Pledge and engaged in a variety of activities.

**St. Christopher School**

The St. Christopher Crusaders are always on a mission. The Student Parliament and Youth Faith Ambassadors provided a memorable presentation on the Virtue of Conscience tied in with the Remembrance Day celebration on November 10. The Grade 7 students are prepared and celebrated their upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation; they have now chosen to be adult members of the Church. St. Christopher School is excited for the upcoming Advent Season, and will celebrate with a special evening Mass on December 13 at the Church. This will be a community Mass in preparation of Advent where we have school wide participation in the forms of voice, song and readings. The Crusaders know that this month's virtue was conscience and it is evident in how we all make decisions and take responsibility for our own actions.

### **St. Clare School**

The St. Clare Youth Faith Ambassadors organized a beautiful Remembrance Day Service. The Rosary Apostolate volunteers continue to work with classes to learn about and pray the Rosary. The Intermediate Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams participated in a Tournament at St. Joseph Secondary and both teams have won their first game of the season. The School Council sponsored a Mathletes day for students. St. Clare had a community event at the Hershey Centre beginning with a Family Skate followed by the choir singing the national anthem prior to watching the Steelheads Hockey game. The Choir is preparing for Advent Mass, our Christmas Concert and they will be singing at the Seniors' Mass in December at the church. On November 29, Grade 2 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **St. Francis of Assisi School**

This month SFA celebrated Treaty Recognition in which each class defined a treaty and created classroom treaties. SFA was very blessed to listen to the teachings of Ray John Jr. and Betsy from the Oneida of the Thames. In attendance with the Dufferin-Peel director's team and the Chair of the Board of Trustees was Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and David Zimmer, Ontario Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Denise Wild's Sewing Studio, a hands-on sewing program for students that focused on confidence, self-regulation and growth mindset was welcomed to the school. Homage was paid to all of our veterans with our Remembrance Day activities. SFA celebrates bullying prevention and support week. Also taking place was a Jump2Math program for students, as well as a school Math night, which was a kinesthetic, multi-sensory approach to teaching Math with physical exercise and math games.

### **St. Helen School**

Remembrance Day Monthly Assembly took place on November 10 with all classes participating and the host class did a liturgy and PowerPoint presentation on Remembrance Day prepared with student input. Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, November 25 with pancakes, pictures and Santa. EcoSchool Activities continue and the Peace Butterfly Garden is flourishing. Classroom visits continue by Fr. Sanji from St. Christopher. Grade 8 classroom visits from Iona Secondary staff help Grade 8 students prepare for high school. The Grade 8s also visited Iona Secondary. Loretta Penny Presentation was shown to all students on Environmental Preservation. Junior and Intermediate Intramural Volleyball Teams play every lunch time. Constable Billy presents to all classes on Anti-bullying and Safety.

### **St. Louis School**

November was a month of Remembrance which began with a Treaty Recognition presentation to our students. To continue this learning, our storyteller, Mrs. Vedi, retold First Nation Stories to our students every Monday in November. November 10 gave our Grade 8 class the opportunity to present remembrances of war past and present and we had our very own Grade 8 student who is an Air Cadet stand at attention for the entire Remembrance Day Assembly. Mid-month our school secretary of 17 years, Mrs. Carli, announced that she was able to get a secretarial position closer to her home which provided an opportunity for staff and students to reflect on her service and years with the St. Louis community. We will miss Mrs. Carli very much.

### **St. Luke Catholic School**

In the month of November, the Remembrance Day Liturgy was attended by the Rosary Apostolates and 2nd Lieutenant Brandon Filatow. St. Luke celebrated Bullying Awareness Week with the kick off at a Mississauga Steelheads Game, weekly prayers and announcements. Our

Grade 5 classes will support “Fatima House” in India, through their charitable donations collected on Giving Tuesday. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors are busy working on our Angel on the Tree Drive which promotes our OCGSE and Gospel message ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

#### **St. Margaret of Scotland School**

“Be glad at such a time, and dance for joy; for your reward is great in Heaven” (Luke 6:23)  
Setting the bar high, last year's Grade 8 students won 1st place in ballroom dancing national competitions in Niagara Falls. They came back to St. Margaret of Scotland to pose with their trophy. The endless hours of practice, dedication and hard work paid off. The staff is so proud of them and overjoyed. Well deserved! What a wonderful graduation gift it was for them and what a way to end the school year 2016-17. Congratulations.

#### **St. Mark School**

Renewing our promise to Social Justice and outreach, St. Mark School prepares for the arrival of Pere Benoit, Director of Education of Jacmel Haiti, by preparing letters for the students (pen pals) of Le Bon Pasteur in Jacmel and continuing to weave mats from milk bags to help the families in Haiti. Our Remembrance Day Service proved to be quite enlightening and moving as a Piper from the Streetsville Legion performed. Our community officers graced us with their presence, while the Grade 7 students led our liturgy.

#### **Iona Catholic Secondary School**

Lest We Forget

On Remembrance Day, Iona's student community gathered together to remember Canadian soldiers who laid down their lives to make the world a better place. This year Iona history students cast a special focus on the 100th anniversary of the battle at Passchendaele. Under the dedicated guidance of Social Science teacher M. Rodrigues, students created sets of paper dog tags containing the names and details of over 150 Canadian soldiers who died in this brutal battle. In a moving Remembrance Day ceremony in the school foyer, Iona students had a chance to uniquely connect with each soldier by placing their thumb print in red ink on a space on a tag. A black center dot was then added to each thumb print to create a poppy. This emotional event was concluded with a prayer and the customary two minutes of silence to remember our heroes.

#### **Loyola Catholic Secondary School**

In early November Grade 9 students participated in Take Your Kids to Work Day.

On November 2 students from Grade 9 to 12 spent the day at Iroquois Kanata Village in Brantford. Guest speaker, Betsy Kehego, addressed 100 students during Treaties Recognition on November 6 and there was a U of T presentation to senior students on Academic Integrity in the Loyola library.

On November 14 the Waterloo Beaver Computing Competition was held for senior students at Loyola. Thank you to the Chaplaincy HOPE group who visited seniors at Erin Mills Lodge.

On November 15, Loyola hosted “Bring Your MP to Work Day”; MP Iqra Khalid spoke to 100 Grade 9 to 12 students about her journey, the importance of perseverance and student voice. Almost 200 students participated in the annual Semi-Formal on November 16.

On November 16 the Senior Girls' Basketball Warriors competed at ROPSSAA and won against defending champions; the girls now advance to OFSSAA beginning this Wednesday. We are so proud of all the women players and their coach Tim Habib.

**St. Rose of Lima School**

Following the Halloween Dance and night of Trick or Treating, the students of St. Rose of Lima school collected 37 bags of candy for Dr. Simone's Candy Drive. We are proud of our students for supporting Canadian Food for Children. Great job.

**St. Sebastian Catholic School**

Congratulations to St. Sebastian for winning the Junior Boys volleyball Board championship on Tuesday, October 24. We are extremely proud of the students and their show of sportsmanship.

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School**

17 students volunteered to be on a Salesian Retreat. A School Community Curriculum initiative called Financial Literacy Week took place and the entire school took part. It was called "Invest Today for Tomorrow" with community partners delivering workshops on Digital footprint, mock interview with 10-15 local businesses, resume reviews etc. Something to offer each grade level throughout the week, as they plan for their future and being financially aware and responsible throughout the week. Gonzaga students participated in running a Mental Health and Well Being event called Beautiful Mind. We are excited to announce that MiWay Student Ambassador Program have selected the 2017/18 Student Ambassador(s) to represent MiWay at Gonzaga. The reps are N. Menezes (Grade 12) and T. Lo (Grade 12). Post Secondary Fair Evening for 39 post secondary reps, 15 US universities and colleges took place at the school. OSAP info for parents, students Career Day for all pathways and over 70 community partners exhibiting and interacting with students about diverse careers in today's economy were present. Gonzaga's Fall Fair Dance saw over 400 tickets sold for the evening event. The Haunted House had over 200 students in attendance and Spirit Activity over 400 students in attendance. Congratulations to all those winning students who were able to attend the Gonzaga Awards Night and Awards Breakfast.

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School**

The Red Dress Project Students in the V.O.I.C.E. group (Venturing Out In Christ's Eyes) wore red shirts with the saying "Ask me Why" on the front to bring awareness to Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women. Students who engaged on this issue were given a wristband so they can also wear a red top in solidarity. This student inspired initiative included a display of red dresses on our stage as a visual reminder. Excellent recognition of this terrible crisis.

Trustee S. Xaviour shared:

**St. John Fisher School**

All of the Grade 8 students were commissioned as Youth Faith Ambassadors at our Opening Mass by Father Imperial on Friday, November 3. They received the school spirit t-shirts that name them as Youth Faith Ambassadors marked with the cross naming all the virtues. They have led our community in the first Virtues assembly and will continue to do so each month.

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School**

Provincially, the first week of November each year is Treaties Recognition Week. The goal is to recognize the importance of treaties and to bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province. We are fortunate to have Betsy Kechego from Chippewas of the Thames First Nation speak to the Grade 6 to 8 classes at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys on November 8.

### **Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School**

We had a terrific turn-out for Parent/Teacher Interviews on October 26, 2017.

The Awards Ceremony took place November 1, 2017. This year's event was held during the day and proved to be more successful than in the evening as more parents attended during the day and all the staff and students were present to celebrate with the award winners.

November 9, 2017 was Grade 8 Information Night. Trustee Shawn Xavier brought greetings to the packed house on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Interest in Holy Name of Mary is huge!

The Business SHSM Presentation and Breakfast took place November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

A. Verschuren, former CEO of Home Depot Canada will be the Keynote Speaker

M. Manak, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School student, created one of the bullying awareness posters that was distributed to all schools to bring greater awareness and promote a culture of care, respect and inclusion for all.

### **St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School**

Healthy Schools Initiative - On Thursday, October 26, our Grade 11 Leadership class along with our community partners at Rising Stars kicked off our Healthy Schools Initiative by offering the Amazing Race - Get Up and Get Active Edition. The LEAD Healthy Schools Initiative is about the active and healthy engagement of the Aquinas Community. Basically, students had A MINUTE TO WIN IT! Throughout student lunches in the cafeteria, the Aquinas' student body participated in a series of unique and fun activities about being active, healthy eating, and stress management. Student were instructed to complete an Amazing Race Scorecard, which then served as their ticket to win cool prizes and giveaways.

Visit to Regeneration-On October 2, a group of Aquinas Grade 12 students had the opportunity to visit Regeneration, an organization that provides services and meals to members in our community who are in need. The students engaged in games, arts/crafts and cooking a meal from scratch and serving it to over 100 clients at Regeneration. Students took the time to enter into dialogue with homeless people and learn their life story. It was a heartwarming and eye opening experience which exemplifies the Catholic Graduate Expectation "A Responsible Citizen," who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting justice and the sacredness of human life.

Thanksgiving Food Drive-The St. Thomas Aquinas Thanksgiving food, toiletries and clothing drive to support the Dominica was a huge success. Students and teachers donated various items to assist those in need after the devastating Hurricane Maria that hit the Dominica. The generosity and kindness of the students and staff in donating towards the drive is much appreciated.

### **When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Forum**

On October 26, nine students from St. Thomas Aquinas attended the When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Forum. Students had the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker Chris Ray and engage in meaningful breakout sessions with other Catholic Secondary Schools across Ontario. It was a wonderful day of praise, worship, pedagogy and reflection.



Trustee E. O'Toole shared:

Congratulations to St Joan of Arc and St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary Schools for the wonderful awards ceremonies. The number of honour roll students is awesome.

**St. Albert of Jerusalem School**

St. Albert of Jerusalem is observing Bullying Prevention the week of November 20 to November 24, 2017. We are doing daily prayers public service announcements, reflections, and ongoing Bullying Prevention lessons. We have displays for Bullying prevention in the Library, the Primary wing has a display of literature and Junior/Intermediate hallway has a display with inspirational quotes to stop bullying. Together We Can All Stop Bullying.

**St. Edith Stein School**

St. Edith Stein School Council hosted another highly successful Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 18. This annual community fun filled event featured 60 vendors, delicious baked goods and amazing raffle prizes. Patrons included St. Edith Stein parents, students, teachers and dozens of people from the Meadowvale community. Congratulations to the school council, with many thanks for their time and organization.

**St. Faustina School**

St. Faustina celebrated Remembrance Day Ceremony with community and included iMovie of photos recognizing family members who were/are veterans or currently enlisted.

**St. John of the Cross School**

The St. John of the Cross Student Council has been very active and have been working on Bullying Awareness during the month of November. They made a large banner which is hanging in the main hallway and each student in the school added to the banner by writing how they will work to eliminate bullying from the school through kindness. The student council will be involved in announcements and liturgies during Bullying Awareness Week.

**St. Joseph Catholic School**

Michal R., a student at St. Joseph Streetsville, was Principal for a Day. Michal participated in our annual Chocolate Fundraiser and we draw one lucky person to be Principal for a Day.

Michal had a fun day visiting classrooms, having a special lunch with his friends, and putting some new rules in place like longer recesses and NO HOMEWORK.

**St. Richard School**

St. Richard School organized a Hallowe'en Candy Drive for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. The treats were collected and boxed up in our front foyer. All the candy, six large boxes, was delivered to Dr. Simone's Warehouse, Canadian Food for Children.

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**St. Simon Stock School**

St. Simon Stock School engaged in the Eco-Initiative / Healthy Living initiative by promoting *Walk to School Wednesdays*. The co-ed Intermediate Flag Football Team won the championship. Students and staff participated in a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony at lead by our Grade 7 students. The Youth Education Officer visits Grade 4 and 6 classes to discuss Safety On-Line.

**St. Teresa of Avila School**

Students and staff participated in the Dr. Simone Hard Candy collection, Christian mediation group, a popcorn fundraiser for the CCCCAT initiatives, pumpkin cookie sales for graduation and Anti-Bullying initiatives.

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus School**

The St. Therese of the Child Jesus Youth Faith Ambassadors have been hard at work during the month of November. Early in the month, they promoted Dr. Simone's Candy Drive, an initiative supporting Canadian Food for Children in Mississauga. Currently, Our YFA's have initiated a stewardship project called "Operation Christmas Child", in partnership with St. John of the Cross Parish. This project is an opportunity for students and members of the school community to offer assistance to those less fortunate and bless the lives of children living in desperate situations in the developing world during the Christmas season by collecting and donating useful items. Currently, St. Therese has filled 195 boxes for this initiative. Finally, our YFA's have also been hard at work preparing for Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week (November 20-24) with numerous activities planned throughout the week.

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School**

The Midget girls cross country team won the ROPSSA championship and moved on to represent Dufferin Peel at the OFSSA championships in Petawawa.

Trustee T. Thomas shared:

Congratulations to Holy Cross Elementary School on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Many past and present teachers and students joined together to celebrate on November 15, 2017.

Trustee A. da Silva shared:

**St. Alphonsa Catholic School**

Congratulations to St. Alphonsa Catholic School for successfully acquiring 100% of the parent body on their email blast out list. This will save an estimated 30 boxes of paper this year alone.

**St. Francis Xavier Elementary School**

Over 200 boxes of various items were collected for Operation Christmas Child, a charity that serves needy children all over the world. This is the most ever collected by the St. FX Elementary school community. We are both proud and grateful. Many thanks to parents, students, and teachers, especially Mrs. Deverell and Mrs. Molinaro, for organizing this event.

Trustee A. da Silva represented Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at the Brampton Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11, 2017.

Trustee L. del Rosario recognized all schools for their Remembrance Day celebrations noting the learning benefit provided to all students through participation in the events.

Trustee D. D'Souza shared:

**St. Roch Catholic Secondary School**

Congratulations to St. Roch students H. Peters and M. Wysocki for having their anti-bullying posters selected to be distributed to schools during the anti-bullying month campaign.

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**St. Daniel Comboni Catholic School**

The St. Daniel Comboni Catholic School community collected over 90 pounds of candy for Dr. Simone's hard candy drive. These candies support children in third world countries by activating saliva glands to help digestion and their ability to absorb nutrients.

**St. Aidan Catholic School**

Congratulations to St. Aidan Catholic School staff and students that have already raised over \$1000 for ShareLife. In addition, to being one of the top donating school in the archdiocese for 2016-2017 we are hoping to achieve the same goal for this school year

iii) Chair's Year End Verbal Report to the Board

It is a Dufferin-Peel tradition that the chair addresses the board of trustees at the November board meeting to provide a kind of "state of the board" account of the past year. It is my honour and pleasure to speak with you tonight as we approach the end of the third year of our four-year mandate as a board.

Let me first say that it has been an honour and pleasure to serve as your chair for the past year.

We have done great things together and I know it is our shared commitment to Catholic education and the students and families we serve. You would agree that I never tire of trumpeting Dufferin-Peel's incredible successes and accomplishments. In fact, it is our practice to do so wherever we go. You may have heard me say over the years that we are one of the leading school boards in this province.

That is a statement that we stand firmly behind. And that's not just idle talk. It's something that I .... that we .... can back up! Examples include: Student success and well-being, innovation, a strong Catholic learning environment, support and advocacy for our students/parents/guardians, families and all stakeholders. Strong relationships with our parishes and the archdiocese.

Stewardship of our resources, both financial and environmental, our commitment to diversity and inclusion, our ability to work hand in hand with senior management and staff, building excellent relationships with our unions and associations.

Respect for each other at the board table, strong, committed Catholic leadership, a culture and tradition of excellence.... I could go on and on, but these are just a few of the many variables that give me the confidence to make such an unwavering statement that we stand behind Catholic education.

As a board, we have faced difficult decisions and I know we have tried to balance fiscal responsibility with compassion. We saw this with the closure of St. Gertrude and St. Dunstan elementary schools in Mississauga. Probably one of the most difficult decisions that the board has had to deal with.

I was pleased that we were able to recognize the good work of all staff by adopting May 1 as Staff Recognition Day in Dufferin-Peel.

I was also pleased with the addition of the inspirational videos and personal appearances from our local pastors as part of the *Pastor's Remarks* section of our Board meetings. We even went beyond local with the recent visit of Bishop McPherson from Montego Bay, Jamaica. These help set a positive, grounded start to our meetings and serve as a reminder that we are all servant leaders.

The Director and I also met with the Minister of Education from Seoul, Korea.

This September, we opened St. Daniel Comboni in Brampton and what an incredible facility that is, incorporating the latest technology and architecture designed to enhance student learning.

I look forward to the two additional schools we will open next September in Brampton and Caledon.

We continue to thrive and spread the Good News of Catholic education throughout our jurisdiction. The Good News items at the beginning of our board meetings is an indication of the many wonderful things that take place in our schools and around the board each and every day.

I would like to touch on our board's relationship for the Archdiocese of Toronto and specifically with ShareLife. We have consistently been one of the top, if not the top board in terms of dollars raised for ShareLife. Charitable giving is an inherent part of our faith and culture and we look to increase our overall contributions to our partners at ShareLife in the coming year, primarily through school-based fundraising. I would also make mention our schools' long tradition of fundraising for Terry Fox and cancer research. I believe that Dufferin-Peel schools are also among the leading fundraising schools annually.

This year, we expanded our use of technology to enhance community engagement. Our two public budget consultation webcasts were a resounding success and we will use this tool as a means of further direct connection with our communities on various issues moving forward. Again, on technology and parent engagement, our online payment system is now firmly entrenched across the board and this, too, has received very positive feedback from parents and guardians.

Over the past year, we incorporated into our board by-law, the acknowledgement that we are located on the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and I am very pleased that this acknowledgement has quickly become entrenched in our culture throughout our schools and facilities. As a board, we issued a number of proclamations this past year, including recognition of Treaty Week, which took place earlier this month. We continue to delve into deeper understanding and appreciation as treaty partners by learning more about, and from, Indigenous partnerships. One such example is the Indigenous Education Advisory Council. This council is a partnership with representation from First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities. The council meets to discuss and collaborate on the Board Action Plan for Indigenous Education. Through this ongoing collaboration, we hope to further our knowledge and understanding to better serve all members of our learning community.

This year, we experienced the retirement of numerous senior management, staff and school administrators. Conversely, we welcomed a new generation of system leaders and we are pleased to work with them for the benefit of our students, parents/guardians, stakeholders and families. Like the steel company *Dofasco* used to say, "Our strength is our people," and we have good people at all levels of the organization.

Our annual celebration of Catholic Education Week this past spring provides our schools with the opportunity to showcase themselves within their community and I was so impressed by our schools, individually and collectively, as centres of excellence in Catholic education. We

saw such a well-rounded presentation of events throughout our system. We should be very proud and I know that we are.

We recently approved a strategy to prepare for the development of our 2019-2023 multi-year strategic plan. As the director has said on numerous occasions, "This is our plan." It belongs to trustees and I look forward to working with you all as we focus on moving the system forward, guided by this critically important document.

Challenges will remain. But I have every confidence that the men and women around this table, supported by our staff, will meet the challenges and exceed the expectations of our community. This is as strong, healthy and vibrant a board on which I have had the privilege of serving. I will never waver in my support for this board, our community, and Catholic education.

To my colleagues around the table, I appreciate the support, wisdom, encouragement, energy and friendship that you have shared with me over the past year. I want to thank the trustees that have served Dufferin-Peel for a number of years. The community thanks you for your dedication to Catholic education

To Director Mazzorato, Exec Council and senior staff, I thank you for the support, expertise, patience and building a team that has helped me and all of us around the board table over the past year. I say thank you as well to staff at all levels, to our unions and associations, our parishes, the archdiocese and all of our many community partners. And thank you to the parents/guardians and Catholic ratepayers who elected us to represent them and to carry the torch of Catholic education in our communities.

St. Peter said, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

As servant leaders in Catholic education, this is our call. Let's all use our gifts well as we move forward with a keen sense of pride and accomplishment, but also with an awareness that the job is never done.

I know I speak for every one of you around this table in promising that we will continue to work hard on behalf of the students and families in our care, and for the gift which is paramount in our existence, Catholic education.

Thank you.

**Motion 305 (17-11-21) by A. Abbruscato**

**Seconded by S. Xaviour**

**THAT THE CHAIR'S YEAR END VERBAL REPORT TO THE BOARD, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 306 (17-11-21) by E. O'Toole**

**Seconded by L. del Rosario**

**THAT THE CHAIR'S YEAR END VERBAL REPORT BE READ INTO THE MINUTES.**

***CARRIED***

**F Reports from Committees, for Receipt**

1. Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting, September 7, 2017—S. Xaviour

**Motion 307 (17-11-21) by S. Xaviour**

**Seconded by T. Thomas**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, October 3, 2017—F. Di Cosola

**Motion 308 (17-11-21) by F. Di Cosola**

**Seconded by S. Xaviour**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 2017, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

3. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee – October 10, 2017—L. del Rosario

**Motion 309 (17-11-21) by L. del Rosario**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 2017, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee – October 11, 2017—S. Hobin

**Motion 310 (17-11-21) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by L. del Rosario**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 11, 2017, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

5. Minutes of the Mississauga Public Library Board Meeting, October 18, 2017

**Motion 311 (17-11-21) by T. Thomas**

**Seconded by A. Abbruscato**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MISSISSAUGA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 2017, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**G Information/Reports from Administration, for Receipt**

1. Distinguished Alumni  
*Chair M. Pascucci passed the Chair to Trustee S. Hobin.*

**Motion 312 (17-11-21) by M. Pascucci**

**Seconded by D. D'Souza**

**THAT THE REPORT, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI, BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

Director of Education M. Mazzorato reviewed the report which outlined the Distinguished Alumni poster series and also recognized trustees who are alumni of Dufferin-Peel schools.

Trustee M. Pascucci recognized Trustee B. Iannicca, Trustee E. O’Toole and Trustee S. Xaviour as graduates of Dufferin-Peel schools. Trustee A. da Silva thanked the trustees for their service to the board.

Trustee M. Pascucci resumed the chair.

**H Trustee, Committee, Administration Reports, Requiring Action**

1. Motion Recommended by the Audit Committee November 13, 2017

**Motion 313 (17-11-21) by E. O’Toole**

**Seconded by F. Di Cosola**

**THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017, BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

2. New Membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee: December 2017 to December 2018

**Motion 314 (17-11-21) by S. Hobin**

**Seconded by L. del Rosario**

**THAT THE REPORT, NEW MEMBERSHIP ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DECEMBER 2017 TO DECEMBER 2018, BE RECEIVED.**

***CARRIED***

**Motion 315 (17-11-21) by E. O’Toole**

**Seconded by L. del Rosario**

**THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF BOBBI WILSON AS MEMBER-AT-LARGE –CCCSC ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

**I Notices of Motion**

Nil

**J Additional Business**

Nil

**K Questions asked of, and by Board Members**

1. Trustee S. Xaviour advised of two Toronto FC players who are Dufferin-Peel alumni.
2. Trustee A. da Silva inquired about anaphylactic policies and responsibilities. Associate Director D. Amaral advised at the beginning of each school year all staff are trained. Staff encourage parents not to send foods with allergens. Staff send letters home advising of allergies in the classroom.

Director M. Mazzorato noted trustees do not have a policy that identify schools as being nut free.



In response to Trustee A. da Silva's inquiry about protocol of epipen administration, Director Mazzorato advised if an individual is experiencing an anaphylactic reaction, the epipen is administered and a call to 911 takes place. The parents would be contacted.

3. Trustee A. Abbruscato expressed frustration with a school bus arriving up to 1.5 hours late. The bus operator was contacted and provided a reason for the lateness. Superintendent D. Del Bianco echoed concern when the expected service is not delivered. Existing contracts expire in August 2018 and the new policy will have a financial impact or measure in place for unsatisfactory service.

This problem is province-wide. Operators cannot retain bus drivers. Trustees may wish to relay the challenges to the Ministry Transportation Task Force through OCSTA.

4. In response to Trustee E. Toole's inquiry concerning driveway lights at St. Elizabeth Seton, Superintendent D. Del Bianco advised that a work order was recently submitted by the school and, as a result, the lights have been repaired.
5. Trustee S. Hobin inquired about sponsorships in the schools. Staff will report back.
6. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about a mechanism to send text messages or alerts directly to parents. Superintendent R. Eberhardt advised that ICT is working with two secondary schools to upgrade the Synrevoice system (now 'School Connect'). The new version will allow schools to continue to use phone messages as they did in the past but also incorporates the ability to send communications to parents via email and/or text. It also incorporates the ability for telephone surveys. The balance of secondary schools are scheduled for later this year, probably sometime after March break.  
Superintendent Eberhardt advised the system is not in place in elementary and would be a budgetary issue.
7. Trustee B. Iannicca inquired about a policy or a plan for students that are confined to a wheelchair when the school or class go on field trips such as Silver Creek. Superintendent T. Cruz advised all students are encouraged and invited to participate in field trips. Accessible transportation and inclusive activities are planned to include all students. Trustee B. Iannicca asked that schools be reminded.
8. In response to Trustee B. Iannicca's hot weather inquiry, Superintendent S. Strong indicated both the Occupational Health and Safety Act and public health authorities do not have an upper limit with regard to extreme temperatures. The Board has a GAP regarding temperatures and heat stroke and procedures to follow with staff and students when we are dealing with extreme weather. Dufferin-Peel, to date, has not closed a school for extreme heat.
9. In response to Trustee B. Iannicca's inquiry concerning supply teachers, Superintendent S. Strong advised when teaching staff enter their absence in the absence management system, the system automatically generates a supply teacher call out.
10. Trustee F. Di Cosola questioned if buses are using GPS tracking. Superintendent D. Del Bianco advised bus operators have access to the GPS to keep track of their buses. An app to track bus GPS is a top priority for STOPR. Currently an app only exists for public transit and STOPR is actively exploring similar apps for school bus services.

11. Trustee T. Thomas inquired about sufficient supply of DECE workers. Superintendent S. Strong indicated a shortage in available qualified DECE Workers and ERWs at all school boards. Qualified applicants are reviewed immediately for assessment and recruitment and potentially a job offer.
12. Trustee A. da Silva suggested an app to communicate transportation delays would provide parents comfort.
13. Trustee S. Hobin inquired if members of Catholic School Councils would be allowed to raise money to pay for supply teachers. Director M. Mazzorato advised that how school generated funds are spent is undertaken in consultation with Catholic School Councils and must be transparent.

**L Declared Interest Items**

Nil

**M In Camera Session**

**Motion 316 (17-11-21) by B. Iannicca**

**Seconded by S. Xaviour**

**THAT THE BOARD RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE IN CAMERA SESSION.**

***CARRIED***

**N Rise and Report**

Approved:

Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting, September 26, 2017

Received:

Personnel Matters

**Motion 317 (17-11-21) by D. D'Souza**

**Seconded by A. da Silva**

**THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA BE PRESENTED AND THAT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS BE ADOPTED.**

***CARRIED***

**O Future Meetings**

Organizational Board -December 5, 2017

March 20, 2018

December 12, 2017

April 24, 2018

January 23, 2018

May 22, 2018

February 27, 2018

June 19, 2018

**P Adjournment**

**Motion 318 (17-11-21) by B. Iannicca**

**Seconded by S. Xaviour**

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:40 P.M.**

***CARRIED***