

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held on April 19, 2023 at the Catholic Education Center.

PRESENT: Trustees: Paula Del Guidice
Martin Drainville
Elizabeth King
Colleen Landers
Denis Lincez
Steve Malciw
Fred Salvador
Glenn Sheculski t/c
Stan Skalecki

Student Trustee: Elena Lionello

Administration: Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education t/c
Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education t/c
Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

Staff: Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder

Regrets: Nil

Guests: Nil

A CALL TO ORDER

Opening Prayer

Vice-Chair King acknowledged that we were on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation located in Treaty 9 and acknowledged that others were joining us from additional treaty territories of the Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin, and the Metis. The opening prayer was recited.

B ROLL CALL

ALL PRESENT – No motion requires

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declaration of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting:

C DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

D APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 23-36

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda for the Public Board Meeting, as presented.

Carried

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

Resolution 23-37

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented:

Public Board Meeting – March 22, 2023

Carried

F DELEGATIONS – Nil

G POLICY

G.1 B-11 Investment of Board Funds

Motion

MOVED BY: F. Salvador
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 23-38

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *B-11 Investment of Board Funds* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.2 B-16 School Generated Funds

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 23-39

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *B-16 School Generated Funds* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.3 E-14 School Grounds: Enhancements and Equipment

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

Resolution 23-40

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-14 School Grounds: Enhancements and Equipment* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.4 E-17 Celebrations of Excellence (Elementary) and Graduation Ceremony (Secondary)

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

Resolution 23-41

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-17 Celebrations of Excellence (Elementary) and Graduation (Secondary)* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.5 E-25 Exemption from Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations, Elementary

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 23-42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-25 Exemption from Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations, Elementary* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.6 E-33 Display of Flags

Motion

MOVED BY: F. Salvador
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 23-43

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-33 Display of Flags* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.7 T-15 Student Trustees

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 23-44

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *T-15 Student Trustees* at second and third reading.

Carried

H PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations

H.1.1 School of the Month – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education

Director Weltz shared this month's submission from Bishop Belleau School in Moosonee. A video presentation provided a number of pieces of information on the school. This included a complete school profile, a tour of the school, numerous faith-based and cultural activities, an update on student achievement in Lexia and IXL and the school's needs for the future.

The Vice-Chair thanked the school community for sharing.

H.1.2 Multi-Year Strategic Plan – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education

The Director shared the proposed 2023-28 Strategic Plan which will serve as a roadmap over the next five years. The presentation outlined the four main 'pillars' of the plan. They are, Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Accountability, and Investment. She outlined possible links to each strategic priority and shared an *Implementation Action Plan*. She closed her presentation by outlining the next steps, and requesting feedback and approval from the Board.

Trustees shared positive comments.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Monthly Student Report, Elena Lionello

E. Lionello shared her monthly student report. This included:

- School Activities: SHSM, Skills Ontario and Drama Festival trips
- Sports : Soccer and Badminton
- OSO catholic Education Week activities

H.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

H.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair King referred to the April 11, 2023 meeting update and the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes found in the Board Package.

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair King referred to the April 19, 2023 Meeting Update and the March 22, 2023 Minutes found in the Board Package. Note: Meeting Update was listed incorrectly as April 11 on the agenda. It was in fact, April 19, 2023.

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

H.2.6 Transportation Committee

H.2.6.1 April 6, 2023 Meeting Update

Vice-Chair King referred to the April 6, 2023 Meeting Update prepared by Trustee Salvador found in the Board Package.

H.2.6.2 Transportation Letter

Trustees were referred to the sample letter in the Board Package. It contains a recommendation to Minister Lecce to support the idea of one bus consortium for the Northeastern Ontario district amalgamating the Northeast Tri-Board consortium with the Conseil Scolaire Catholique du District des Grandes Rivières. The letter cites a number of different reasons this could benefit bus services in the district. If the motion is approved, the letter would be sent to Minister Lecce through the Tri-Board consortium.

The recommendation is that the Board approve the motion.

H.2.7 Program – Nil

H.2.8 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

H.2.8.1 Personnel Report

Superintendent Scott referred to the personnel report included in the Board Package. It included two new hires, one resignation and two retirements.

Superintendent Brumwell recognized elementary school teacher Maria Costello who is retiring at the end of June. She thanked Maria for her 33 years of dedicated service with the board and recognized her hard work in a constant changing environment. On behalf of the Board, she wished Maria all the best.

Superintendent Brumwell also recognized another dedicated elementary school teacher, Darquise Brisson. She thanked Darquise for her work with both English and French Immersion students as well as her positive presence in NCDSB schools. On behalf of the Board, she wished Darquise all the best.

H.2.9 Director of Education – Nil

H.2.10 Chair/Trustees

H.2.10.1 Board Meeting Dates (September to December 2023)

The Chair presented the following recommendations for Board meeting dates from September to December 2023. They are:

- Wednesday, September 20, 2023
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023 (Annual Board Meeting)
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Motion to follow.

H.2.10.2 Trustee Retreat

Chair Sheculski brought forth the idea of a Trustee Retreat in August. He shared possible dates and presentations including an EQAO presentation. Trustees engaged in conversation around dates and content. Possible dates could be August 25/26, 2023. The group will look into a little further.

H.2.10.3 OCSTA AGM Resolutions

Chair Sheculski requested Trustee Landers bring the group through the resolutions provided to each trustee through email from the OCSTA in advance of the AGM and included in the Board Package.

Trustee Landers shared a few key areas in the first grouping, no questions or comments. She then reviewed the second section and provided an explanation of 'receive' and 'refer'. She closed with a reminder to fill out the proxy vote form if trustees are unable to attend the AGM.

H.10.2.4 Kirkland Lake Pro Life Letter and Response

Chair Sheculski referred to Director Weltz to share information regarding the letter/request to fly a ProLife flag in schools during the month of May. Discussion took place and a draft of a response was shared and reviewed. In conclusion, the Chair will forward the response letter to the group.

H.10.2.5 School Board Trustee Elections

A local newspaper article was shared in regards to the funding of local School Board elections during municipal elections. Trustee Landers shared, through her knowledge from OCSTA, that this is a province wide issue and the OCSTA is looking into the matter. She will share more information as it becomes available.

H.10.5.6 Policy Committee Meeting Date (May 2023)

Director Weltz requested a change to the date of the May policy meeting to Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. All in favour. M. Mahaffy will send out a revised notice.

I MOTIONS

I.1 Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028

MOVED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 23-45

SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept and adopt the *Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028* as presented.

Carried

I.2 Student Transportation Letter

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 23-46

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the letter regarding Student Transportation to the Honourable Minister Stephen Lecce, as presented.

Carried

I.3 Board Meeting Dates (September to December 2023)

MOVED BY: M. Drainville
SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

Resolution 23-47

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the *Schedule of Board Meetings (September to December 2023)* as presented.

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 23-48

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

J UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

K CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

L NEW BUSINESS - Nil

M INFORMATION – Nil

N FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting – May 24, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

O ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 23-49

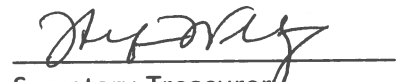
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer